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Graduation: threshold of opportunity

Last grads cross stage in Pasadena

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—Brenda Zehrung closed an era at Ambassador College when she walked across the Ambassador Auditorium stage May 18 to receive the last diploma at the 40th and final commencement exercises at the campus here.

After the ceremony Miss Zehrung had her picture taken with evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, the first male graduate of Ambassador College (see accompanying photo).

"It is something I will be able to tell my grandkids," Miss Zehrung said. "It's an honor to be the last one and to have a picture taken with Dr. Hoeh. I never thought my last name starting with a Z would ever have any benefit, but I must say this is one."

Since Ambassador College opened its doors in 1947, 4,498 students have earned bachelors degrees from the three campuses—Pasadena, Big Sandy and Bricket Wood, England.

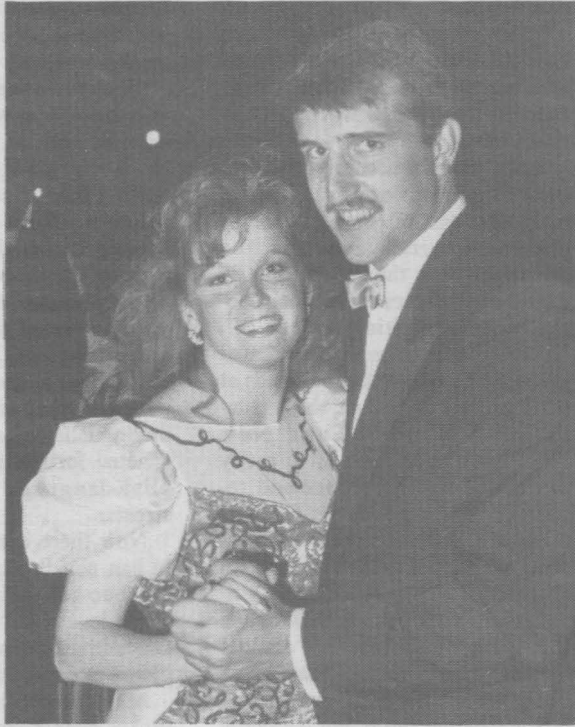
Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach described the day as one with mixed emotions: "On one hand the joy that is experienced by the graduates who have successfully completed the requirements to receive their respective degrees, and on the other hand it is with a little sadness and nostalgia that we will no longer be having commencement exercises here.

"But in Big Sandy we'll be having more of these—perhaps in greater style and with twice the student body, so we have all of that to look forward to."

After evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, gave the invocation and welcome address, Edward Dunn Jr., 1989-90 student body president, gave the discourse.

"An analogy that is commonly used to depict life is that of a book with many chapters," Mr. Dunn said. "For all of us who are graduating today, this commencement ceremony represents the finishing of a foundational chapter in life. Yet at the same time it represents the beginning of a new and exciting page of life based upon what has been written in the past two or four years."

He told the graduates that their examples are what will be known and read by all people. He said education is only valuable to the extent



FROM HOEH TO Z—Left: Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, the first male graduate from Ambassador College in 1951, stands next to the last Pasadena graduate, Brenda Zehrung. Right: Sophomore Cathy Whitaker and senior Jeff Down enjoy a dance at the Graduation Ball in Big Sandy. [Photos by Hal Finch and Scott Smith]

that it is applied and shared.

Mr. Dunn quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson, who said, "A learned man is a torch," and Jesus Christ, who said, "You are the light of the world."

"A light does not draw undue attention to itself," he said. "Rather it shines on something much larger and something much greater than itself.

"We are those lights, and we can take our lights boldly into the world and humbly into the Church. Boldly into the world by having confidence in the foundational education we've been given here for the past two or four years.

"Humbly into the Church by willingly and cheerfully accepting any post of service that might come our way, regardless of how large or how small it may seem at the time."

The journey begins

The Ambassador Chorale, directed by David Bilowus, sang two selections before Mr. Tkach addressed the graduates.

Mr. Tkach followed the graduation week theme, which was "Jour-

ney of a Lifetime," as he began his address.

"Your class has lifted its anchor and launched on a journey of a lifetime."

The major conquests and challenges of this journey "will be conquered and mastered by the future leaders of the world tomorrow."

What makes a good leader? Mr. Tkach said, "It is his ability or skill to get other people to work willingly, to win the confidence and the cooperation of the employees who report to him."

He illustrated the point with an example from Mark Twain's *Tom Sawyer*. Tom Sawyer was responsible for whitewashing his Aunt Polly's fence. By making the job seem enjoyable, he influenced his friends to share the task with him.

"Right leadership must be based firmly and squarely on right values—the very values that you came to Ambassador College to recapture," Mr. Tkach said.

The chancellor read letters from some who had observed good examples of leadership in Ambassador College students and graduates.

Mr. Tkach concluded by challenging the graduates to "carry on a spiritual revolution toward a new and a better world."

Award recipients

After his address Mr. Tkach presented Sportsmanship Awards to Mark Lengwin Jr. and Marlene Reed; Leon Ettinger Music Awards to Kevin Cox and Katy Kendall; Academic Excellence Awards to Benjamin Boyer, David Covington, Gary Foster, Susan Antion and Lisa Kissel; and Herbert W. Armstrong Achievement Awards to Charles W. Davis Jr., Mr. Dunn, Louise Hunnisett and Martha Rupp.

Mr. Tkach gave each award recipient a plaque and a check.

William Stenger, dean of instruction, presented the degree candidates, and Dr. Ward conferred the degrees. Evangelist Greg Albrecht, dean of students, read the names while Mr. Tkach presented diplomas to each graduate.

One senior, James Nickelsen Jr., listened to the graduation ceremony by telephone hookup in Sylvania, Ohio. David Fiedler, Findlay and Toledo, Ohio, pastor, presented him with his diploma.

Mr. Nickelsen was diagnosed as having lymphoma, and he left Pasadena April 30 to be with his family while undergoing chemotherapy.

"We're all praying for you, Jim," Mr. Albrecht said as he read his name.

Another graduate missed the graduation ceremony because of illness.

David Webb presented a diploma to his wife, Audrey, who was home ill during graduation. She was hospitalized later that evening with a kidney abscess. Mrs. Webb was released from the hospital May 24.

A reception followed graduation on the Auditorium mall. Mr. Tkach proposed a toast to the students and about 3,000 balloons were released.

Emotions of the day

Gary Antion, Big Sandy dean of students, whose two daughters graduated—one with an associate degree and one with a bachelor's de-

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241 graduate from campus in Big Sandy

By Brian Tyson

BIG SANDY—Two hundred forty-one graduates received bachelor's or associate degrees May 11.

Most of the four-year graduates received bachelor of arts degrees, but four students earned bachelor of science degrees, two in home economics and two in business administration, according to the Registrar's Office.

One hundred eighty-eight students earned associate of arts or associate of science degrees.

Brian Tyson, a senior at Ambassador College Big Sandy, is the editor of the Ambassador Portfolio.

Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach delivered the commencement address in which he encouraged the graduates to move forward in life and to avoid wearing rose-colored glasses.

Before Mr. Tkach's message, evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, gave a welcome address. "We hope that all the graduates will take up their positions in the world in a way that would properly represent Ambassador College," Dr. Ward said.

After Dr. Ward's opening comments, Paul Meyer, student body president, delivered the discourse.

Mr. Meyer drew an analogy from the construction projects on the Big Sandy campus. "This college has changed. We have had many of our ideas unearthed. We have had to change," he said.

But, Mr. Meyer continued, once the foundations were set the walls of the buildings went up quickly. "We have committed to a path. Let us not forget the education we received at Ambassador College."

The Ambassador Chorale, directed by Roger Bryant, chairman of the Music Department, performed two selections before Mr. Tkach's address.

"Your day and hour of triumph has arrived as your class enters uncharted and perhaps troubled waters," the chancellor said. "These will have to be mastered and conquered."

Mr. Tkach emphasized to the students that God's people are chosen to be leaders and that leading through conduct, actions and achievements are the best ways to inspire others.

"For you graduates the best is yet to come," Mr. Tkach said. "Today you stand on the threshold of opportunity . . . Your future and destiny are in your own hands."

After his address Mr. Tkach presented several awards. The recipients were Justina Johnson and Stanley Cook, Sportsmanship Awards; Stephanie Smith and James Lucas, Leon Ettinger Music Awards; Laura Cook, Watson Wise Incentive Award; Monty Bobo, Shari Seltzer Award; and Laura Hirschler, Stephen Clark, Regina Caldwell and Paul Meyer, Herbert W. Armstrong Achievement Awards.

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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

With the 40th graduation ceremony for Ambassador College in Pasadena already behind us, college administration, faculty and students have now begun the process of relocating to the campus in Big Sandy.

Construction of college facilities there is continuing on schedule, and all are looking forward eagerly to the new academic year to begin this fall.

By the way, an update on the college's application for accredi-

tation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is on the back page of the May 21 *Worldwide News*.

As I announced several months ago, we are continuing to explore the option of relocating as many of our other operations as God shows us to be practical to our facilities in Big Sandy. Of course, as I announced then, sale of unused facilities in Pasadena would help finance relocation costs and construction costs in Big Sandy.

For the present, we intend to make use of all our Pasadena facilities for the various activities

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Canada confronts new secession threat

PASADENA—After a 10-year grace period Canada is once again facing the grim threat of national dismemberment.

At the heart of the problem are the divergent views and interests of the huge, and largely French-speaking, province of Quebec and the rest of the country.

In 1976 the independence-minded *Parti Quebecois* (PQ) swept into power in provincial elections. Its leaders advocated a policy they called sovereignty association. They wanted to achieve political independence, but still retain economic links with the rest of English-speaking Canada.

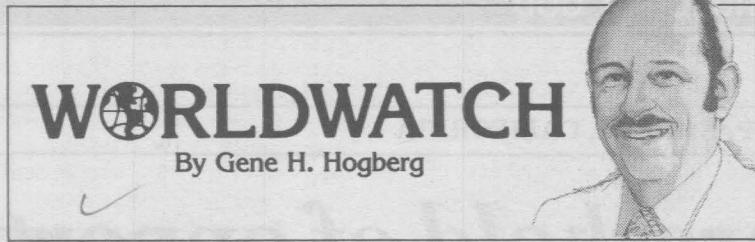
The late Premier Rene Levesque promised the voters of Quebec that they would make the final decision, in a referendum, as to whether to proceed with independence.

In 1980 60 percent of the Quebec electorate voted against the measure. Election analysts attributed the loss to voters' fears over the economic consequences to Quebec of a political fracturing of Canada.

Constitutional argument

Now, however, the issue of separatism has returned, and in a form considerably more serious than the past episode.

A D-day of sorts arrives June 23, the date by which all 10 Canadian provinces are supposed to have ratified a package of constitutional amendments clarifying the relative



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By Gene H. Hogberg

powers of the federal and provincial governments.

The package is called the Meech Lake Accord, after the name of a resort where Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and the 10 provincial premiers met in 1987.

As its price for accepting the constitutional revisions, and for remaining a part of Canada, Quebec presented certain demands, the foremost being the recognition by the other provinces of Quebec's special status as a distinct society.

The other nine provinces seemed prepared to meet these demands at the time, but since then, the legislatures of Manitoba and New Brunswick have refused to ratify the accord and Newfoundland rescinded its approval. (These provinces also have other reservations not related to the dispute with Quebec.)

Opponents to the accord argue that Quebec could use the "distinct society" clause to pass laws, especially in the area of language, that infringe on the rights and freedoms

of the 1.4 million people in Quebec (out of a population of 6.7 million) who do not speak French as their mother tongue.

To buttress their point they point to trends under way in the past two decades. Since 1969, for example, the federal government has aggressively (and expensively) pushed a policy of French and English bilingualism across the entire country, even into areas of almost exclusive anglophone culture.

At the same time, and not only under the *Parti Quebecois*, authorities in Quebec have systematically pursued what can only be called unilingualism. Last year a bill was enacted forbidding the use of English-language signs on public streets.

Now there is talk of regulations to ban non-French conversation in Quebec schools, including hallways, lavatories and playgrounds. Offending students would be disciplined or expelled.

Many Canadians say that all the ruckus over language doesn't make

much sense in today's Canada, for two reasons. First, the French identity in Quebec has not diminished. The arts— theater, music, ballet, books and television—all flourish.

Second, they say, Canadians of English and French background will together be in the minority by the year 2000. As in the United States, immigrants from many other lands and cultures have flooded into the country in the last few decades.

Nevertheless the rift between Quebec and the rest of Canada is growing. Polls show that 60 percent of Quebec citizens favor sovereignty association, with 48 percent favoring outright independence.

Grave consequences

Unlike the wave of separatism in

the '70s, the current dispute is tending to fuse mainline political parties and radicals into a common front.

Events, moreover, may still propel the *Parti Quebecois* into power. The *Parti Quebecois* is offering an updated, more radical recipe for independence, one calling for Quebec to have its own tax-collection system, foreign policy and army (though still hoping to share the use of the Canadian currency).

But many questions remain—and will not be answered unless or until the split comes.

The effect on Canada's economy would certainly be substantial. Even the prospect of missing the Meech Lake deadline (which does not automatically mean secession) has weakened the Canadian dollar.

Independence could raise contentious questions about who would control Canadian federal properties in Quebec, such as port facilities (See CANADA, page 3)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



When the pope speaks people in Europe listen

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Pope John Paul II has been explaining his vision of Europe almost since the day he assumed the papal chair.

His visit to Prague, Czechoslovakia, was the occasion for his latest ideas for Europe as a whole.

The pope said: "A united Europe is no longer only a dream. It is an actual process which cannot be purely political or economic. It has a profound cultural, spiritual and moral dimension. Christianity is at the very roots of Europe."

In the April 27 *Guardian*, journalist Martin Kettle observed: "The Pope's vision of Europe has certainly got more going for it than many of the alternative dreams going the rounds at present. . . . It has a solid international infrastructure on which to build. And it has millions of committed supporters."

In many ways the history and culture of Europe are dominated by the Roman Catholic Church. Art, education, medicine—all were largely sponsored by the church.

It was at the center of village, town and city life. Today, too, the church has a substantial constituency in every European country—up to 98 percent of Poland.

According to Mr. Kettle, "The papacy has always had a hegemonic [preponderant influence over others] view of Europe." The Vatican thinks of this leadership in terms of centuries. The one in charge of Catholics is the potential religious leader of all of Europe—with enormous spiritual influence, globally speaking.

The late British author H. G. Wells wrote in *Experiment in Autobiography* in 1917: "In all the world there is no outstanding figure to which the world will listen, there is no man audible in all the world, in Japan as well as Germany and Rome as well as Boston—except the President of the United States" (page 713).

The U.S. President is now no longer universally listened to no matter who he may be. But what about Rome's pontiff?

H. G. Wells was also a visionary. He authored several works on the future order. On Eastern Europe Mr. Wells wrote: "There is another area, which remains an area of incalculable chances because no clear dominant idea has been imposed upon the world. This is Eastern Europe from Poland to the Adriatic.

The allies have no common idea, and they never have had a common idea about this region."

The pope's mind is always returning to Eastern Europe. He is from Poland. A man's roots affect his thinking. Like many of the influential figures rising in Eastern Europe, the pope is both a lover of his country and an artist.

Both the Romanian and Czech premiers were playwrights before the uprisings of their countries. Before he became pope, John Paul II was a published poet. His work reflects the spiritual yearnings of a people in bondage.

There are millions of Catholics in Eastern Europe. This is a fact the pope never forgets. And the pontiff does have one dominant idea not only about Eastern Europe, but the whole of Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals. He sees a spiritual revival growing up from the grass roots, the simple people who are struggling for change. Such people are also the most loyal Catholics.

In May Day celebrations in Moscow, those protesting against established communism and President Mikhail Gorbachev took as their symbol a crucifix. The crowd chose as its banner the ancient image of the church.

In a speech early in his pontificate, the pope observed somewhat prophetically: "The Pope has come to speak to the whole church, and the world, to speak about the nations and peoples so often forgotten. . . . He has come to gather all these nations and people together with his own" (*The Pope From Poland*, page 143). That is John Paul II's vision.

I have saved the beginning of Martin Kettle's article for the conclusion of this column. He began: "Amid the swirling and self-deluding visions of Europe today, Pope John Paul II emerges as one of the few European leaders with an indisputably hegemonic project. Nobody, not even Mr. Gorbachev, was a more important catalyst of today's epochal shifts than the Polish Pope. Without him and without the Roman Catholic Church, communist central Europe would not have collapsed in the way it did."

But God is sovereign. His vision is global and accurate. God understands Europe as no man or nation does. It is his vision that really counts.



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Need some help?

A friend of mine shared with me a tool he and his wife have used to strengthen their marriage. You might be surprised at what it is.

They set themselves a goal to fast once a month for their personal relationship.

They found that during their fasts they often were confronted with problems they needed to solve and discuss. This wasn't always pleasant, but it was important for them to be positive and deal with the things God showed them. It seemed as if God was saying, "Here is something you haven't considered that you need to work on."

For them, it wasn't fasting just to be fasting. They knew they had to take action on what they learned.

Why fast?

All of us have relationships. And maybe some of them need to improve. Fasting is a tool we can use to strengthen relationships between husband and wife, couples dating with marriage in mind, parents with children, co-workers on the job, and classmates at school.

When we fast, we must guard against hypocrisy. Christ warned against fasting to impress others. Yet rightly motivated fasting coupled with prayer, meditation and Bible study is a powerful tool for Christian growth.

Isaiah 58 gives us several keys to successful fasting.

● *Fast to overcome sin.* In verse 6 we are told to fast "to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free."

When fasting ask God to show us where we personally are wrong, where we need to change, grow and overcome. We should not fast to point our fingers at others and accuse them of wrongdoing (verse 9). If we quit blaming others for our

problems, our relationships with them will be strengthened.

Fasting is futile unless we use it to grow and overcome. It should not be used as an attention grabber but as a tool to help us change. Merely abstaining from food and water will not give you an audience with God: "Why have we fasted," they say, "and You have not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?" (verse 3, New King James throughout).

God says to those whose fast is in-

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sincere, "When they fast, I will not hear their cry. . . . I will not accept them" (Jeremiah 14:12). Because "in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exploit all your laborers. Indeed you fast for strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as you do this day, to make your voice heard on high" (Isaiah 58:3-4).

● *Have a specific reason to fast.* There are many reasons to fast. Maybe you need to improve your relationship with your spouse, children, fellow workers or classmates. Maybe you've been unable to overcome a particular sin.

We all need to periodically fast to maintain our relationship with God. If you feel you are drifting away from God, fasting can be the solution to getting closer to him.

● *While fasting, develop a true concern for others.* Isaiah 58:7 shows us the attitude we should have and what action we should take toward those who are hungry,

homeless and without adequate clothing.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach encourages us to be one family and to be concerned for one another. Fasting can help us draw closer to our spiritual family.

Fruits of fasting

Isaiah 58:8 and 9 show us the fruits of effective fasting: "Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'"

As we draw nearer our goal of the kingdom of God, we all need to be in physical and spiritual shape.

Fasting is good for your health, of course, but it also can help us to discipline ourselves. It is easy to come to a stage when we deny ourselves nothing. Fasting helps preserve the

ability to do without things, to avoid becoming a slave to habits.

Fasting should make us appreciate spiritual and physical things all the more. It is a time to count all your blessings and check your attitude.

As you read these words, look around. Those of you in the Western world are probably surrounded by wealth that would stagger the imagination of millions of people on earth. Just the gift of the knowledge of God's truth alone boggles the mind. So you have much to be grateful for and happy about.

Fast to build an intimate and personal relationship with your heavenly Father. This is what Jesus Christ had in mind when he said, "But you, when thou fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly" (Matthew 6:17-18).

43 years of Pasadena history

By Ruth Muench

PASADENA—In 1946 Herbert W. Armstrong began searching Pasadena for a place to locate a college.

His goal was to build an institution that would educate students by using the word of God as the foundation for education and train a small portion of those students as pastors for the congregations of the Church of God.

This article was compiled from the Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong, the Ambassador College Envoy and the Ambassador College handbook.

Mr. Armstrong became interested in the Fowler Estate at 363 Grove St. The estate consisted of a two-story mansion, a four-car garage with servant apartments (converted from the original horse stables), a tennis court and a garden theater all on 2 1/4 acres of neglected grounds.

Although he didn't have a down payment, he made the owner an offer of a move-in date and time payments at a rate that would reduce his expenditures for office rental in Eugene, Ore. He did not expect his proposal to be accepted.

The owner accepted the proposal. Mr. Armstrong said of the purchase: "It cost us nothing—it was like being paid \$200 a month to accept it as a gift."

The buildings were converted into college classrooms, a recording studio and an office building. A faculty was selected, among them Lucy Martin, who served as librarian and taught literature and music.

After reconstruction delays, Ambassador College opened its door Oct. 7, 1947, to the four applicants who had waited: Betty Bates, Richard Armstrong, Raymond

Cole and Herman Hoeh.

There was no student residence the first two years, but in 1949 the Tudor-styled Mayfair mansion was purchased to serve as college dormitories for the men and women, with the women on second floor and the men on the third.

Mr. Armstrong wrote some years later: "Ambassador College is a miracle. When I look back over those first two and a half turbulent and seemingly impassable years, realizing this college was starting without any financial capital, and with nothing but implicit faith and sheer determination, the present active campus seems a dream. It is a dream come true."

In the autumn of 1949 the college had its first organized student council and a student body president.

After being given power to confer degrees by the State of California, the first graduation took place in 1951. Betty Bates and Herman Hoeh received the first two degrees.

By this time the college had grown to 22 students, six girls and 16 men. Mr. Armstrong taught the Bible classes, Annie Mann was housemother for the women and a cook had been added to the staff.

The first foreign language clubs were conducted that year, dinner meetings for those interested in German, Spanish or French. Also, though a mere 32 pages plus cover, the first *Envoy* (the college yearbook) went to press.

In the 1951-52 school year students started the first campus newspaper, titled the *Portfolio*, and Leon Ettinger, director of the Voice

Department, organized students into a chorale as a surprise for Mr. Armstrong. For months they practiced secretly, and in the spring the first concert was performed, dedicated to Mr. Armstrong.

In 1953 Jack Elliott, dean of students, initiated Ambassador Club, modeled from the Toastmasters Club.

The Merritt mansion was acquired in 1956. Hulett Merritt had died, leaving no direct heirs. The inheriting relatives sold the property at public auction. The original building, which cost more than \$1 million in 1905, was purchased for slightly more than half the original cost.

Until a classroom addition was built in 1962, the living room and the grand hall of the residence—renamed Ambassador Hall—were used as classrooms. They were also open as a student lounge until the mid '70s.

September 1956 Manor Del Mar was purchased. Constructed in 1908 by Lewis Merritt, Hulett Merritt's father, it became a men's residence, and the women continued living in Mayfair.

In 1958 Terrace Villa, constructed in 1925 in a Mediterranean style, was acquired and turned into a second women's residence.

In 1959 the students finished building the first stream. And an engineering firm, Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, was retained to prepare a master plan for the entire site. The plan, which included the Auditorium, student center, academic complex and

physical education complex, was approved at the end of 1964.

The first major buildings constructed were the physical education complex in 1964 and the student center in 1966. The student center was especially necessary, since the more than 500 students were eating in shifts from the one-family kitchen in Mayfair.

In 1967 the egret fountain was installed. It stood in a small pool of water until 1974, awaiting the completion of the Auditorium and the reflecting pool.

In March 1968 the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center, near Ambassador Hall, was dedicated. The two new classroom structures were named College Building of the Month by *College and University Business* magazine.

Later in the year Grove Terrace, the only building constructed specifically to house students (all the others were remodeled apartments or private homes) was completed. It housed 144 men, had three lounges and a weight room.

In 1969 the Hall of Administration was dedicated. The 150 rooms housed Ambassador College and

Worldwide Church of God administrative offices. That summer Ambassador College participated in its first archaeological dig at Jerusalem.

Construction of the Ambassador Auditorium began in January 1972 with official ground-breaking ceremonies by Mr. Armstrong.

KBAC, the campus radio station operated by students, started in 1973.

In 1974 and 1975 the campus was given the Professional Grounds Maintenance Award and again in 1981. Also in April 1974 the Auditorium was completed and its inaugural concerts were performed by the Vienna Symphony Orchestra.

In 1980 Ambassador College sponsored an education program for refugees in Thailand and sent students to serve as instructors. Although that project in Thailand ended in 1983, students are sent to Bangkok to teach Thai high school students and monks English as a second language.

A program in Jordan, involving the teaching of handicapped students, began in 1982.

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Ambassador College Transcripts

PASADENA—Effective May 18 all Ambassador College transcript requests should be sent to the Registrar's Office, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

This includes transcript requests for the Pasadena and Bricket Wood, England, campuses. With the consolidation of the campuses the Registrar's Office would appreciate your allowing a few weeks extra for processing requests.

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of the Work, many of which have been cramped for space.

However, after a tremendous amount of prayer, investigation and discussion, we have determined that if God makes his will known by providing the right buyer at the right price, we would sell all or part of the Pasadena facilities and relocate as many departments to Big Sandy as feasible.

I continue to be very concerned about the cost of living in Pasadena for our employees, realizing that some of them could be making a larger income if they were not working for the Church.

As you well know, and as so many have written to tell me, there are quite a number of ad-

vantages to relocation to Big Sandy as we plan for the years ahead. The overall, long-term expense of operating one facility instead of two is an important consideration.

If God provides

We have not gone out and publicly advertised for potential buyers for the facilities in Pasadena, but various parties expressing interest have contacted us. We have followed up on inquiries that appear legitimate and responsible, but to this date, none have proven fruitful.

Again, we would only sell the facilities if God provides the right buyer at the right price. I'd like to ask all God's people to continue with me in prayer that God will continue to lead us in these very important matters. It is God's will we must be seeking,

Canada

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and the Canadian portion of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

How would Canada's provinces west of Quebec maintain economic links with the four Atlantic provinces? Nova Scotia Premier John Buchanan uttered a previously unthinkable thought: If Quebec were to secede, the Maritime provinces plus Newfoundland may have no other choice but to seek admission to the United States.

Washington, however, is not looking forward to any enlargement at Canada's expense. America's primary interest is to see that Canada remains a stable, trouble-free neighbor.

The United States has an enormous economic stake in Canada's survivability. U.S. trade with Canada is higher than with any other country, including Japan. And Canada's best customer, by far, is the United States.

This mutual relationship has deepened with the passage of the

Free Trade Agreement between the two countries. The two economies are steadily becoming one. More than ever, what affects one nation automatically affects the other.

The consequences for the United States would extend to the security area as well, since the two nations operate a joint strategic defense of the North American heartland.

If an independent Quebec chose not to belong to NATO or NORAD (the joint North American air defense network), there would be a gaping hole in the continental defense structure. The effectiveness of early warning radar "picket lines" against incoming intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and long-range bombers would be breached.

In this light, one should note Soviet reluctance, in current arms reduction talks, to markedly reduce the numbers of powerful SS-18 missiles and long-range Backfire bombers.

In conclusion, enormous stakes are involved in the crisis surrounding Canada's future.

not our own.

If we were eventually to sell the Pasadena facility, it would most likely take upwards of two years from the completion of the sale for phasing out operations in Pasadena and construction of necessary facilities in Big Sandy.

If a sale were to take place, we would plan to continue the operation of the concert series in Ambassador Auditorium for the duration of all contracts and bookings. Whether we would then continue to operate the series or turn over its operation to the purchasing entity would be a matter of negotiation.

Again, at this point, no sale is imminent. However, if God does see fit to lead us to consolidate our facilities and blesses a sale of the Pasadena facilities, I will inform you as soon as the sale is consummated. As in any relocation, we will want to give as much notice as possible to all employees who may be affected.

Seeking God's will

I know many of you have ex-

pressed your support and encouragement to me in these matters, and I deeply appreciate it. Let's never forget that it is God's will we seek. So let's continue to pray for his guidance and blessing. God's Work must continue moving forward, faithfully fulfilling Christ's commission to his Church.

The world is becoming increasingly unstable, even though we are witnessing unprecedented negotiations between the military superpowers. Serious ethnic strife is already threatening the peace in newly liberated central Europe as well as in the Soviet Union.

Tensions have also continued to heighten in the Middle East in past weeks. We can never be sure just how long the world will remain in its present relatively peaceful condition. Whatever may happen, let's keep our hope and confidence firmly and continually fixed on Jesus Christ.

My prayers and thoughts are always with you.

"Into all the world..."

Saving marriages

I enjoyed the article "Saving Bad Marriages—Making Good Ones Better [April Plain Truth]. The day before I got *The Plain Truth* I was so worried that I wrote a letter to God asking for advice. I had no address to post it since the mailman doesn't go to heaven.

Then the next day I received this *Plain Truth*, and I think this is the answer to my letter. Thanks to Mr. Paul Kroll for this article. I'm still reading it over and over until I fully understand everything I would like to know.

J.C.

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad

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Homeless in America

I am a Christian but am not from a Christian background and I am not as devoted as I'd like to be. Also, I am not

normally one for reading magazines, however, *The Plain Truth* is very different and much better than most.

I first read your magazine when I was on my way to Dundee for a job interview. I was travelling by bus and it was laying on the floor at my feet.

This particular issue was all about the homeless in America. It upset me so much because, as your title suggests, it was the plain truth. The depth of the style it was written in really hit home in my heart.

I myself have been unemployed for many months and was also, at one point, homeless. It was not for long, but it wasn't very nice. Since then I have started a course through Employment Training in welding, which I love, and have just moved into my first house.

J.F.

Scotland

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Husband-and-wife team retire from AC faculty positions

By Pamela Henderson

PASADENA—After 11 years as associate professor of physical science at Ambassador College Pasadena, Sidney Hegvold, 71, and his wife, Mary, professor of home economics, will retire May 18.

The couple plan to move to Georgia where Mr. Hegvold will take computer courses. Mrs. Hegvold will contact the Georgia Dietetic Association, which will help her keep up to date and active in the field of dietetics.

Early years

As a boy growing up in South Dakota, Mr. Hegvold's inquisitive nature, analytical mind and interest in physics did not go unnoticed. "My friends used to call me Einy [referring to Albert Einstein]," he said with a laugh.

It wasn't until 1945, after eight years in the Navy and learning of the drastic effects of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, that Mr. Hegvold's interest in physics was again sparked.

While on naval duty in the North and South Atlantic and in the South Pacific during World War II, enemy attacks against his convoy rekindled his interest in religion.

"They'd blow up ships right next to us," said Mr. Hegvold, who worked as a throttle man below deck. "At one point, kamikaze planes [where pilots use their aircraft in a suicidal crash on an enemy target] attacked our ships in Okinawa.

"A lot of people got interested in

religion," he continued. "They wanted to believe something better than war. Most were scared, too," he said.

Eventful years

In 1949 Mr. Hegvold began his master's degree program with a physics major at the University of Florida, and graduated in 1951.

In 1952 he began tithing and receiving *The Plain Truth*. That same year his brother Selmer, now coordinator of the Deaf Program in Pasadena, and his parents were baptized.

Mr. Hegvold's conversion took a little longer. "I've always been quite a critic. I check out things carefully," he said.

Mr. Hegvold met his wife-to-be, Mary Stephens, at the University of Tennessee, where he taught physics and she taught foods and nutrition. They were married Dec. 24, 1953, and in the following year, moved to Pasadena to learn more about the Church.

While in the Pasadena area Mr. Hegvold worked as an engineer. At first he would quit his job when the Feast of Tabernacles approached because he was too embarrassed to tell his employers about his religious convictions. Engineers were in great demand at that time so Mr. Hegvold had little trouble being reemployed.

Taught on three campuses

In 1955 he and his wife were baptized together and in 1960 Mr. Hegvold was ordained a deacon by

Herbert W. Armstrong and C. Paul Meredith, who developed the first edition of the correspondence course and died in 1968.

In 1961 he was ordained a local elder and in 1964 the Hegvolds were sent to Big Sandy to teach physics and home economics.

After spending the Feast in England in 1973 they were asked to transfer to the Bricket Wood, England, campus to teach.

"I've always liked Bricket Wood the best. It has quiet, natural beauty. Big Sandy is like that too. It's more laid back and yet they get as much accomplished," he said.

In Big Sandy "when you drive down the road you could look in your rear view mirror and not see a car in sight. I like that," said Mr. Hegvold, who is often caught in heavy traffic for an hour or more on his way to and from work in Pasadena.

After the Bricket Wood campus closed in 1974 the Hegvolds were sent to Dublin, Ireland, to pastor a church of 53 members. It was also in the fall of that year that Mr. Hegvold was ordained a preaching elder.

Reflecting on his time in Ireland, Mr. Hegvold said: "That's been my best assignment in the Church. The people are so open and friendly."

In the summer of 1979 the Hegvolds said good-bye to their Irish friends and returned to Pasadena to teach at yet a third Ambassador College campus.

"We said that when we came back from Ireland we wouldn't get



SIDNEY AND MARY HEGVOLD

caught up in the hustle and bustle here, but it's hard not to," Mr. Hegvold said.

Besides physics, Mr. Hegvold has also taught homiletics, Christian doctrine vs. evolution and served as Women's Club director.

"I enjoy those students who ask questions. I especially like teaching [science] labs," he said. "Each lab is limited to 16 students, so I get to know them better." Mr. Hegvold particularly enjoyed international students.

"It never occurred to me that I ever would retire," Mr. Hegvold admitted. "I thought we would die with our boots on. But I'm happy about it."

Appreciation for work

A surprise reception for Mr. and Mrs. Hegvold took place May 3 in the Ambassador College Student

Center.

President Donald Ward said in a toast that Mrs. Hegvold has "set a fine example in homemaking to young ladies for many years," while Mr. Hegvold has been a "stalwart for the truth."

"We've had a very exciting time here," Mr. Hegvold responded. "I'm happy to leave the area but not Ambassador College."

Arthur Suckling, financial aids officer, said: "I'll tell you what I'll miss about the Hegvolds. I'll miss the realistic, down-to-earth comments made by Mr. Hegvold."

Mrs. Hegvold will also be missed by friends as well as student employees. Elana Sargent, Ambassador College graduate and former employee in the Home Economics Department, commented, "Mrs. Hegvold would always take time out to listen."

Pasadena workers assist

Big Sandy: building update

By Donald Ward and Rick van Pelt

PASADENA—The structural steel work for the College Administration Building is finished, allowing the contractor to begin installing the building's roof and exterior walls.

Evangelist Donald Ward is president of Ambassador College, and Rick van Pelt is director of Facilities Services.

The square footage available for construction increased from only the basement to the other three floors as well. This allows many trades people to work without getting in the way of other ongoing work.

Plumbing, electrical, mechanical and concrete work has begun.

The asbestos abatement contractor is finishing the removal process in the northern section of the field house and is now preparing to work on the dining hall.

Employees on loan

Crews from Pasadena began an employee-loan program to assist in the construction effort. Volunteers from the Plant Maintenance Department in Pasadena will travel to Big Sandy to work on various projects. This will save construction costs.

The construction of the college bookstore in the southern part of the field house is the first project the crew will work on. The reconstruction of other parts of the field house and the installation of the new air-conditioning facility will also be handled by the Pasadena crew.

While in Big Sandy, the workers, and their families for those on loan for longer periods of time, will be

housed in Booth City, and fed in the dining hall. Despite the sacrifice they will have to make, the volunteers are enthusiastic about the op-



INSIDE LOOKING OUT—A worker frames a window in one of the new women's residences. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

portunity to help in the construction effort.

Nearing completion

The five new women's residences are coming along quickly. Most of the masonry work is complete. Much of the carpentry, electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems have been completed on the first floor of each of the residences.

A possibly severe obstacle has developed. The steel roof-trusses, which support the roofs, are not scheduled to arrive until June 11 because the contractor has had a coordination problem with two of his subcontractors. This could mean that not enough time will be left to complete the interior finish work before the Aug. 24 completion date.

A roof is needed to avoid damaging interior walls, finishes and ceilings. The contractor must wait for the roof to be constructed before finishing the interior. As much of the construction as possible will be completed in the meantime.

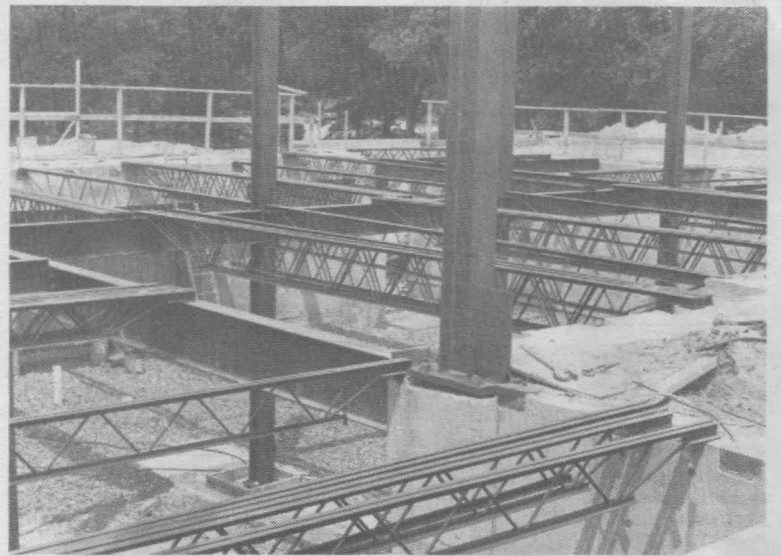
The lecture hall is taking shape. Foundational systems were installed and the structural steel will be in place by mid-June. Interior seating has been ordered. Installation of the 350 seats is to be finished by the end of August.

The library remodeling project is on schedule, with completion still set for late June. The second floor is in place and is ready for final construction detailing.

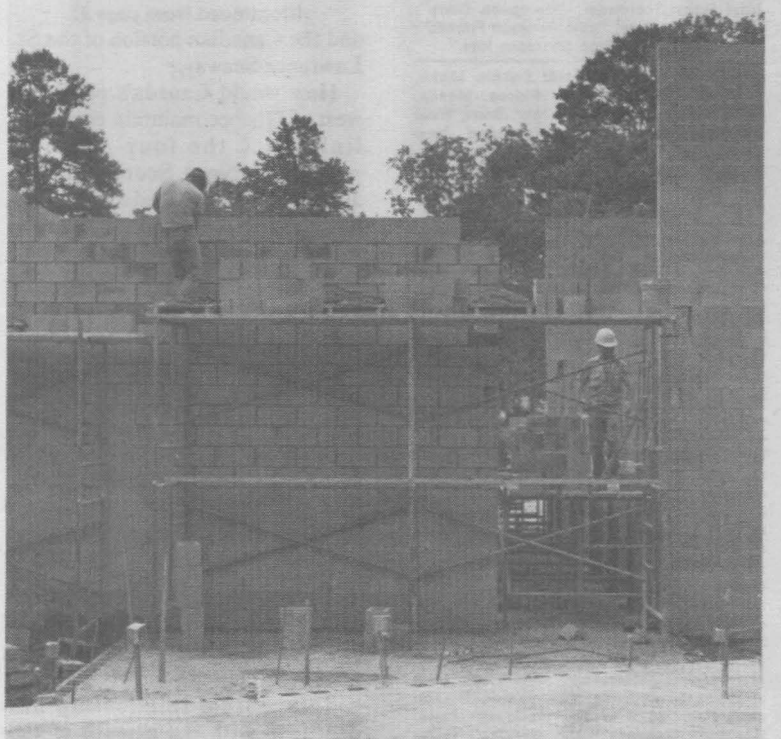
The plans for the Church Language Building and the central chiller plant are finished. Contractors to complete various parts of the work are being selected, and construction on both buildings will begin in June.

The language building is expected to be finished by the Feast. The chiller plant is expected to be in operation by the end of August. Optimism is still running high for the successful meeting of all construction schedules. The only area of concern is the roof installation on the student residences.

The weather in Big Sandy continues to be favorable, and on a number of occasions rain has fallen on Sabbaths, therefore not delaying construction.



BUILDING BLOCKS OF PROGRESS—Above: Bar joists and structural steel are in place in the new administration building. Below: Masons lay blocks at dormitory E. [Photos by Nathan Faulkner]



Brethren battle floodwaters in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Floodwaters killed at least 15 people in Texas and Oklahoma, forced thousands of families from their homes, stranded starving cattle and inundated farmland in May.

Brethren and their homes were affected in Texas and neighboring states when rain caused the already swollen Arkansas, Trinity and Red rivers to overflow.

Sabbath services and Spokesman Clubs were canceled in some areas.

Arkansas and Big Sandy

More than four feet of water filled the home of Betty Blair, a member who attends the Fort Smith, Ark., church. Mrs. Blair lives a mile from the Arkansas River near Pocola, Okla.

Mrs. Blair, whose house is 12 feet above the floor of the valley, evacuated when the river overflowed May 5 and 6.

"She and her husband managed to get some possessions out, but lost most of their wooden furniture items. They were able to save refrigerators and freezers by floating them out," said Chuck Zimmerman II, pastor of the Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Ark., churches.

The Blairs moved to a camper trailer in a remote area without a phone, "so no one knew they had been affected by the flood," said Mr. Zimmerman.

They have now moved back into their home and are waiting for insurance money to compensate for damages.

Although rivers near the Big Sandy campus overflowed their banks, "we are thankful that much of this severe weather has missed Big Sandy," said Rick van Pelt, director of Facilities Services (see May 21 *WN*, page 4).

A weather report May 17 said the last four-day stretch of weather without rain was Feb. 23.

Texarkana

Floodwaters came within four inches of the homes of sisters Sylvia North and Alvetra Johnson from Idabel, Okla., members who attend the Texarkana, Tex., church.

Charles Bryce, pastor of the Shreveport, La., and Texarkana churches, reported May 15: "We put out the word on the telephone network, everyone prayed, and it's kind of incredible that while many homes in their neighborhood were under water, these members only had their yards flooded."

The next day Mrs. North spoke to *The Worldwide News* by phone, just after returning home.

"It was startling. We left for services one morning, the front yard was dry, everything normal. When we returned home at 2 in the afternoon, water was everywhere!"

"We crossed the Red River bridge coming home, and I'd say the water was about 20 feet higher than normal. The water was up to the bridge, but we made it through."

"We were told we had to evacuate and could only get a few items because the water was still rising. So we grabbed some things, got out and were away from home for a

week and a half."

She continued: "The smell here now is from the dead weeds, fish and animals. I guess they weren't able to get food, so they just died. We had cats, but I don't see them around here."

"I've only seen one rattlesnake during all this, though they said we'd see several."

Mrs. North, who uses propane for heating and cooking, also discovered the tank flipped upside down.

"I'm 48, and it's the most amazing thing I've ever seen. It looked like one giant ocean, because we're near the crossroads of rivers and lakes."

Water, up to two feet high, flooded nearby homes. "My neighbors lost a lot," said Mrs. North. "We were blessed."

Mr. Bryce said Tony Stonecypher, also a member who attends in Texarkana, evacuated his trailer in Arkansas.

"The farmland was flooded, but I don't think his trailer suffered any damage."

Sherman and Lake Texoma

Westward, James Lawrence, who attends the Sherman, Tex., church, had water eight inches deep in his vacation home on Lake Texoma.

"Fortunately he was able to sandbag it well enough to keep out snakes and that sort of thing," said Charles Calahan, pastor of the Paris and Sherman, Tex., churches.

Mr. Lawrence updated *The Worldwide News* May 24: "The water crested at 6 o'clock on Sunday [May 13], and we watched it go down at about a half inch an hour."

He lost all the carpet in his home and will have to replace some furniture and paneling, but Mr. Lawrence said he feels blessed.

"Some of our neighbors had as much as six feet of water in their homes, and they couldn't save the homes," he noted.

Mr. Calahan said Lake Texoma crested at 30 feet above normal. "It will take until July for it to get back to normal levels again."

"All around the perimeter of the lake you have snakes, rats and mice looking for new homes," he added.

"As the lake level goes higher and higher, it drives them farther from the water's edge. They go into homes and get into the walls of houses, away from the water."

Mr. Calahan canceled services in Paris May 5 because 70 percent of the brethren live north of the Red River and couldn't cross the bridges because of closed roads.

He also canceled two Spokesman Clubs.

Beaumont, Tex.

Ed Mauzey, pastor of the Lake Charles, La., and Beaumont, Tex., churches, reported that the Clinton Callicotte family from Liberty, Tex., evacuated their home May 13.

"But they're veterans of high water. When the [Trinity] river swells, they're prepared to go to higher ground," said Mr. Mauzey.

"The latest report this morning [May 14] is that every hour sets new records for high water. We're getting the delayed reaction from the north."

"It is getting serious," Mr. Mauzey continued. "This morning a news report was warning people not to go back to their homes in air boats to retrieve belongings, because some people had threatened to sink boats filled with people they didn't recognize."

"It sounds like vigilantes. People are extremely concerned about looting."

Liberty County was among 29 counties in Texas that were declared disaster areas, making them eligible for aid from federal and state emergency agencies.

Other areas

Brethren in other areas suffered no damage, according to reports from Terry Mattson, Fort Worth, Tex., West pastor; David Johnson, Houston, Tex., East pastor; Robert Peoples, Lufkin and Longview, Tex., pastor; Harold Richard, assistant pastor of the Alexandria and Monroe, La., and Natchez, Miss., churches; and Nelson Haas, Russellville and Mena, Ark., pastor.



AFTER THE DELUGE—Above: Floodwaters in member Sylvia North's neighborhood in Idabel, Okla., rose several feet, damaging homes and property. Below: Neighbors stand knee deep in water on a road that leads to Mrs. North's house. [Photos by Sylvia North]



Explosion rips top off airliner

Member survives bomb blast

By Paul Kieffer

MANILA, Philippines—Ross Sarrosa, a member from Iloilo City, couldn't realize what was about to happen as he settled into his seat aboard a Philippine Airlines Boeing 737-300 jet in Manila, May 11.

He had no idea his prayer for God's protection would be answered so quickly.

Paul Kieffer is office manager of the Philippine Regional Office. A bomb exploded on a Boeing 737-300 jet, killing eight people and injuring 86.

Just as the preflight safety instructions were completed, Mr. Sarrosa heard a loud explosion several rows behind him and saw debris fly past him to the front of the plane. A bomb in one of the overhead

luggage compartments had exploded.

Mr. Sarrosa immediately ran to the emergency exit at the front of plane. The door was opened by a steward, but the emergency ramp remained jammed for five minutes until ground personnel dislodged it.

The plane filled with smoke, and Mr. Sarrosa struggled to keep from being pushed out the door by the crush of passengers behind him.

Finally he slid down the ramp and ran to safety. Others, however, were not so fortunate: Eight people died in the bombing.

Looking back on his experience, Mr. Sarrosa said several coincidences saved him from harm.

When he arrived at the airport to check in, the only available seats were in rows 1 and 2 (the bomb went off in row 14).

Then, when Mr. Sarrosa entered the plane he discovered someone had taken his window seat on the right side of the plane. So he took an empty seat on the left side. The bomb exploded on the right side.

The bomb was timed to go off at 3:30 p.m., 10 minutes after the scheduled departure. Since the plane was delayed, the explosion occurred on the ground.

After his frightening experience, Mr. Sarrosa joked about the timing of the explosion.

"Only an international terrorist would have timed the bomb to go off 10 minutes after departure," Mr. Sarrosa said. "We Filipinos know that PAL [Philippine Airlines] stands for Plane Always Late!"

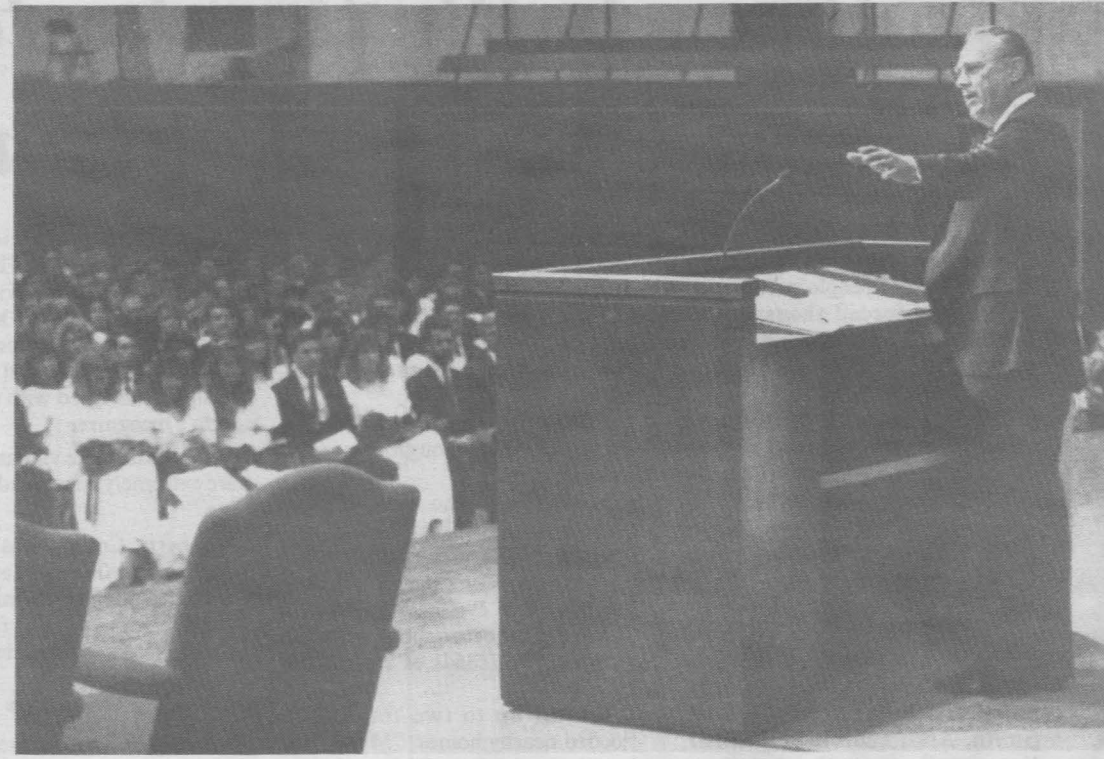
Authorities are investigating the matter.



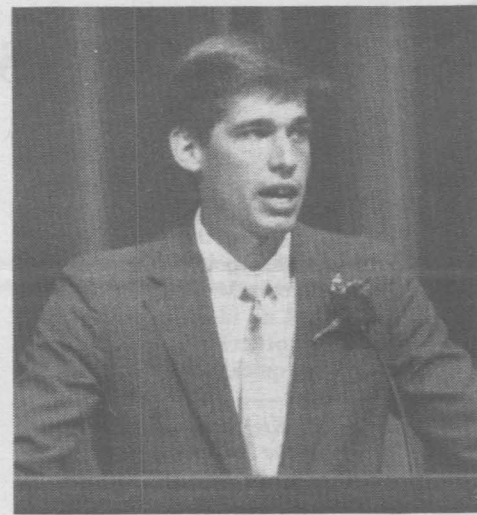
TERRORIST BOMBING—Philippine Church member Ross Sarrosa survived a bomb blast May 11 aboard this Philippine Airlines 737 jet awaiting clearance for take-off at Manila airport. Eight passengers were killed and 86 were wounded. [Photo by Tim Alipalo, Reuters-Bettmann Newsphotos]

ATTENTION CHURCH YOUTHS

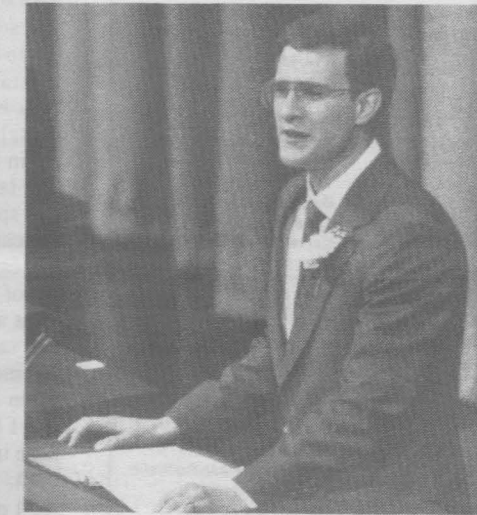
The Worldwide News would like to feature Church youths who are 1990 valedictorians and salutatorians. If you are graduating first or second in your class, send us your name, and include a recent photo, the name of your high school, your church area and your church pastor's signature. Please indicate your class ranking. (We will return photos accompanied by a self-addressed envelope.) Mail to *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, by July 1.



Journey of a Lifetime



SENTIMENTAL GRADUATION—Ambassador graduates and faculty, many tearful, at the last commencement exercises on the Pasadena campus (right photos) May 18; left page, graduation in Big Sandy, May 11, where future commencement exercises will be something to look forward to, said Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach. [Photos by Charles Feldbush, Hal Finch, Ian Bearman, Scott Smith and Barry Stahl]



Youth Bible lessons offer organized way to learn Bible

By Richard Rice
PASADENA—Youth Bible Lessons, referred to as Youth Educational Services (YES), are available to children in God's Church. They provide an organized method of learning facts and principles from the Bible.

Evangelist Richard Rice is director of the Mail Processing Center.

Each year 10 regular lessons and the Spring and Fall Feast lessons are sent one each month to each enrolled student. The seven levels are numbered K and 1 through 6 to correspond with kindergarten through grade six in the U.S. school system.

When they complete level 6 most children will be at the age to make the transition from YES to Youth Opportunities United (YOU). Pastors can answer questions about YOU membership.

When they complete level 6, children will automatically be added to the Youth 90 subscription list if they are not already subscribers.

Following are answers to frequently

asked questions about the Youth Bible Lessons.

May I have a complete (or partial) set of lessons?

Sets are only sent to church pastors. All others may only receive one lesson a month.

My child is 4 years old and is very advanced for his age. May he receive the lessons?

Each child must be at least 5 years old or in kindergarten to start the lessons. This ensures that children progress with others in their age group.

We just heard about the lessons and we've missed the first three. May we get the ones we missed?

Since only enough lessons are printed for the students currently enrolled (and a few extras to replace damaged copies), those starting part of the way into the year will receive the current lesson and following lessons.

This same answer applies if a student has missed previous levels.

How do I request a replacement for a lesson that was lost or damaged?

Call or write to the Mail Process-

ing Center and give the level and lesson needed. Use the Church's toll-free number: 1-800-423-4444.

Who should inform MPC of any changes regarding church youths?

It is the parents' responsibility, although pastors may sometimes submit changes.

How should we notify MPC of these changes?

Use a youth information card available from your pastor or note the changes on the annual church youth update sheet you received from your pastor. You may also call or write directly to MPC.

What information is needed?

The name of the parent or guardian and each child's name, mailing address, birth date, sex and grade level.

Mailing Dates for Youth Bible Lessons for the United States

YES LESSON	LAST MAILING DATE	LATEST ARRIVAL DATE
1	July 6, 1990	July 28, 1990
Fall	Aug. 3, 1990	Aug. 25, 1990
2	Sept. 6, 1990	Sept. 29, 1990
3	Sept. 28, 1990	Oct. 27, 1990
4	Oct. 31, 1990	Nov. 24, 1990
5	Dec. 6, 1990	Dec. 29, 1990
6	Jan. 4, 1991	Jan. 26, 1991
Spring	Jan. 31, 1991	Feb. 23, 1991
7	March 8, 1991	March 30, 1991
8	April 4, 1991	April 27, 1991
9	May 3, 1991	May 25, 1991
10	June 7, 1991	June 29, 1991

Note: If no one in your congregation has received the current lesson, it is probably because of a production delay. If others have received the lesson by the latest arrival date and your child has not, call the Mail Processing Center (MPC) Monday through Friday at 1-800-423-4444 and ask for Youth File.

Good progress after quintuple bypass

Minister undergoes surgery

By Gary Pendergraft
MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Progress has been good following my quintuple bypass operation March 31.

Gary Pendergraft is associate pastor of the Memphis and Jackson, Tenn., churches.

My wife, Marsi, and I have seen God's help many times over the last few weeks. It was especially evident in how we discovered that all the arteries serving my heart were 98 percent blocked before a heart attack or other damage occurred.

After moving to Memphis, I was overdue in finding a physician for a regular checkup. I was exercising regularly and didn't seem to have any symptoms of heart problems, but apparently those symptoms can be masked by diabetes.

While driving on a main street I

was hit when a car swerved into my lane. There was hardly any damage, and the other driver was grateful to



GARY & MARSI PENDERGRAFT me for not reporting the accident to the police (a traffic officer told me it was my option for such little damage).

The other driver was a doctor of internal medicine and offered me a free physical. I took him up on his offer, and events moved quickly from there.

Some signs of circulatory problems combined with 29 years of diabetes and a family history of heart problems pointed to further checking on the heart. The tests showed that urgent surgery to prevent a heart failure was required.

Since the operation, there is still excess fluid around the lungs and swelling in my right leg, but otherwise all seems to be going well. I hope to be up to full steam by early summer and am now able to give sermons and Bible studies again as I try to work up to a full schedule.

The prayers and encouragement from so many have been overwhelming and have meant a great deal.

Church announces list of ministers ordained

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

Brian Orchard, pastor of the San Francisco and Oakland, Calif., churches, was ordained a pastor on the Sabbath, March 10.

Ross Beath, pastor of the Brisbane, Australia, East and South churches; and Robert Regazzoli, pastor of the Sydney, Australia, South church; were ordained pastors March 13.

Reginald Wright, a local elder in the Gold Coast, Australia, church, was ordained a preaching elder March 13.

Terence Browning, a local elder in the Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, church, was ordained a preaching elder on the Sabbath, April 14.

Rex Sexton, associate pastor of the Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, churches, was ordained a preaching elder on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 16.

Dean May, a local elder in the Pasadena West P.M. church, was ordained a preaching elder on the Sabbath, April 21.

Herbert Vierra, manager of Television-Radio Production, was ordained a local elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 10.

Ronald Bolzern, a ministerial trainee in Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Irvine and Perth, Scotland, was ordained a local elder on the Sabbath, Feb. 10.

Joseph D'Costa, a ministerial trainee in the Gold Coast, Australia, church, was ordained a local elder March 13.

Kevin Brownlee, a ministerial trainee in Norfolk, Va., and Leon Sexton, a ministerial trainee in the Bakersfield and Mojave, Calif., churches, were ordained local elders April 10.

Jeffrey Caudle, a ministerial trainee in Columbus, Ohio; Eugene Kubik, a ministerial trainee in Spokane, Wash.; and Dean Neuls, a ministerial trainee in Penticton, B.C.; were ordained local elders April 16.

Curtis Lindsley of the Seattle, Wash., church was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, March 10.

Brian Finnigan, a deacon in the

Blackfoot, Idaho, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, March 17.

Gordon Hall, a deacon in the Dublin, Ireland, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, March 31.

Lloyd Barrie, a deacon in the Kalispell, Mont., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, April 7.

Ordained local church elders April 10 were Arthur Braidic, a deacon in the North Hollywood, Calif., church; John Daugherty, a deacon in the San Luis Obispo, Calif., church; John Helmers, a deacon in the Grand Rapids, Mich., church; David Leach, a deacon in the Big Sandy church; Joseph Lozano, a deacon in the Middletown, N.J., church.

Kenneth Main, a deacon in the Los Angeles, Calif., church; Ronald McNeil of the Macon, Ga., church; William McWilliams, a deacon in the Detroit, Mich., West church; Gerald Peterson of the Lethbridge, Alta., church; Ellis Purkey, a deacon in the Knoxville, Tenn., church; Joel Rissinger of the Buffalo, N.Y., South church; Charles Spannagel, a deacon in the Alamosa, Colo., church; and Angus Williams, a deacon in the Detroit West church.

John Alexander and Willie Johnson and Thomas Kuver, deacons in the San Antonio, Tex., East church; and Lawrence Lovato, a deacon in the Roswell, N.M., church; were ordained local church elders April 14.

Eugene Guzon, a deacon in the Quezon City, Philippines, church; Warren Poland, a deacon in the Roseburg, Ore., church; Patrick Stelmack, a deacon in the Brandon, Man., church; Ralph Teele, a deacon in the Sedona, Ariz., church; and Steven Wineinger, a deacon in the Spokane, Wash., church; were ordained local church elders April 16.

Peter Lee of the Suva, Fiji, church and Carmine Russo, a deacon in the Brooklyn, N.Y., South church, were ordained local church elders April 21.

Joe Scott was hired as a ministerial trainee in the Boca Raton, Fla., church.

State honors foster parents

By Patti Curry
Daily News

RED BLUFF, Calif.—Some of life's sweetest rewards are the intangible ones.

For Corning [Calif.] residents John and Diane Turley, recognition by the State Department of Social Services for outstanding service to children was secondary to the love



JOHN AND DIANE TURLEY

they feel for their foster children.

The award was presented to the Turleys during the state Foster Parents' Association annual training conference in Ontario.

For the Turleys, watching the children grow and thrive under their care is better than any plaque or certificate they could receive. They emphasize the pleasure that comes with playing a part in mending a family and watching parents learn to be better parents so children can return to happier homes.

"It makes you feel really good when you see these abused, neglected children learn to smile and trust you," said Diane Turley. "They come in with very low self-esteem.

"When we get them . . . they're hurting and we enjoy seeing the change from scared, withdrawn, sad," Diane Turley said. "Then in a few weeks, they smile, and they just feel better about themselves in general. It's a good feeling."

The Turleys became licensed foster parents in 1973 and care for several children at a time in their two-story, five-bedroom Victorian

This article appeared in the Dec. 1 Red Bluff, Calif., Daily News and is reprinted by permission. John and Diane Turley attend the Chico, Calif., church. They have four children, Shelley, 28, Shauna Lynn, 26, Bruce, 23, and one adopted son, Michael, 5.

house in Corning. They have kept more than 125 children who needed the "special love and guidance that foster parents provide," according to DSS [Department of Social Services] director Linda McMahon.

"Foster parents are among the most treasured of community heroes," McMahon said. "They bring sunshine into lives that have sometimes known only darkness and give purpose and strength to children so they can face the future with confidence."

"This is just our whole life, and we enjoy every day taking care of the children and doing things with and for them," said Diane Turley.

"Our days are filled with the children and dressing them up and doing things for them. I wouldn't know what to do without them."

The Turleys "take their responsibilities as foster parents very seriously. They have attended many hours of parenting training to help them better assist the children," McMahon said.

"They truly represent the dedicated, caring people who step forward in communities all over California to provide safe homes for foster children."

McMahon said foster homes serve as a "safe haven while efforts are made to reunify the families or other satisfactory provisions can be made for these young victims."

She said foster parents like the Turleys make the fostering experience a positive one.

Diane and John Turley said they are very protective of their foster children and "just want to save them from anything else bad happening to them. So many of them are abused and molested, and you want to keep anything like that from happening to them again."

As of June, some 14,000 licensed foster care homes were providing care to more than 54,180 children statewide.

The Turleys are among 21 licensed foster care homes statewide to receive the honor.

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brated their 40th wedding anniversary April 8. Mr. Bryce was baptized in 1963 and Mrs. Bryce in 1964. The Bryces have four daughters, four sons-in-law and eight grandchildren.

The children of Joseph and Peggy Montano would like to announce the 40th anniversary of their parents, who were married May 14, 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Montano were baptized in 1966 and attend the Huntsville, Ala., church.



MR. AND MRS. CLYDE EICHORN

The children of Clyde and Mary Eichorn are pleased to announce the 45th wedding anniversary of their parents, which took place May 13. The couple have been Church members for more than 20 years and they attend the Indiana, Pa., church. They have four daughters and seven grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. PETER EKAMA

Peter and Eugenia Ekama celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary May 6. They attend the Canton, Ohio, church. They were baptized in 1969, and have one son and five grandchildren.

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MR. AND MRS. DRAKE YOUNG

Drake and Lois Young celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary May 8. They were married in 1938 and baptized in 1967 in Lakeland, Fla. They now attend the Sedona, Ariz., church. The Youngs have two daughters and two sons-in-law, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

health. Mr. Jacob, a Church member since 1974, is survived by his wife, Marie, four sons, a daughter, his mother and two sisters.

JOHNSTON, Walden, 68, of Lafayette, Ind., died April 30. Mr. Johnston, a Church member since 1969, is survived by his wife, Betty; three sons, David, Allen and Edward, Kansas City South and Topeka, Kan., associate pastor; and two daughters, Holly Johnston and Janet Harris.



JAMES BENTON LEE

LEE, James Benton, 70, of Salem, Ore., died Feb. 23. Mr. Lee, a Church member since 1954, is survived by his wife, Annabelle, one brother, two sisters, three sons, five daughters, 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

MYERS, Sherman, 74, of Chicago, Ill., died April 21. Mr. Myers, a Church member since 1982, is survived by four children and one grandchild.



TERRY REID

REID, Terry, 42, of Legat, Alta., died April 10 in a car accident. Mr. Reid is survived by his wife, Joan, and son, Kelly.

WALTON-HALL, Erma, 78, of Mission, Tex., died April 17. Mrs. Hall, a Church member since 1989, suffered from arthritis and respiratory problems. She is survived by a cousin.

OBITUARIES

AGNEW, Everett, 86, of Shediak, N.B., died Feb. 24 of complications from kidney failure. Mr. Agnew, a Church member since 1984, was preceded in death by his wife. He is survived by several half-brothers, half-sisters, nieces and nephews.

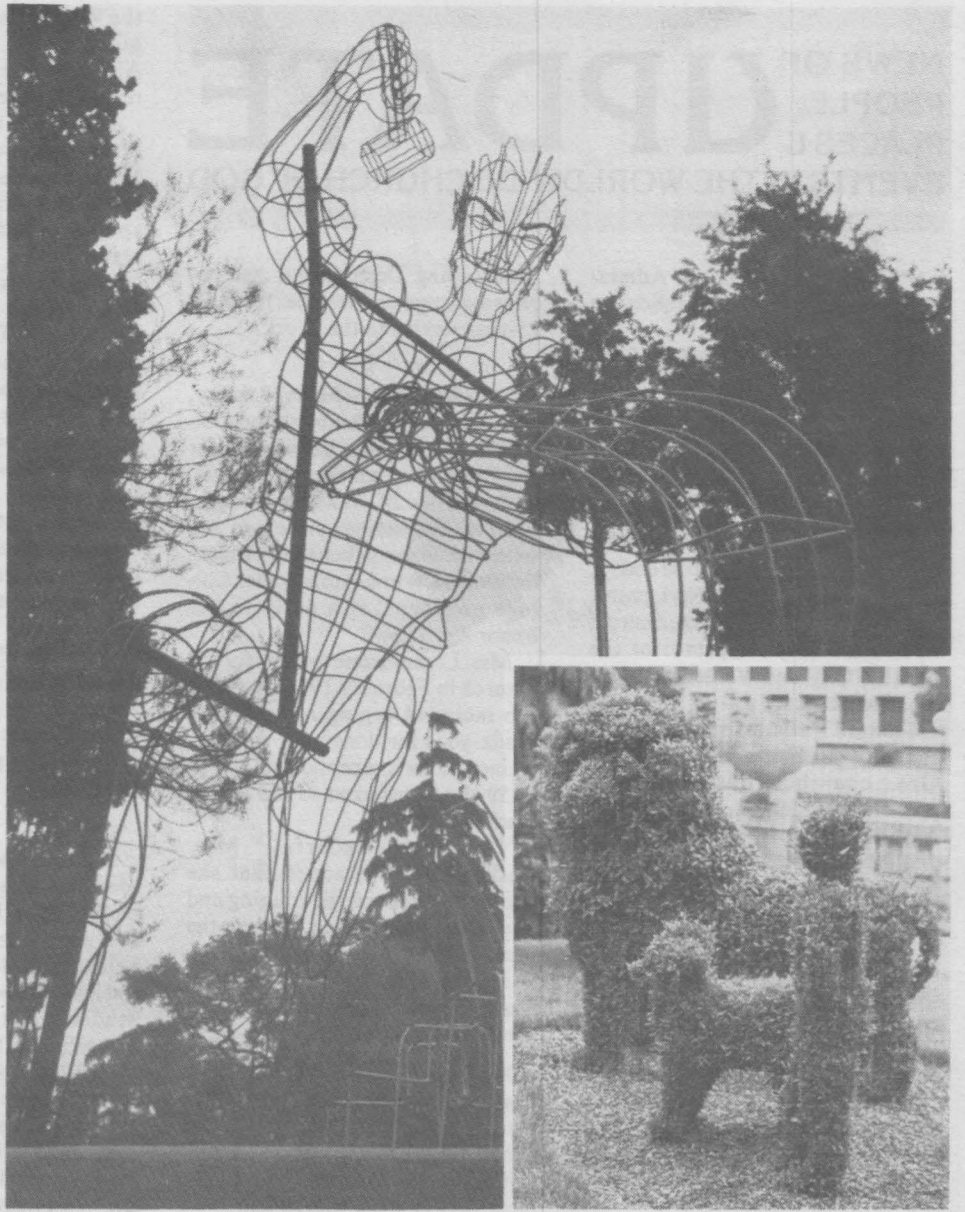
AVEY, Bethel, 75, of Big Sandy, died April 30 of a stroke. Mrs. Avey, a Church member since 1956, is survived by two children, Ron Avey and Sharon Burgin; two sisters, Delta Trammell and Ercil Woody; and four grandchildren.

BRAZEAL, Ellen, 77, of Newport, Ind., died April 7. Mrs. Brazeal, a Church member since 1973, is survived by her husband, Arlow, two sons, three grandsons and two great-grandsons.

CLAPSADDLE, Joseph, 50, of Hurst, Tex., died April 22 of a heart attack. Mr. Clapsaddle, a Church member since March 1987, is survived by his wife, Margaret.

FREEZE, J. Paul, 76, of Santa Maria, Calif., died Jan. 31. Mr. Freeze, a Church member since 1954 and a local church elder since 1967, is survived by his children Philip, Ivan and Holly, and three grandchildren.

JACOB, Lawrence William, 68, of Albury, Australia, died March 23 after years of ill



ORNAMENTAL GARDENING—Examples of topiary, in which shrubs are trained and trimmed into a desired shape. Above: Man beats sword into plowshare (Isaiah 2:4), near Ambassador Hall; (inset): A child leads a lion and a lamb (Isaiah 11:6), across from the Ambassador Auditorium. [Photos by Barry Stahl]

Children's Corner

Making fun of Frieda

By Vivian Pettijohn

Mike burst into the house and flung his first-grade reading book on the hall table as he slammed the front door.

"Hi, Mike!" Frances Harris called, as she hurried to give him a hug. "What a noisy little boy I have! How was school today?"

"Oh, it was OK, I guess," Mike answered, heading for the kitchen. "What can I have for a snack? Got any cookies?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, I do," Mother said. "And someone else is already trying them out to see if they're good."

Mike headed for the kitchen, where he found Gina. He greeted his 4-year-old sister, then poured a glass of milk and took a cookie from the cookie jar on the table.

"Anything interesting happen at school today?" Mother asked.

"One thing," Mike answered, using a napkin to wipe milk off his mouth. "There's a new girl in my class—her name is Frieda—and she has a big tummy. Some kids made fun of her today. They called her Fat Frieda. Isn't that funny?"

"Do you know why she has a large tummy?" Mother asked. "Maybe something is wrong with her. Or maybe she's just slow in losing her baby fat."

"I don't know," Mike mumbled, chewing, "but she does look funny."

"I hope you didn't laugh at her, honey," Mother said in a serious voice. "When you laugh at someone, it

hurts that person's feelings. Have you tried being friendly and getting acquainted?"

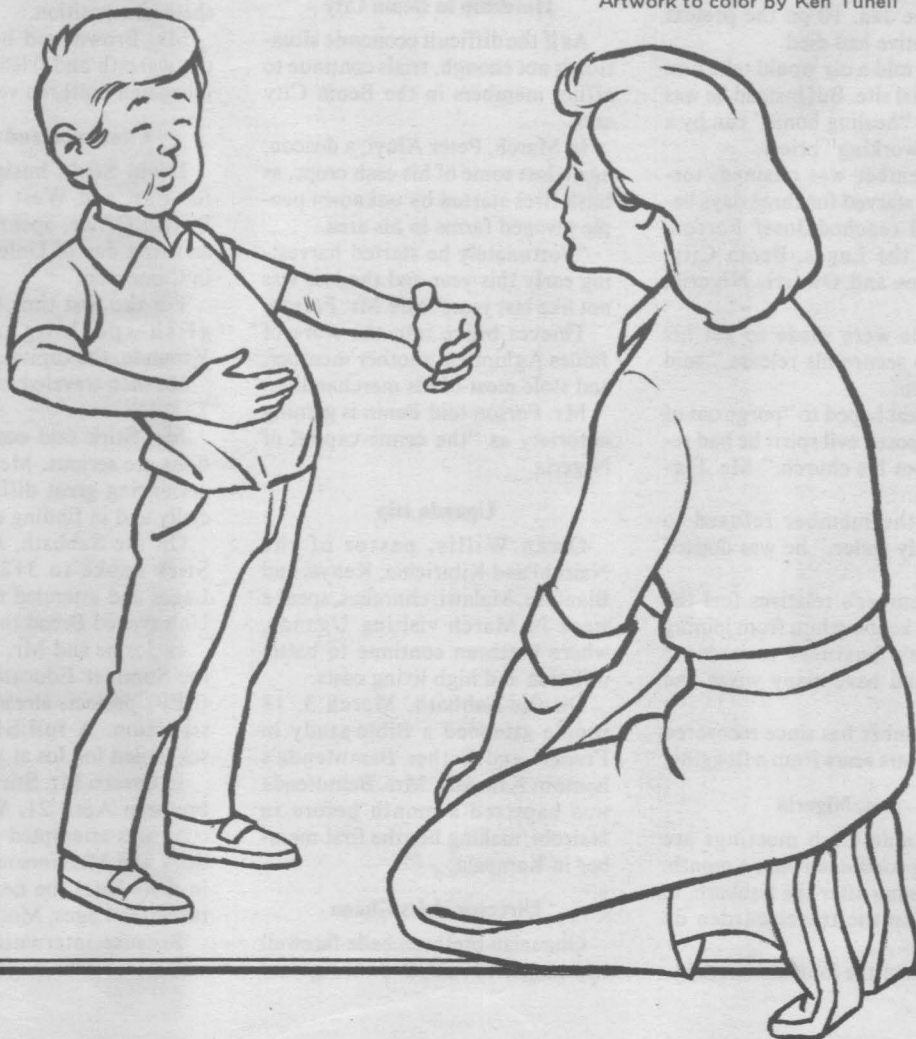
"Well, I wanted to," Mike admitted, putting his glass down, "but the others would have made fun of me then. So I just stayed away."

"Let me tell you a story," Mother said to Mike and Gina. "When I was

about Frieda's age the kids at school called me Fatty Fran because I was chubby. I lost that chubbiness later, but I remember how much it hurt me when others laughed at me. I decided right then I would never make fun of anyone else—ever. And I hope that both of you will decide that, too."

"But, Mommy," Mike objected, "I

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can't get the other kids to stop making fun of her, can I?"

"Maybe you can," Mother replied, smiling. "You be friendly to her, regardless of what anyone else says or does. And suggest to some of the others that they ask her to play with them at recess. And before long, if you have a friendly attitude, others may decide she must be OK, and they'll be friendly, too, instead of teasing her."

"OK, I'll try," Mike agreed reluctantly, "but it may not work."

"All you can do is try, honey," Mother said, taking two empty glasses to the sink to wash them. "Tell me tomorrow afternoon if your efforts changed anything."

The next day after school Mike ran home, flung open the front door, closed it noisily and tossed his books on the hall table.

"Hi, Mike!" Mother said. "What happened at school today?"

"Well," Mike said, almost out of breath, "I was friendly to Frieda. And I got Molly and Donna to ask Frieda to play with them. And you know what?"

"Tell me," Mother said, smiling.

"Frieda is a lot of fun. She tells riddles, and she likes to play catch with a ball and Molly and Donna like her. So she smiled a lot today. And I don't think anyone thought of her as fat. Instead of calling her Fat Frieda I heard someone call her Fun Frieda. And you know what? Having fun with her is a lot nicer than making fun of her."

Mother grinned and gave him a big, fat bear hug.

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

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

Daniel Zachariah, pastor of the Madras, India, church, was ordained a preaching elder on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 16.

Ordained preaching elders May 11 were **Francisco Hui**, pastor of the Torreón and San Luis Potosí, Mexico, churches; **Alfredo Mercado**, pastor of the Jalpa de Méndez, Mexico, church; **Felipe Neri**, pastor of the Monterrey, Mexico, church; and **Lauro Roybal**, pastor of the Mexico City and Veracruz, Mexico, churches.

Howard Davis, assistant pastor of the Portland East and Hood River, Ore., churches, was ordained a preaching elder on the Sabbath, May 12.

Neil Barnett, a deacon in the Melbourne, Australia, West church, and **Rodney Puls**, a deacon in the Melbourne, Australia, South church, were ordained local church elders on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 10.

Allan Ebeling and **Gary McConaughy**, deacons in the Worcester, Mass., church; and **Nevin Nolder**, a deacon in the Minneapolis, Minn., North church; were ordained local church elders on the Sabbath, May 5.

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PASADENA—On the Sabbath, May 12, **Joseph W. Tkach Jr.**, director of U.S. Church Administration, presented a plaque in appreciation of the Ambassador College student body and its involvement in the Pasadena West P.M. church throughout the years.

Edward Dunn, outgoing student body president, and **Richard Crow**, incoming student body president, accepted the plaque on behalf of the students.

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PASADENA—Evangelist **David Hulme**, Ambassador Foundation vice president for domestic affairs, attended a reception on behalf of Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** at the home of Vice President and Mrs. **Dan Quayle** in Washington D.C., April 26.

Mr. Tkach, who was on a church visit to Bermuda, asked Mr. Hulme to represent him at the event. The foundation was honored at the reception for its contributions to Red Cross disaster funds last year after Hurricane Hugo and the San Francisco, Calif., earthquake.

"Mrs. Quayle proved to be an articulate spokesperson for the Red Cross and a gracious hostess," Mr. Hulme said. Mr. Quayle was away on a trip to Mexico.

"I was able to mention the foundation to Mrs. Quayle and other leading corporate sponsors of the Red Cross," Mr. Hulme added.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the Feast site in Goa, India, has reached capacity, and no further transfer applications can be accepted.

Barquisimeto, Venezuela, has been confirmed as a 1990 Feast site.

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PASADENA—**Frank Schnee**, who assists evangelist **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration International, and his wife **Esther**, received a plaque and wristwatches in recognition of their 25 years of service to the Work at a Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet May 1.

Jeanne Kloster, Property Management secretary; **Glenn Hill**, first cook in Food Services; and **William McLeod**, lead floriculturist for the

Landscaping Department, also received plaques and watches for their 25-year service to the Work.

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PASADENA—**Mary Leskey**, secretary to the Ambassador College Registrar, who has worked for the Church and college for 33 years, retired May 24. **William Stenger**, dean of instruction, presented her with a necklace on behalf of evangelist **Donald Ward**, Ambassador College president, at a party in her honor April 26.

Mrs. Leskey came to work for the Church in February 1957. Her first job included typing receipts and thank yous for donations. She was trained to be a receptionist, and in 1959 she transferred to the Registrar's Office.

"It's been wonderful," Mrs. Leskey said. She added that she deeply appreciated the training and education she received through the years.

Mrs. Leskey and her husband, **Ernie**, plan to stay in the Pasadena area.

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—**John A. Emison**, a member who attends the Knoxville A.M. church, attended a White House press briefing and an invitation-only luncheon with President **George Bush** March 23.

Dr. Emison, who has a doctorate in geography, is a science reporter for *The Oak Ridger*, a daily newspaper in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

"It was exciting to be invited to

the White House with such a prestigious group," Dr. Emison said. About 60 out-of-town editors and reporters were invited to attend.

Louis Sullivan, secretary of Health & Human Services, and **William J. Bennett**, director of the National Drug Control Policy, spoke on health and substance abuse.

Both men spoke about the need for personal responsibility, Dr. Emison said. They said "we are now paying the price as a nation for the lax moral standards of the '60s and '70s. It's refreshing to hear such high government officials say there is a right and wrong component to a problem."

After the briefing the group was escorted into the state dining room in the west wing of the White House to wait for the President. Dr. Emison was seated at the table nearest the President, and **Brent Scowcroft**, National Security Adviser, was also at Dr. Emison's table.

After the luncheon the President conducted a press conference for the group.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England—**Melissa Spykerman**, 16, who attends the Brighton, England, church, was awarded a prize by the Alliance and Leicester Building Society (savings and loan) for being the Best Business Studies Related Student at Lewes Priory School for 1989.

Participants were required to operate a business for several months and give a presentation on the lessons they learned. The competition was open to schools throughout East and West Sussex.

Melissa worked with three other girls to organize and run a typing and photocopying service. While most of the groups gave speeches to describe lessons learned, Melissa's

group wrote and performed a play called "Newsagent."

The group was one of six to receive prizes, which included 25 pounds each, 100 pounds for their school and other benefits.

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SANTIAGO, Philippines—**Cherryl S. Rustia**, 17, who attends



CHERRYL S. RUSTIA the Santiago church, won an on-the-spot essay contest Feb. 23. The topic

was "What Democracy Means to Me."

The contest was sponsored by J.C. Penney & Co. and administered simultaneously in 13 Philippine regions by the Philippine Department of Education, Culture and Sports. Cherryl won in region 2.

Cherryl was awarded a one-week all-expense-paid trip to the United States with one of her parents.

Cherryl is the daughter of **Honesto Jr.** and **Erlinda Rustia**. Mr. Rustia pastors the Santiago and Roxas, Philippines, churches.

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced several months ago that **Donat Picard**, pastor of the Montreal, Que., North and South French churches, was suffering from a fast-spreading cancer that began in his hand.

"After a minor operation and a careful diet—and above all thanks to God's intervention—Mr. Picard is now completely healed," said evangelist **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration International.

History

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In 1985 Queen Sirikit of Thailand visited the campus. During her stay she addressed more than 1,100 people in the Auditorium and displayed a collection of Thai antiques, arts and crafts.

Also in 1985 Ambassador College students began teaching English and vocational skills at Waterfield Institute in Sri Lanka.

Jan. 16, 1986, Mr. Armstrong died at age 93, leaving the chancellorship to **Joseph W. Tkach**. Mr. Tkach conducted a forum for the students and employees that day,

reminding them that "the greatest work yet lies ahead."

By the 40th anniversary of Ambassador college in 1987, student enrollment was 625. Aug. 28, 1987, was proclaimed Ambassador College day by Los Angeles Mayor **Tom Bradley**. Mr. Tkach also received a proclamation signed by California Gov. **George Deukmejian** that praised Ambassador College as "a creative and innovative leader of our nation."

The last graduation ceremony before moving the college to Big Sandy was conducted May 18, 1990, in the Ambassador Auditorium.



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

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Brethren have suffered persecution from family members in Owerri, Nigeria.

One Church member, who has faced hostility from his relatives over his beliefs, was tricked away from home Jan. 10 on the pretext that a relative had died.

He was told a car would take him to the burial site. But instead he was taken to a "healing home" run by a "miracle-working" priest.

The member was chained, tortured and starved for three days before word reached **Josef Forson**, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City, Enugu, Jos and Owerri, Nigeria, churches.

"Efforts were made to get his mother to secure his release," said Mr. Forson.

The priest hoped to "purge out of him a supposed evil spirit he had received from his church," Mr. Forson added.

When the member refused to drink "holy water," he was doused with it.

The member's relatives feel the Church is keeping him from joining his uncle's business to become wealthy and have many wives and cars.

The member has since recovered but still bears scars from a flogging.

Jos, Nigeria

Spokesman Club meetings are now being conducted once a month, in the evening after the Sabbath, in Jos, to ease the travel burden on members.

Because of the long distances be-

tween towns where members live, and Jos, where the church meets, members not only must pay costly transportation fares but stay overnight each time they attend Sabbath services.

Hardship in Benin City

As if the difficult economic situation is not enough, trials continue to afflict members in the Benin City area.

In March, **Peter Aluyi**, a deacon, again lost some of his cash crops, as bush fires started by unknown people ravaged farms in his area.

"Fortunately he started harvesting early this year and the loss was not like last year," said Mr. Forson.

Thieves broke into the store of **James Aghimien**, another member, and stole most of his merchandise.

Mr. Forson said Benin is gaining notoriety as "the crime capital of Nigeria."

Uganda trip

Owen Willis, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and **Blantyre**, Malawi, churches, spent a week in March visiting Uganda, where brethren continue to battle inflation and high living costs.

On the Sabbath, March 3, 18 people attended a Bible study in **Francis** and **Esther Bamutenda's** home in Kampala. Mrs. Bamutenda was baptized a month before in Nairobi, making her the first member in Kampala.

Director visits Ghana

Ghanaian brethren bade farewell to evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional

director for Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East, and his wife, **Sharon**, who visited on the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread.

Mr. Brown conducted the Passover for 124 members and spoke on the first day of Unleavened Bread in Accra.

Mr. Brown also spent time with **Alan** and **Kae Tattersall**. Mr. Tattersall replaced **Melvin Rhodes** as Ghana pastor, and Mr. Rhodes became pastor of the Flint and Lansing, Mich., churches at the beginning of June.

Mr. Brown thanked Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes for "all their hard work and the sacrifices that have to be made living in that part of the world" and wished them success in their new position.

Mr. Brown said he would miss the warmth and friendliness of the Ghanaian brethren very much.

Cameroon and Nigeria

David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa in the British Office, spent the Passover and first day of Unleavened Bread in Cameroon.

For the first time he visited English-speaking members in Yaounde, the capital.

He then traveled to Limbe, April 7.

Mr. Stirk said economic conditions are serious. Members are experiencing great difficulties financially and in finding employment.

On the Sabbath, April 14, Mr. Stirk spoke to 312 brethren in Lagos and attended the last day of Unleavened Bread there.

In Jos he and Mr. Forson visited the Summer Educational Program (SEP) project, already under construction. A full SEP session is scheduled for Jos at year's end.

In Owerri Mr. Stirk spoke to 268 brethren April 21. While there, a coup was attempted in Lagos. Mr. Stirk and Mr. Forson were trapped in their hotel the next day but returned to Lagos, Monday, April 23.

Because international air space was closed over Nigeria, Mr. Stirk

couldn't return to England for another two days.

No members were hurt or suffered loss in the failed coup, which was described as the most violent yet.

Holy Day wrap-up

The British Office reported that 651 members took the Passover in East and West Africa, a 12 percent increase over 1989. More than 1,600 attended the Spring Feast.

Holy Day offerings ranged from increases of 30 to 180 percent.

"These increases continue to demonstrate the excitement and zeal that God's people in Africa have for his Work," said Mr. Stirk. "This dedication and willingness to give is in the face of sore economic and travel difficulties."

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