

Worldwide Work grows in '80, receives record volume of mail

PASADENA — The Work's Mail Processing Center received the highest volume of mail in six years in 1980, according to Richard Rice, the center's director. About 2.2 million pieces of mail were received last year, he said.

"With God's Work back on course and brethren understanding their role in the Church, total support for God's apostle has been apparent from the mail," reported Mr. Rice. "Members and co-workers deeply appreciate Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong's seemingly tireless efforts."

The number of *Plain Truth* cards returned — 165,000 — showed a 453 percent increase over 1979. The November semiannual letter brought in the second highest response since 1970 for such a letter.

Telephone responses also increased in 1980. About 170,000 calls were received, 22 percent more

than the previous year. Mr. Armstrong's newspaper advertisements, especially *The Wall Street Journal* series, brought many phone calls, noted Mr. Rice.

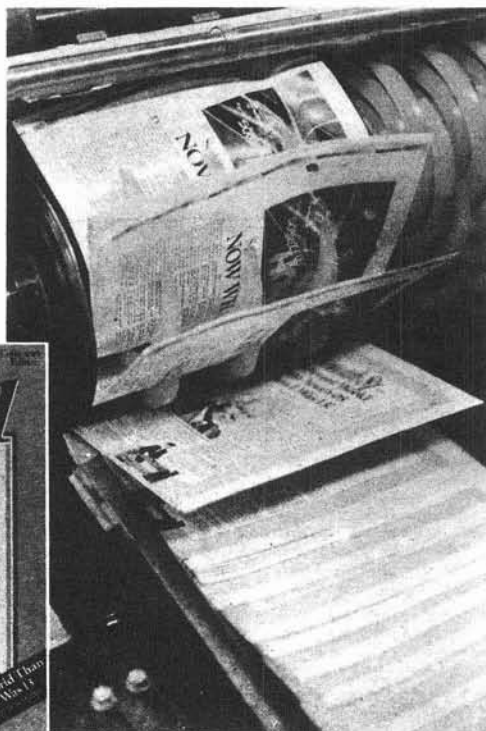
The year ended on a positive note for God's Work in Australia and Asia. Income for December was up 32.2 percent, bringing the year-to-date increase to 27.5 percent, according to Ministerial Services.

During the year more than 300,000 booklets and articles were mailed to Australian and Asian readers. The 6,000 letters received last month brought the count for 1980 to nearly 189,000, a 9.5 percent increase over 1979.

The regional office in San Juan, Puerto Rico, sent in statistics compiled from all areas served. Incoming mail for the third quarter (July, August and September) increased 138 percent over the same period in 1979. Mail containing contributions was up 83 percent over 1979.

Mail sent directly to the International Mail Center in Pasadena increased 114 percent.

Income for the Caribbean area in the third quarter increased slightly — about 5 percent over the 1979 third quarter. Holy day figures for 1980 showed a 9 percent increase in (See GROWTH, page 8)



MAGAZINE BORN — Vol. 1, No. 1 of *Youth 81* (left) was mailed to heads of households Jan. 19, according to managing editor Dexter H. Faulkner. Right, the magazine is cut and folded. The 16-page magazine features a special cover to enhance its collector's edition value. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

Spanish ministers gather in 'realization of dream'

PASADENA — "For the first time in the Philadelphia era of God's Church the entire Spanish ministry is together in one place," said Leon Walker, director of the Spanish Department.

The ministers are here for the seventh session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program, which runs from Jan. 12 to Jan. 29.

Coming to Pasadena is the "realization of a dream," said Luis E. Chavez, pastor of the Bahia Blanca and Ezeiza, Argentina, churches.

The trip enabled them to meet the Spanish Department office staff, many of whom they have communicated with by letter or phone for years.

Each session is translated into English by Reg Killingley, a ministerial trainee who works in the Spanish Department.

The sessions are quite an education, said Mr. Walker, as some men don't have formal Ambassador College training.

Filidor Illesca, pastor of the Temuco, Chile, church, told *The Worldwide News* that he looks to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong as the "cerebrum of the Work." God uses Mr. Armstrong to direct the rest of the body, he said.

Mr. Illesca started one of the most successful cardholder programs in the world, according to Keith Speaks, promotional director for *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*).

Cards placed in the largest post office in Chile yielded more than 6,000 new subscriptions to the *PT*, Mr. Speaks said.

Herbert Cisneros, pastor of the San Salvador, El Salvador, church, left that violence-racked country to attend the program. He is responsible for all of Central America.

No Church members have been hurt in the fighting, he said, but he has anointed several for tension-related problems. Terrorists often

kidnap teenage boys and take them to their camps. Car theft is prevalent, and those disobeying calls for general strikes are sometimes gunned down on the way to work, he said.

Wilfredo Saenz pastors the Lima, Peru, church and three outlying Bible studies. Some of the brethren in Huaraz speak Quechua, an Indian language spoken in Peru and elsewhere in South America, but little or no Spanish.

Mr. Saenz gives a shortened version of his sermon in Quechua and then a longer version in Spanish. Details are filled in by the brethren later, he said.

Brethren translate booklets in (See SPANISH, page 8)

PT cardholders 'very successful'

Boyd Leeson, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager, talked with *The Worldwide News* about the new PT cardholder program. The following is excerpted from that interview.

What is the cardholder program?

The cardholder itself is a small cardboard plaque that holds a number of postage-paid cards offering free subscriptions to *The Plain Truth* magazine. Volunteers from church areas put the placards up in various locations in their community.

How successful is the program?
Very successful. More than 16,500 new subscribers have joined

our mailing list since May, 1980.

Can members find out how successful their individual efforts are?

Yes. Each pastor has a computer printout we send him detailing this information. It is updated monthly.

Is there large public response?

Yes, but Church members should not expect a huge number — like 50 percent — to be mailed in. We have an excellent response now — approximately 5 to 10 percent. People don't pick up the cards as fast as they do the newsstand editions of *The Plain Truth*, but the program is just as effective.

Are the cardholders ever vandalized?

Yes, but this is not alarming. Many other magazine cardholders offering *Newsweek* and other magazines are vandalized or removed. We recommend that the cardholders be replaced, but only stocked with five to 10 cards at a time.

How are the locations obtained for the cardholders?

We encourage volunteer members to talk with the store managers directly, emphasizing the cardholder as a positive service for their customers. If a *PT* newsstand is removed for any reason, we also encourage it to be replaced with a cardholder.

Will members place cardholders in every store they approach?

Not usually, but we find there is a good percentage rate. Often our volunteers find they place cardholders in places they never thought they could. We encourage them to try every possibility.

Do members enjoy working with (See CARDHOLDERS, page 8)



RAPT ATTENTION — Pastor Filidor Illesca of the Temuco, Chile, church and his wife Edith listen closely to a Spanish-language translation of the Ministerial Refreshing Program Jan. 19. The Pasadena-based program is now in its seventh session. (Photo by Tom Hanson)

Jan. 20: President Reagan in, hostages out

PASADENA — "It's over: The great Satan bows to all our conditions." So trumpeted Tehran's *Kayhan* newspaper following the announcement of a U.S.-Iranian agreement to end the 14-month-old hostage crisis.

"Down with America, down with Reagan," shouted Iran's revolutionary guards — in English — as the two Algerian jets carrying the 52 American hostages prepared to depart for freedom.

Thus, Iranian authorities kept up the vitriol to the very end. But in the end, with Jan. 20 looming, they felt they had to get whatever they could out of the Carter administration. They had no desire to deal with a man who bluntly called them barbarians — and who appropriately referred to the hostages as "prisoners of war."

Nevertheless their hatred of America and Mr. Carter was so great that the Iranian revolutionaries purposely delayed the hostages' release until 35 minutes after Mr. Reagan was sworn into office. They were determined to deprive Mr. Carter of any final taste of victory in the hostage crisis.

Squalid negotiations

We might not know for some time, perhaps, the real price paid for the return of the hostages.

The outgoing Carter administration was adamant in insisting that not 1 cent of taxpayers' money would be involved in the initial \$8 billion transfer; that all that was being returned was Iran's assets, which had been frozen shortly after the U.S. Embassy was stormed; that Iran would have to earmark \$5 bil-

lion to pay off bank loans and future litigations.

This is probably not the whole story. The hostages, for example, will not be able to sue Iran for damages as a result of their 14-month ordeal. Any such suits would instead be covered by the U.S. Treasury.

New Republic magazine (Jan. 3 to 10 issue) bluntly called the negotiations "squalid" and said they had been "conducted as if the Iranians were the aggrieved party."

"Ronald Reagan has said, in an offhand and casual way about the captivity of Americans in Tehran, what Jimmy Carter should have said as a deliberate and calculated statement of U.S. policy 14 months ago, 'We will not pay ransom to secure their release.'"

"Carter might then have added that, unless the hostages were released and released quickly, the cost to Iran would be unpredictable and incalculable."

"Jimmy Carter was probably incapable of such an utterance . . ."

"The mullahs took Jimmy Carter's measure early on and they took it accurately. When they play cards, they look not at the cards but at the faces of their opponents . . . His face told them that they'd run no risk and incur no cost . . ."

"President Carter's words told them, too, quite specifically, that we would abjure a use of force. And when, months later, he resorted not to punitive but simply to minimal force aimed at extricating our hostages, he did so halfheartedly, timidly, as if to doom the act in advance, which it did."

The reverberations of the hostage crisis and the deal that ended it will

be around for a long time.

America's new President — the nation's 40th — hopes that he will too. Mr. Reagan, in his inaugural address, pledged his administration's efforts to get the country moving again, to achieve an "era of national renewal."

Certainly, one cannot help but be impressed by President Reagan's determination. He is surrounded by a coterie of wise advisers, successful men, all of them. The new President and his "millionaires' kitchen cabi-

ling the Namibian question to the U.N. Security Council at this time.

Talks over the future of the last colonial territory in Africa collapsed in mid-January. If the Carter administration had been returned to power, there would right now be cries in the U.N. for sanctions against South Africa, blaming it for the collapse of the negotiations.

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WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

net," have, in turn, selected cabinet officials who themselves have been successful both in industry and government service.

Mr. Reagan understands the power of the presidency, and with it the dignity that the office of the President should project.

Impact already felt

The projection of power with style has already had two results.

First of all, of course, is the Iranian situation. The mere threat of dealing with Tehran in harsher terms was enough to force the ayatollah to rush the situation to a conclusion.

Secondly, in a little-reported news development, the Communist Third World bloc has deferred tak-

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Troubles ahead

Perhaps no administration in U.S. history will be challenged at home and abroad as the new one. At home, crime is exploding in America's big cities. Racial violence, unleashed in Miami in 1980, threatens to boil over in many places, especially if minority groups are con-

vinced by their leaders that the federal government is abandoning them. (Mr. Reagan instead wants to enlist the aid of industry in fighting unemployment and other economic ills.)

Trouble areas are legion. Latin America awaits the Reagan administration's response toward the internal war in El Salvador. The upward spiral of OPEC oil prices would seem beyond Mr. Reagan's influence to control.

Overseas, the Soviets will provide one test after another. At the moment, Moscow is solidly behind Libya's merger with Chad — bringing the radical Arab regime right up to the Sudanese border, with the ability to destabilize much of the mineral-rich sub-Saharan region.

On the other hand, direct Soviet-U.S. ties are likely to improve. The Soviets respect power. At a recent party at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, former President Richard M. Nixon told Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin he felt that "rather than this being a period with a danger of war, it will be the opposite."

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger chimed in: "The Soviets want a predictable administration. And in a curious way, I think they want one that puts limits on them. Their system is not capable of operating under the principle of self-restraint."

Only U.S. power can limit the Soviet appetite. Mr. Reagan understands this cardinal fact.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Most of us are living "in the fast lane," as the song goes. Our days flit by, as weeks dissolve into months, and before we know it, we are beginning a new year.

It's a time when people around the world look back on the accomplishments of the past and set goals for the future. Self examination and goal setting are not limited to this time, but perhaps we can be motivated to slow down and take a long look at our priorities.

A friend of mine did this by following a suggestion she read to fill one 8½-by-11-inch page with goals she wished to accomplish in her lifetime. The page had to be completely covered, with no margins left blank.

After this, she was instructed to cross out, one by one, the goals of lesser importance, until the major goal of her life was left. She found that even more than claiming for herself a position in God's Kingdom was her desire that her children be there.

To her chagrin, the next question was, "What percentage of your time is allotted to accomplishing that major goal?"

Even though your top goal might not be the same as hers, I'm sure the success of your children would rank right at the top of your list. It does on mine. But what does success mean to you?

In some of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's recent *Wall Street Journal* ads he has encouraged readers to write for his booklet *The Seven Laws of Success*. When was the last time you read this fantastic little booklet? Reviewing this book myself recently drove home the point that success by the world's

standards has little import compared to the success of qualifying for the Kingdom of God.

After fulfilling our commission as part of this Church, to support Mr. Armstrong as he witnesses to the world, our No. 1 priority should be to qualify, along with our families, for a position in God's Kingdom. We need to work at it daily, hourly, sometimes moment by moment. And Mr. Armstrong's book gives us the steps we need to take to be successes by God's standards.

In one of the most revealing passages in the New Testament, Christ gave us a biblical formula for success: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28, New International Version).

Ours has been called the "me-generation," a time when people have learned to look to their own interest with little concern about others. We emphasize self-fulfillment, self-realization, self-satisfaction, self-actualization. In self-help books and elsewhere, little is said about self-sacrifice, self-discipline, giving, caring, compassion.

From God's perspective, everyone can be successful. Hebrews 11 gives a list of people God considered successful. Some were rich; others were poor. Many were famous, but a large number were unknown. Some were healthy; others were sick. Some lived to an advanced age, while many died early and sometimes violently.

These people were all men and

women of faith whose success was measured by God's standards. Each was obedient to God, and each had the attitude of a servant.

Some people, it seems, have the extra drive, discipline, enthusiasm, strength, ability and/or determination that enables them to attain success in accordance with the world's standards. Some have special education and opportunities that enable them to get ahead. If you are like this, thank God. Humbly recognize that it is He who has given you the interests, capabilities, motivation and experiences that enabled you to be successful.

Our responsibility as Christians is to serve diligently, obediently and to the best of our capabilities — whether or not we obtain success by human standards.

The Bible never implies that it is wrong to achieve economic success, or to be well-known in our communities. But it is wrong to make these worldly marks of success our prime goal in life. It is wrong to manipulate or hurt others in our desire to get ahead. It is wrong to justify a lust for power and prestige. The Christian who is successful seeks to encourage, help and build up others. He or she is diligent in work, obedient to God, striving daily to qualify to enter the Kingdom of God.

This formula for success is completely at odds with the values of our society. It goes against the teaching of self-help books. Nevertheless, it is the basis of real and lasting success in God's eyes, the only real success.

Look at the first law of success again. Once we have learned the true meaning of success, then we have found the only right goal.

Mr. Armstrong, in his January *Good News Personal*, has designated 1981 the "year of the family." In order to make this a meaningful, successful year for every member of the family — husband/wife, parent/child, or begotten members of the Family of God, now is the time to think about our priorities — maybe even to set new commitments that may last us throughout eternity.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Satan's deception

Thank you for the newest article in the *W/N* about Satan deceiving any of us. I hope that won't ever happen, but only God can help us not to be deceived — being close to God.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bickel
Brighton, Colo.

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Valuable services

My thanks to *The Worldwide News* and Mr. Armstrong for the beautiful tribute given in appreciation for the valuable services to the Church and devotion in friendship of Mr. Stanley Rader. A very timely article beautifully done by one who recognizes his fine qualities. I'm sure it was read with pleasure by all.

Julia Foushee
Greenwood, Miss.

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Profitable servant

From your article on Mr. Rader I've learned what it really means to be a profitable servant. To do much more than is required is pleasing to God. I've put the practice to work where I'm employed some time ago. I feel great because it's not going unnoticed by my Father.

Bernard M. Brewster
El Paso, Tex.

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News analyses

I want to commend you on the *W/N* staff for the excellent work you have been doing. I especially want to point out the news analyses. Gene Hogberg has been doing "Political Shifts" in the Nov. 24 *W/N* was especially good in how it gave attention to the election of Michael Foot to the Labour Party leadership and the implications of that election. The Aug. 11 *W/N* article on "Iraq's Saddam Hussein . . ." is one I will always consider semiprophetic since six weeks later Iraq invaded Iran.

Carl Rupp
New Haven, Conn.

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Landscape crew

I would just like to thank you for the article in the Nov. 24, 1980, issue on the landscape crew. It is good, as a foreigner who has never seen the campus, to see pictures of the grounds, and as a gardener for a city council in New Zealand, to see how the grounds of God's campus are kept, compared to those in the world.

Carolyn Pasco
Greenhithe, New Zealand

Reminder heeded

So often I forget to pray for those of you at Pasadena who relentlessly serve the Church; by answering important questions, praying for healing and generally organizing, printing and distribution of booklets, magazines, etc. Thank you for the reminder that you also need our prayers, that God only can fight Satan for us.

Bonnie Phillips
Lethbridge, Alta.

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Deep appreciation

I can't express my deep appreciation to all of you for *The Worldwide News*. It surely points out to us the many areas to direct our prayers. All the articles are uplifting and very inspirational. We can express our love (by our prayers) to our brethren and the Work in all parts of the world.

Marjorie Barton
San Bernardino, Calif.

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Success laws

I also enjoyed the article on Carlton Green. If he can go through all that he has and succeed, there is still hope for my husband and me. At times we think we have it tough, but we are truly blessed.

Kathleen Banyai
Fruita, Colo.

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FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

The following is a Dec. 29 telephone interview between Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader in Tucson and Gene Burns of radio station WKIS in Orlando, Fla.

[We have with us today Mr. Stanley R. Rader, treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God and author of the book, *Against the Gates of Hell*, published by Everest House. And it's the story of an unprecedented assault on the Worldwide Church of God in California by the California attorney general.

You may recall, about a year ago, I guess it was, this was the subject of a 60 Minutes piece and pitched battles between Mr. Rader and the interviewer on that program. We're going to talk with Mr. Rader about where that action is at the moment and reflect on this very important case.

And I would say this is probably the most important case in church-state relations in the last 50 years in the United States, perhaps even longer than that. And it's important to get the matters of law, the impact on the First Amendment, fixed in our minds in this particular case. Mr. Rader, how are you today?

I'm just fine.

Are there any legal actions now pending against you on the part of the state of California?

No, they have dismissed all of their complaints, which, of course, were all of the civil nature. And we in turn have dismissed in the state court all of our complaints which were in the nature of counter claims.

And the only thing that we have to decide in the next 60 days is whether or not we will pursue our federal rights, which flow from the Civil Rights Act. And under that act we would have a right to redress for all the wrongs that were done to us, to all of those state officials who acted outside the law.

Have you been able to determine just how many people were involved in pressuring the state attorney general in bringing the action in the first place?

Well, actually there were very few people involved who had anything to do with the actual allegations, which were false, of course, but nonetheless which were made against the Church and its officials.

These were six former members. And there were two married couples so you only have really three people. And they were people who were more or less nominal members and nominal plaintiffs.

They had no firsthand contact with the organization, which would have put them into a position of having what some people would call "inside" knowledge. And they based all of their allegations on what lawyers call information and belief, but what you and I would call hearsay and gossip.

All the other people involved were people who were working for the government; they were bureaucrats. Actually a little-known part of the attorney general's office is constituted as the charitable trust division, which came into existence about 12, 13 years ago.

And this small part of the attorney general's office had the responsibility under an act that was passed back in 1967 to, shall we say, monitor and supervise to the extent necessary, charities such as the YMCA and the United Fund and all the various kinds of charities that there might be in the state of California. But churches were specifically taken out of that particular statute.

And lo and behold, in the aftermath of the Jonestown tragedy in Guyana in November of 1978, about two years ago, these bureaucrats seemed to think that there was

a green light given to them to exercise dominion and control over churches and that's what brought this whole lawsuit about. Those are the people whom we have to consider when we think of our civil rights.

Despite the fact that churches had been specifically written out of the law?

That's correct. But you must remember, Jonestown was a hideous thing. It was brought to the consciousness of the entirety of the world.

And [Jim] Jones was from California and had a very interesting background, because he was the darling of the politicians out here. He worked hand in hand with many of them in the San Francisco Bay area, worked very closely with [Jimmy] Carter in '76 during his drive for the presidency and helped turn out the vote for them.

And therefore, when this tragedy hit, there was a lot of clamor, not necessarily justified, but nonetheless, it was a very strong argument that maybe the state of California in its official aspects did not do enough to prevent the Jonestown tragedy.

I don't think they could have prevented these people, in a free society that we have, from leaving the country and going to Guyana. And once they were there, of course, the U.S. didn't have any jurisdiction over them.

But nonetheless, when the government is attacked — we learned this in Watergate and we found out from "Billygate" and the like — the first thing the people do when they are attacked is they lie.

And the second thing they do is they try to cover up. And the third thing they do, if they have a chance, is to look around for a target of opportunity. And we turned out to be that target of opportunity.

So you think that on balance the state of California's attorney general moved against you as an overreaction to the suggestion that California had not moved against...?

Very clearly. And unfortunately it came at a time when the attorney general was going out of office, and for two years prior to that time he'd been running around the state of

But the moment we resisted the lawsuit, the moment we defended, those six people dropped away, fled to the far corners of the world trying to find a way to avoid our putting them under oath. And the state of California for almost two years became the sole-appointed plaintiff.

In the meantime, however, awesome damage was done to your operation. You had to start paying enormous amounts of money, which were certainly not in your budget to keep the trustee and his office running. Have you ever recovered any of those?

No, that's what we have to consider. We did suffer tremendous amount of damage. We lost about \$5 million worth of income during this particular period of time.

We were ordered to pay out a half-million dollars to the receiver, whom by the way, Mr. Armstrong

forced to Harvard, but for that combination of circumstances, as well as our own spiritual resources, which, of course, come from God, our financial resources, which He blesses us with, our physical resources and our human resources, all of which were marshaled under Mr. Herbert Armstrong's strong leadership, but for that combination of circumstances, the state and a handful of people would have been able to have their way. That meant they would have bent this Church to its will, changed its structure from that of hierarchical, which is under the government of God, into something else called a congregationalist church.

They would have thrown out the modern leader of the Church for over 50 years, Mr. Herbert Armstrong. And if they didn't succeed in doing those things, they would have destroyed the Church and would not

strong adversary in Mr. Herbert Armstrong, a man who has led this Church through all kinds of problems, thick and thin, and God put him there, and God has kept him there, and this is one of the battles I guess, which God intended him to fight.

But it is a little disturbing to me that no precedent was set in the other direction either. In other words, I would have liked to have seen the U.S. Supreme Court say categorically and unequivocally that you have transgressed on the First Amendment and make it quite clear that the next time some attorney general's office selects a target of opportunity like the Worldwide Church of God, they can see the Worldwide Church of God, the California attorney general for their guidance. Does that disturb you at all?

Well, actually, my book is incom-

"As it turned out they had a very strong adversary in Mr. Herbert Armstrong, a man who has led this Church through all kinds of problems, thick and thin, and God put him there, and God has kept him there, and this is one of the battles... God intended him to fight."



dubbed immediately the "deceiver." And we had our lines of credit, which had been very carefully nurtured after being established, we had them broken, which meant we had to deal on a cash-and-carry basis, which threw a great burden upon the institution. And of course, maybe most important, our reputation, our name, has been injured in some quarters.

By the same token, since we won the matter and came to the attention of a greater number of people in the public, those who managed to keep an open mind and were not thrown, shall we say, totally away from the truth by the big lie, those people are more cognizant of what we are, what we are doing, what we say, why we do it, why we say it, who our members are. And as a consequence now, the Church is enjoying growth. So it was somewhat of a mixed blessing.

You are a lawyer, an educated man, you are an accountant among other things, you have a long history with the Church and its college, Ambassador College, so you are, let us say, sophisticated. Were you, even you, shocked at the awesome power the state brought to bear and that you were absolutely powerless to do anything about?

It's very difficult to really state how stunned and shocked I was. Basically I am an educated person, I thought I was a sophisticated lawyer, that meant someone who was

have batted an eye. It was a frightening thing. And as I go back and re-read some of the words that I wrote in my own book, I shudder.

Now, for example, this is Dec. 29, and two years ago on Dec. 29, I was enjoying a few days of relaxation after a return from the Middle East with Mr. Armstrong. And just a few days later this was all to break over our heads. And I mean, it came with no warning, not even the courtesy of a phone call or an inquiry.

And we're talking about an institution of 50 years' standing, which has an exemplary public record in every nation of this world, including those behind the Iron Curtain and the People's Republic of China.

You can't find a black mark about this institution anywhere. We are a friend of all people — black, white, yellow; all races, all creeds, all religions. We help others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

And notwithstanding that, a handful of people working in the state attorney general's office, paid public servants by the way, people who earn their bread on my tax dollars, they were able to do this to us.

And but for that unusual combination of circumstances, which can really be summed up within our Church as, but for the fact that this was and is the Church of the living God, we would have been destroyed. But it was a very close call nonetheless.

"In the aftermath of this lawsuit and its final outcome, many, many seminars are being conducted all over the United States. Many symposia are also being organized."

California trying to become governor. And therefore, you know the adage, when the boss is away the mice will play, and these bureaucrats were playing.

Then the lawsuit came five or six days later, that the attorney general left office, his name having been involved in the case. Of course, a new attorney general came into power, and by the time his honeymoon period was over, and he found out where the key to his office was, and who worked for him, the state had painted itself into a corner.

Did the state move against you on its own recognition, or did it move in the name of the six dissidents?

Well, from a technical standpoint, it's a very interesting matter. But I hope it doesn't bore your audience. There is a rather abstruse section of the California administrative code, which provides that under certain circumstances, individuals from the public can get leave to sue in the name of the state. And that's what these six people did.

quite well-tuned into the way the entire judicial process works and the way the government works.

I was a law professor at the University of Southern California. I am a person who is very well informed and aside from [former U.S. Secretary of State] Henry Kissinger and Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong, no one in the world has traveled more.

So, none of this was something that I anticipated, it's not anything that any person, who would be able to say he had the same kind of experience I have had, would have been able to contemplate. And what would have shocked me the most was the way the judicial system and the entire process could be subverted or perverted by a handful of people.

And but for an enlightened legislature and the massive support as friends of the court that we received from all the major and minor denominations of this country, as well as the civil libertarians and the constitutional lawyers from Stan-

Can you envision a similar attack being made, let us say, on the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles? In other words, were you attacked as this so-called target of opportunity because you were not a mainline church?

That's exactly right. In other words, we were attacked for a combination of reasons. One, we were not mainline, which meant that we were unorthodox, but not "off the wall." That was very important because we are enough like the other mainline churches so that a precedent against us would have been an important one for the state.

We looked like we were small enough to be handled easily, large enough so that the precedent would be good. And they had heard, and of course, it was false, that we were a hopelessly divided church led by an old man living in the desert. And they built a Howard Hughes syndrome around him in their complaint.

As it turned out they had a very

plete in one major respect. You see, I sent the book to the publishers in February of 1980. But in June of 1980, the state legislature began to move. And a bill was introduced by a state senator by the name of Nicholas Petris of Oakland, Calif., and that bill was designed to strip the attorney general of the state of California of any powers that he asserted under California law that would have given him this right and this duty to take over churches, exercise supervision, control over them and actually to claim that all church property belonged to the state.

And during the months of June, July and August, that bill went through the California legislature, came out and is now referred to commonly as Senate Bill 1493.

And it was overwhelmingly passed by both houses of the California legislature by a vote, for example, in the senate of 52 to 1, and by a 52 to 12 vote in the assembly. And then it was signed into law on Sept. 30 by Gov. [Edmund] Brown [Jr.].

And it's that bill really that pretty much forced the attorney general's hand. It was a very clear mandate of the legislature for all people to realize that there is a First Amendment in the Constitution of the United States, that it was made applicable to the states by reason of the Fourteenth Amendment, and that churches are not supposed to be trampled upon by ambitious politicians, ambitious states, ambitious bureaucrats and the like.

So really a precedent has been set. Now in our country, we have too many people, I'm afraid, that think the only time that we can have a law of the land properly decreed is when the Supreme Court gives us that, shall we say, mandate. And those are nine people who are appointed by the President with the consent of the Senate.

In this case the democratic process really worked, we had a California legislature representing all the people of the state of California. They aired the question very thoroughly, meaning all the issues were very well aired, ventilated. And everybody had an opportunity to be heard.

It was a very highly volatile issue. It was very much on the minds of all the radio stations, television stations, newspapers. They all wrote or uttered their own editorials. And by the time they all got through, everybody had had a piece of the argument. And the state legislature acted, it acted to protect all the churches, all of whom, by the way also were involved in that battle in the state legislature. And all the constitutional lawyers and all the

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Brethren of the **ABBOTSFORD, B.C.**, church gave a farewell party for minister Dave Register and his family Dec. 13. Light refreshments were served after the morning service. The members gave the Registers crystal and appropriate gifts for the children. *A.L. Hankey*.

BELLE VERNON, Pa., brethren filled Manor Lanes in Hopwood, Pa., for an afternoon of bowling and fellowship Dec. 25. *Mark Hardway*.

The **BETHLEHEM, Pa.**, church enjoyed a social Dec. 27. The evening began with a covered-dish supper, followed by movies and games for the children and square dancing for the adults. Music was provided by Faith Merman on the accordion and Frank Merman on guitar, accompanied by Janice Kinsel on drums, Bud Crawford on bass and Stewart Knerr on guitar. Mr. Merman was the caller. *Margaret Fritts*.

The **BIRMINGHAM, Ala.**, church's annual fair took place Dec. 13. Live country music, poke bonnets and overalls contributed to the country theme. Fairgoers enjoyed booths, a toy walk and a dessert walk. Arts and crafts were displayed at the country store, along with items for sale. Posters by school-age children were judged and ribbons awarded for each grade. The fair raised money to help finance socials throughout the year. *Helen Garrison*.

A family night for the **BOSTON, Mass.**, brethren took place at a Boys' Club Dec. 27. The evening began with a deli-stand, which included hot dogs, sandwiches, soft drinks, milk and baked goods. Duncan McLeod emceed a talent show, which included Judy Field, Lori, Sandra and Joy Swanson and Adriana Monsalvo. Ken Burgess played the guitar and led members in a sing-along. For the young there were video games and movies. The older children played soccer. Others played volleyball and table games. The evening was topped off with a basketball game between the Boston and Providence, R.I., churches, which Boston won 68-60. *Cynthia Gordon*.

A surprise housewarming party was given by the **BRAINERD, Minn.**, brethren for Stan and Carolyn McNeil Dec. 14 to convey warm wishes of welcome to their new pastor and his wife. A potluck meal was served, and a centerpiece gift was presented to the McNiels.

Next week the brethren went roller skating. YOU sponsored the event. *Linda McAllister*.

Families and friends of the **BUFFALO, N.Y.**, church enjoyed a dinner-dance Dec. 27 at the American Legion Hall in Orchard Park, N.Y. A catered roast beef and turkey dinner was served. The New Sounds provided a variety of music. *Ronald R. Wlodyska*.

The **CAMBRIDGE, England**, church enjoyed its first social Nov. 29 at Grantchester Village Hall. The evening began

with a potluck. Next came the children's games, ending with a game for the five babies of the congregation. Entertainment included The Travellers, recitations, personal poems, a soloist, a trumpet and comedy acts. Two quizzes were arranged; Stephenie Schroeder won the children's, and Jim and Mary Hammond, the adults'. The evening concluded with a family sing-along. *Sylvia R. Law*.

The **CHAMPAIGN, Ill.**, congregation enjoyed an international party at the community center in Monticello, Ill., Dec. 6. Each family dressed in traditional garb of a nation and brought covered dishes representative of that nation for the potluck. Winners of the dress awards were the Mervin Borkholder family, authenticity; the Robert Schnell family, most colorful; and Norma Kahler, the most imaginative. Minister Garry Pifer emceed a fun show that included the singing and playing of the Don Howie family, the pantomiming of Clyde Wait and the dancing of Maxine Baurer. *Garry Pifer*.

The **CHATTANOOGA and COOPER HILL, Tenn.**, YOU and Young Adults' Club had a camp-out at the home of Jim Skinner Dec. 20 and 21. Families were also invited. A hayride followed a wiener roast. *Elizabeth Preno*.

The **COLUMBIA, S.C.**, brethren welcomed their new associate minister Dave Register and his family Dec. 27 with a reception after services. *Paul Nowlen*.

CONCORD, N.H., brethren are enjoying an activity-packed winter. Minister Dan Rogers has booked a school gym for almost every other Saturday night, where members can participate in or watch basketball, volleyball, wrestling, floor hockey, movies, table games, art instruction and children's musical jamborees. *Harry J. Ledger*.

The **DALLAS, Tex.**, NORTH and SOUTH churches enjoyed their second annual Harvest Fair Dec. 14 at the National Guard Armory in Irving, Tex. The afternoon began with a carnival midway of games for all ages. Winners were Kenneth Swisher, men; Debbie Hard, women; Jimmy Ross, YOU boys; Kim Correa, YOU girls; Brian Clark, youth boys; and Marrie Anne Wilson, youth girls. Baking contest winners were Anita Turner, cookies; Cheryl Miller, pies; and Margie Luster, cakes. The winners' names were engraved on the annual Harvest Fair activities plaque. After the judging, the entries in the baking contest were served for dessert, following a chili and hot dog dinner. *Stephen Sidars*.

The **DICKSON and JACKSON, Tenn.**, churches combined efforts to raise money by having a bazaar at the flea market mall in Clarksville, Tenn., Dec. 7 and 14. Items donated by brethren ranged from dolls to honey. About \$600 was netted. *Pat Dobson*.

The results of the **EVANSVILLE, Ind.**, fruit sale were announced by coordinator Tom Miller Dec. 6. A total of \$1,254 was raised for the church fund, with YOU making a profit of \$262 for their fund. Top salespersons Brenda Eades, Dorothy Webb, Chuck Brooks and Gary Campbell each won a dinner for two. *Kathy Duncan*.

Members of the **FLINT, Mich.**, church and guests enjoyed a musical performance by the combined choir from the Detroit and Flint, Mich., and Toledo, Ohio, churches Dec. 20. Under the direction of Robert Dunham, the choir sang three numbers. Don Bourdeau accompanied on the piano. Mary Ann Ewald sang a soprano solo. Later in the evening a potluck was served. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moody helped coordinate the event. *Joann Whitehead*.

Brethren of the **FORT MYERS, Fla.**, church viewed a video recording of the St. Petersburg, Fla., Feast talent show Dec. 13 when Mr. and Mrs. Ron Peterson of St. Petersburg visited and showed the program. *Bonnie Friebe*.

Brethren from the **FORT WAYNE, Ind.**, church and deaf brethren from the tri-state area and Canada gathered at the home of Lowell and Sue Elzey in Bluffton, Ind., for a supper and Bible study Nov. 28. Minister Steve Smith conducted the Bible study, and the next day James Reyer, a minister from Des Moines, Iowa, gave the sermon. Dave Porter and Mary Stetler interpreted the messages for the deaf. The remainder of the weekend was spent socializing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bergman. *Chris Bergman*.

The **GAYLORD, Mich.**, church had a potluck and sing-along following Sab-

bath services Dec. 6. Minister Gary King accompanied on guitar. *J. Sumner*.

The **HAMMONTON and TRENTON, N.J.**, brethren enjoyed a Feast of Tabernacles slide show and potluck dinner Dec. 20 and 27, respectively. Members brought slides of their Feast experiences. More than 300 slides from 12 Feast sites were selected for the show. *James F. and Grace A. Stokes*.

The **HARRISBURG, Pa.**, church enjoyed fellowship, fun and food following services Dec. 13. After a potluck, the children gathered for organized games, followed by a shower of balloons containing gift tags for each child. The adults

ly-style supper. Then came 45 minutes of dancing. *Joanne Banner*.

On Dec. 6, church services took place for the first time in **MOJAVE, Calif.**. The members in the area had been meeting in Lancaster, Calif., but moved to this new location, with Al Mischick as pastor. *George Anderson*.

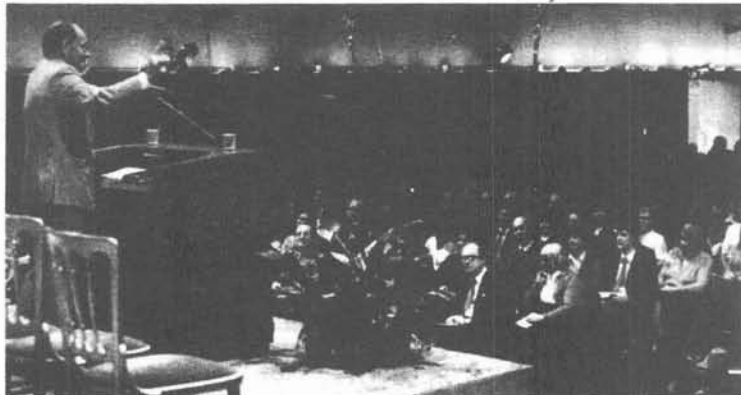
It was hayride time for the **MONROE, La.**, church Saturday night, Dec. 13. A bonfire was built behind the church's building, and winners were roasted. Inside, the brethren enjoyed chess, dominoes, card games and a slide show of Ambassador College. Others enjoyed the hayride. *Joyce Brown*.

A social for the **MOUNT POCONO, Pa.**, brethren took place Dec. 13. After a meal of chili and crackers, everyone enjoyed a talent show, followed by an auction led by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merman. *Margie Storm*.

The **ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**, church had its annual fall yard sale Dec. 7 and 8. Advertised as having everything imaginable, the sale had a steady flow of customers both days and raised funds for the church youth program. *Lavene L. Vorel*.

The **JOY group of the ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**, church enjoyed a buffet breakfast at a motel in Pinellas Park, Fla., Nov. 16. A film entitled *Europe United* was shown, followed by an explanation of the Common Market according to biblical prophecies. *Coleena Simonson*.

A card signed by **SAN DIEGO, Calif.**, church members was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ivicic, both of whom are seriously ill, Dec. 15 by ministers Norman Smith and Camilo Reyes and their wives at the Ivicic's home in Cardiff, Calif. Mr. Ivicic has served as a local



FEEDING THE FLOCK — Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse speaks to brethren at Brent Town Hall in London, England, Dec. 13 during his tour of Britain and parts of Europe. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Philip Stevens]

enjoyed games such as cards, chess and Scrabble. Musical accompaniment to the games, pass the hot potato and musical chairs, was provided by Edie Weaner and Bryan Duttera. The evening ended when the children popped their balloons to retrieve their gift tags. *Pam Brubaker*.

HOUSTON, Tex., EAST brethren gathered at Galveston County Park Dec. 20 for a chili dinner and square dancing. The caller was Jack Carringer. *Shirley Scott*.

The **JACKSONVILLE, N.C.**, brethren had an international night Dec. 14 to wish farewell to minister Don Engle and his family, who are transferring to New Zealand. The evening began with a potluck representing many countries. The children made Japanese lanterns, which were hung from the ceiling. Les Josey introduced singers Grace Josey, Bob Blog, Valerie Lewis, Jim and Debbie Demoret and Bill Winn. The children sang "It's a Small World." Tom Whitmore and Charles and Judy Jackson presented their play *On the Road Again*. Six-year-old Rachel Radford danced the Hawaiian hula. After a short sing-along a slide show of 10 countries was shown: A pinata was then broken by the children. The members presented the Engles with a Waterford crystal decanter and four cordials. *JoAnn Winn*.

The third anniversary of the **KENOSHA, Wis.**, church was celebrated Dec. 7. The theme of the day was "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope." The celebration began with games and prizes for the children and socializing for the adults. The White Elephant Game, which involves rolling dice for a gift-wrapped prize brought by each member, was played. A slide show was presented by Ron Rendall. After a potluck dinner, the children watched *The Muppet Movie* and the adults danced. *Conni McClure*.

Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse spoke to 805 brethren at Brent Town Hall in **LONDON, England**, Dec. 13. It was his 500th address on his present tour of the churches. This address was the beginning of a tour of the United Kingdom and parts of Europe. *Paul Suckling*.

MACKAY, Australia, members met in the Senior Citizens Centre Dec. 13 for services by newly appointed pastor Bruce Dean. Following a potluck, the brethren had a family get-together at the Mackay Squash Bowl Centre, where the children and some adults went roller skating, while most of the adults enjoyed tenpin bowling. *Emmanuel Vella*.

The **MACOMB, Ill.**, brethren enjoyed drinks and cookies after services Dec. 20. Then they returned for a Bible study conducted by minister Jess Ernest. For the evening meal the congregation was divided into groups of 12, for a fami-

Members of the **NEW ORLEANS, La.**, church enjoyed a social Dec. 6. After a sermon by pastor Ralph Orr, the brethren enjoyed a potluck. French, Spanish and German cuisine was available. In the evening a square dance took place. While many adults learned to square dance, the children watched movies and played games. *Maurice Ledet*.

NEW ZEALAND members attended a camp-out at MacDonald's farm Dec. 24 through 29. Brethren participated in softball, indoor games and a barn dance. A Bible study and hymn-along took place Friday night, and Dennis Gordon conducted services the next day. *Debbie Beattie*.

The **ORPINGTON and MAIDSTONE, England**, churches took part in a night hike Nov. 30. The hike began at midnight, and the members walked 13 miles over the snow-covered Kent and Surrey countryside. Team leaders Laurence Frohn and Stephen Bearman used torches, maps and the stars to guide their teams to the finishing point, where a farmyard breakfast was served. *David S. Patey*.

After Sabbath services Dec. 20 the **QUEBEC CITY, Que.**, church enjoyed a Chinese night. Claude Vezina prepared seven courses of Chinese food, which were served by members dressed as Chinese waiters and eaten with chopsticks. Instead of fortunes, the cookies contained Bible questions. A Chinese theatrical production was the hit of the evening, with the children participating and receiving gifts at the end. *Lloyd Burnham*.

A work crew from the **RESEDA, Calif.**, church put a new roof on a member's home Dec. 28. This is only one example of the opportunities provided to the congregation in the past year to use their skills in service to the brethren. *Elaine Ford*.

More than 50 people of the **RICHMOND, Va.**, church attended a roller-skating party Dec. 21 at a rink rented by the church. *Chip Brockmeier*.

Fifty members of the **ROCKHAMPTON, Australia**, church traveled to Gladstone for lunch Dec. 7. The roast lamb meal was provided by Con and Helen Konstantinidis, who recently opened a restaurant. Guests included Terry Villiers, pastor of the Bundaberg, Australia, church, and his family. A collection of \$140 for the cost of the meal was donated to the church. *Bruce Dean*.

Members of the **ROLLA, Mo.**, church enjoyed a carnival-type social Dec. 7. Booths were set up with games for all ages. The ladies provided a meal of casseroles and a salad bar and snacks for the afternoon. At the end of the day drawings took place and prizes were given. *Aileen Wells*.

elder for many years, and his wife is a deaconess. Before the establishment of YOU, they conducted a youth-activity program. *Susan Karaska*.

The **SARNIA, Ont.**, brethren enjoyed a potluck dinner and the annual amateur show Dec. 13. Performers included The Beginners band with Harold Plain, Horice McCormick, Nadene McCormick and Robert Van Horn; Robert Meade on piano; Amy Stoner demonstrating exercise dancing; Lloyd Day on the harmonica; vocalist Valerie McCormick; the Brennan family with a skit; Floyd Fleming; Sandy Adams and his three children with a Scottish number; pantomimist Frank Thomas; Steve Meade on trumpet; and Estel Grimes reading poetry. "Commercials" were performed by Paul Harris and Laurie and Don Bourdeau. *Iva Mar Grimes*.

The **TONASKET, Wash.**, church had a family night Dec. 27. Following services and a potluck dinner, the activities began and included games for those of YES age, a discussion by minister Gerald Flurry with the YOU and dancing for every age, led by minister Eldon Davis and his wife. *Linda McDaniel*.

The **TUCSON** church sponsored a potluck supper Dec. 6 at the Tucson Women's Club. After the meal, YOU members offered their services in a slave sale. As each YOU member mounted the auction block, he or she was sold to the highest bidder for purposes such as yard work, housecleaning, painting, babysitting or stable work. Their work period began at once and will last until the spring Holy Days. Harold Lee was the auctioneer. The YOU made more than \$200 on the sale. *Ruth VanBlair*.

Brethren of the **VICTORIA, B.C.**, church enjoyed a social Dec. 25. Minister Joe Cheperdak emceed a talent show, which included acts by the children's choir and the YOU. The youngest solo performer was 7-year-old Dawn Rabe. The show was followed by refreshments and dancing. The YOU sold chocolate bars, and a 5-lb. bar was raffled and won by Margaret Labar. *P. Crompton*.

Minister Ron Jameson and his family visited the **WALTERBORO, S.C.**, church Dec. 20. Mr. Jameson served in the area for a few years and now pastors the Greenville, S.C. church. After services a potluck was served. *Jo Morris*.

The **WHEELING, W.Va.**, church celebrated New Zealand Nite Dec. 13 with a potluck meal, entertainment and films. The event gave pastor Lyall Johnston and his family the opportunity to describe their native land. Highlight of the evening was the performance of a Maori poi dance by Karen Johnston, a Maori dress film clips, supplied by the New Zealand Embassy, were narrated. (See CHURCH NEWS, page 5)



NEW ZEALAND DANCE — Karen Johnston, daughter of pastor and Mrs. Lyall Johnston, performs the traditional Maori poi dance at the Wheeling, W.Va., church's New Zealand Nite Dec. 13. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Pete Bernardi]

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by Mr. Johnston and his son Paul. The Johnstons will be returning to New Zealand.

The church completed its annual fruit sale, announced pastor Lyall Johnston in services Dec. 20. Oranges and grapefruit were sold by members for a profit of \$3,600, which will go to the social fund and YES activities. Don Pickenpaugh.

CLUB MEETINGS

The ASHEVILLE, N.C., Executive Speaking Club had its first ladies' night of the year Dec. 21 at the Holiday Inn. Dean Williams got the evening off to a lively start with table topics. Leon Stepp gave his first graduate speech, entitled "Treasury of Memories." Members and their wives dined and then finished the evening in fellowship. Steve Terhansy.

The Graduate Club of ATLANTA, Ga., had a ladies' afternoon session Dec. 21. Each member prepared an hors d'oeuvre. Pastor Harold Lester opened the meeting. Chairman Bill Kelly introduced speakers Wiley Bass, Pat Lynch, Theron Hubbard, Paul Wright and Harold Douglas. After the break for wine and hors d'oeuvres, Phil Haynes presented table topics. Mr. Kelly and Gordon Schmidt each received a bottle of wine for preparing the best dishes. Glen Lanier.

As a service project the BERMUDA Spokesman Club took 16 disabled patients of the King Edward Memorial Hospital for an afternoon drive Dec. 7. The route included the city of Hamilton, scenic North Shore, St. George's Town Square and the South Shore. Cecil Pulley handed out hibiscus flowers to the women patients and passed out snacks along the way. Senior Pulley.

The theme of the BINGHAMTON, N.Y., Ladies' Club Nov. 23 was "The Virtuous Woman." After a buffet brunch, hostess Dolores Bock spoke on the purpose of the club and was followed by coordinator Hazel Lambert, who introduced table topics. Pastor Britton Taylor challenged club members to become virtuous women, as in Proverbs 31. Floral arrangements were made by Dolores Bock and Mable Curnow. Colleen Close was selected to plan sunshine baskets for shut-in brethren. Eleanor Lukowski.

The CHICAGO, Ill., WEST Women's Club had its monthly meeting Dec. 7. Quilt making and embroidery were explained by Pat Jerolds and Ruth Wfemeister. Tanya Thomas gave table topics and Rozel Henn gave her ice-breaker. Pam Chochola reviewed the planned fund-raising projects. During the break, club members presented a cake and a money tree to Karen Lee, who was readmitted to Ambassador College for the spring semester. Club advisor Norma Holladay commented on the need for serving the family and the Church. Karen Lee.

The Women's Club of COOKEVILLE, Tenn., sponsored its first Family Fun Fair at the community center Dec. 14. A country store was set up and participants tried their luck at different booths. The favorite activity was the dunking tank, where even pastor Darris McNeely took his turn in the tank. The fair ended with an auction of all items not sold or won in the games. A covered dish meal capped off the evening. The club raised more than \$700. L. Arlen Bryant.

The ELKHART, Ind., Ladies' Club had a euchre party Dec. 9 at the home of Millie Lanter. Winners were Jenny Lanter, first place; and Nila Evans and Brenda Emmert, who tied for second. The Dec. 23 meeting, led by pastor Rand Millich, continued in the series on the virtuous woman, covering child rearing. P. Shallenberger.

The EUGENE, Ore., Spokesman clubs sponsored a steak dinner and ladies' night Dec. 13. Speakers included Steven Glover, Tim Martins and Les French. Table topics were conducted by Doug Lindley, and emcee for the evening was Glenn Harmon. Prizes were awarded to Linda French and Vickie Makinson for best comments during the evening. The Wives.

The Dec. 7 meeting of the EVANSVILLE, Ind., Ladies' Club was opened and led in business by Sandra Fentress. The theme of the meeting was making the Sabbath a delight. Hostess Brenda Eades introduced table-topics leader Sheila Duncan and speakers Dorothy

Webb, Henrietta Kissel and Sandra Fentress. Kathy Duncan.

The Concerned About People Club of FLINT, Mich., enjoyed a meeting Dec. 22 on the topic "Sharing Ideas for Spiritual Growth and Development." Minister Robert Richards and his wife Glenn were host and hostess. The club's overall theme for the year is "Enriching Your Spiritual Commitment." Linnea Haas is the club adviser and director. Susan Howe is president, and Louise Anderson is vice president. Joann Whitehead.

The 1980-81 FLORENCE, S.C., Spokesman Club met Dec. 13 at the Holiday Inn. Pastor Paul Kieffer asked each member to give an icebreaker. Officers are Gordon Davis, president; Paul Christmas, treasurer; and A.J. Prosser, sergeant at arms. Charles B. Edwards.

Twenty-three ladies met for the first GLASGOW, Scotland, Ladies' Club Dec. 13. Linda Gillingham led table topics, and Mary Munro and Lynn Meakin gave icebreakers. Hostess was Angela Bone. Director Alan Brooks concluded by offering constructive criticism and explained that club is a training ground for spiritual growth. John Meakin.

The HAMMONTON and TRENTON, N.J., Spokesman clubs combined for a ladies' night Dec. 14. Members and guests dined on prime rib and chicken. Toastmaster was Cliff Haines. Toastmaster John Seddon introduced speakers Paul Wilberscheid, Terry Cole, Jeff Nissen, Bill Hier and Bill Keller. Director Vince Panella made closing comments about the importance of personal appearance and clothing. Terry D. Cole.

The HATTIESBURG, Miss., Literary Guild had its monthly meeting Dec. 6 at the YWCA. Members and guests

style chicken dinner, Frank Gardner conducted the table-topics session. Toastmaster Peter Mills introduced the speakers: Arthur Johnson, Peter Lovell, Ron Whiteman and Robert Crick. An overall evaluation was given by director Graham Mitchell, after which graduation certificates were presented by pastor Barr; Bourne to Roger Clark, Stuart Howes and Peter Mills. Ron Whiteman.

Members of the PASCO, Wash., Women's Club treated their husbands and dates to a Mexican fiesta dinner Nov. 22. Chicken enchiladas, refried beans and Spanish rice were prepared by the club members. Ice cream and Mexican tea cakes were served for dessert. After dinner some of the ladies performed a Mexican hat dance. Dennis R. Leap.

The ROCKHAMPTON, Australia, Spokesman Club had a ladies' night Dec. 20. President Henry Benson welcomed the ladies and other guests. Denis Pierce conducted the table-topics session. Speakers for the evening were Mal Treadwell, Ian McCully, Ted Lennox, who was awarded the Most Improved Speaker's trophy; and Robin Ogilvie, who received the Most Effective Speaker's award. Club director Bruce Dean then presented graduation certificates to Mr. Lennox and Mr. Ogilvie. Neville R. Hinricks.

"Growing Sprouts for Food and Fun" was the subject of the Manassas Women of Tomorrow Club of the ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., church Dec. 16. Hazel Worch, assisted by Brenda Hutchins, organized the meeting, which was at the home of Mary Shannon. Refreshments served by the homemaking committee were made by using sprouts they had grown. Hazel Worch.

Twelve ladies of the WACO, Tex., church met at the home of Nancy Amburgey Dec. 9 to organize a women's club for the area. Marjorie Hill led a



MEXICAN DINNER — Members and guests of the Pasco, Wash., Women's Club sample Mexican cuisine at a dinner Nov. 22. (See "Club Meetings," this page.) [Photo by Glenn Sheppard]

enjoyed a potluck before the meeting began. Clarence Reiner led the current events portion of the meeting. Reports were given by John Patterson on the magazine, *The Mother Earth News*, and by Sharon Ryer on the book, *How I Conquered Cancer Naturally*. Following a short break President John Cole opened for discussion the main topic of the evening, health and nutrition, by reading portions of the book *Psycho Dietetics*. Ann Yelverton.

The HOUSTON, Tex., EAST Women's Club heard guest speaker Billie Sue McNair, wife of minister Burk McNair, speak on "Christian Womanhood" at a luncheon meeting Dec. 9. Mrs. McNair was presented a ceramic piece in appreciation for her talk. Billie Post.

The LAKE CHARLES, La., Ladies' Club had its inaugural meeting Dec. 10 with 24 present. The meeting began with a covered-dish luncheon, after which pastor Dennis Doucet spoke on the development of the whole woman. Carmen Miller.

Members of the MIAMI, Fla., Leadership Club, under the direction of minister Al Kersha, treated their wives and guests to a prime rib dinner at their first ladies' night Dec. 15. Luciano Cherin conducted the etiquette session on proper use of the telephone, and Terry Coleman guided the topics session. Speakers were Rick Thomas, Ron Dupico, Raymond Johnson, Billy Martin and Mr. Kersha. Louetta S. Jones.

The NASHVILLE, Tenn., Ladies' Club met Dec. 7 for its monthly meeting. Hostess Wanda Stripling introduced Cathy Sutherland, who presented the story of Deborah in a poem. Mary Hutchison.

The NORTHAMPTON, England, Spokesman Club's first ladies' night took place Nov. 27. Following an Italian-

discussion of future meetings. Suggested projects included help for shut-ins, book reviews, handicrafts, exercise, discussions on nutrition and child rearing and sharing recipes and household hints. Jo Gail Fry.

The Spokesman Club of WHEELING, W. Va., met Dec. 15 at the church hall in Bridgeport, Ohio. Minister Maurice Preteroti spoke on practicing God's government. The evening featured two impromptu speeches and four impromptu evaluations. Charles Hough was toastmaster, and Tony Padden was toastmaster. At the Dec. 22 meeting minister Eli Rebich was director. Richard Easton conducted the topics session. Toastmaster Wayne McChesney introduced the five speakers. Jim Kocher.



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY PARTY — Children of the Kenosha, Wis., church play a game at the celebration of the church's third anniversary Dec. 7. (See "Church Activities," page 4.) [Photo by Roger Burns]



FLORIDA TOURNAMENT — Coaches hold the trophies their teams won in a softball tournament in Fort Myers, Fla., Dec. 14. From left: Ken Brady, Miami, Henry Bailey, Fort Myers; Jim Goins, Fort Lauderdale; and Sterling Bailey, Lakeland. Dale Yates of Tampa was not available for the picture.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The MOUNT POCONO, Pa., church honored its senior citizens at a brunch before services Dec. 20. Under the supervision of Bea Martin the YOU girls cooked and served a meal of creamed corn beef on toast and scrambled eggs. Margie Storm.

Thirteen senior members of the ROSEBURG, Ore., church took a guided tour through Wildlife Safari Dec. 14. The tour was arranged by Ann Daugherty. On Dec. 18 a senior Bible study was conducted in Reed and Geri Nielsen's home. Pamphlets of community services for senior citizens were given out, and laws passed by Congress on seniors' rights were discussed. Greg Johnson, a minister in the Roseburg church, then went through the book of Esther. Geri Nielsen.

Senior citizens of the ROSWELL, N.M., church met for a chili dinner Dec. 13 in the home of Pearl Brasher. It was a time of laughter, fellowship and lots of food. Tom Batho.

The monthly meeting of the SPRINGFIELD, Mo., 60-Plus Club took place Dec. 14 at Nixa, Mo. A potluck was served at noon, and club director Jess McClain conducted a business meeting. Pastor George Meeker answered questions from the books of Leviticus and Ecclesiastes relevant to a daily Bible reading program the church is doing. Larry Brake, Dottie Jones, Trinda Jones and Jackie Meeker were guests. Polly Rose.

The Seasoned Ambassadors of the WICHITA, Kan., church enjoyed a visit to the Wichita Omnisphere Earth-Space Center Dec. 14 to see *Star of Wonder*. The 48 members then enjoyed a chicken dinner. Pastor Judd Kirk and his wife Terry and assistant pastor Tom Tullis and his wife Louana joined the group for the activity. V. Burnett.

SINGLES SCENE

The Intermountain Singles of the BOISE, Idaho, church visited the Boise

Gallery of Art and the Idaho Historical Museum Dec. 28. Afterward a Mexican potluck was served. On Dec. 10 and 11 the singles had a used book and record sale, for which they had collected more than 900 items.

Singles of the COLUMBUS, Ohio, church sponsored a '50s rock-and-roll dance Dec. 13 at the Glenmawr Knights of Columbus hall. Recorded music was played by Steve Cantrell of WNNI-radio, and live music was supplied by Bobby Baker and the White Tornadoes band. The prize for the member who came the farthest was to Dave Cyphers of Sarasota, Fla. Other contest winners were Andy Diemer, best '50s costume; Carolyn Hampton and Jim Kell, dancing; Cynthia Dean, Hula Hoop; Daniel Wright, limbo; and Phyllis Heine, bubble-gum blowing. Michael E. Brandenburg and Beverly Earls.

Singles from the PASCO and YAKIMA, Wash., churches attended the Snoqualmie Pass snow party sponsored by the SEATTLE, Wash., singles Dec. 21. Because of a lack of snow, the group played a variety of games, shared lunch and got better acquainted. Carolyn Gemmill.

Singles in the WICHITA, Kan., area met for an evening of cards and Risk Dec. 6. Refreshments were served. J. Williams.

SPORTS

NASHVILLE, Tenn., was the site of the Tennessee Valley district volleyball tournament Dec. 14. Cookeville, Tenn., placed first; Knoxville, Tenn., was second; and Dickson, Tenn., third. Jackson, Tenn., was given the sportsmanship award. All-tournament team members were Doyola Turner, Penny Knowles, Valerie Lowhorn, Jan McFalls, Jan Robinson, Renee Caruthers and Patricia Gardner. Basketball teams from Bowling Green, Ky., Jackson, Dickson, Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., played for the remainder of the afternoon. Renne G. Mullins, Joe E. Dobson and Mary Hutchison.

The MONTGOMERY, Ala., YOU, YES (9- to 11-year olds) and men's basketball teams traveled to Andalusia, Ala., Dec. 7 to participate in a tournament with the Mobile and Geneva, Ala., churches. Laura E. Moore and C. Williams.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The YOU of ATLANTA, Ga., had a bake sale Dec. 25 as a fund-raising project. Cakes were donated by ladies in the church, and the project earned about \$80. Dena Nelson.

YOU members and parents of the BINGHAMTON and CORNING, N.Y., churches had a YOU awards dinner Dec. 7. A potluck dinner was followed by progress reports on different aspects of the chapter. Awards were then presented for sports activities, high scholarship and fund raising. Officers for the coming year were announced. Eleanor Lukowski.

The CLEVELAND, Ohio, EAST YOU had a hayride Dec. 20. After the ride through snow and zero-degree weather, the group went to a cabin for sloppy joes and hot chocolate. Carly Rieter.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ANSWORTH, Robert and Marlene (MacLeod), of Perth, Australia, boy, Nathan Ken, Dec. 7, 6:10 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

ALLEN, Ronnie and Rita (Brooks), of Champaign, Ill., boy, Bryan Lee, Dec. 19, 4:55 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

AVILES, Rufio and Eileen (Bennett), of Long Island, N.Y., boy, Michael Joseph, Sept. 20, 11:59 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BARNETT, Robert and Melody (Lampert), of Champaign, Ill., girl, Olivia Jensen, June 7, 2:10 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

BARTHOLOMEW, William H. and Stephanie (Dillies), of Tyler, Tex., girl, Crista Marie, Dec. 14, 3:32 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

BEARDSMORE, Peter G. and Dorothy C. (Caple), of St. Albans, England, boy, Daniel George, Dec. 18, 9:50 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

BEEBE, Bill and Debbie (Derso), of Pasadena, girl, Kelly Samara, Dec. 4, 6:44 p.m., 10 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

BRIQUE, Stephen and Margaret (Gobbe), of St. Marys, Australia, girl, Erin Margaret, Sept. 14, 10:30 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BURLESON, Steve and Beth, of Birmingham, Ala., girl, Kathleen Leigh, Dec. 24, 5:17 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

CASTRO, Reynaldo and Carol (Goodrich), of San Antonio, Tex., boy, Jesse Ray, Sept. 8, 10:33 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

CECALA, Donald J. and Ruth J. (Smith), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Aaron Lee, Aug. 12, 4:04 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

COOPER, Bob and Clara (Lundee), of Robert Park, Calif., boy, Michael Andrew, Dec. 26, 10:44 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DAUGHNETTE, Monte and Jo (Carmichael), of Tyler, Tex., boy, Derek Laban, Dec. 10, 4:37 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

DIXON, Robert and Beatrix (Hlamstra), of Edmonton, Alta., boy, Jonathan Mark, Nov. 24, 4:45 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DOW, Glenn and Karen (Trygby), of Anchorage, Alaska, boy, Justin Glenn, Dec. 9, 2:28 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

DOUGLAS, Jack and Linda (Spiney), of Sparks, Ill., boy, Joshua Clifton Hollis, Dec. 4, 8:23 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

DRENNAN, Lex and Margaret (Lutsam), of Ipswich, Australia, boy, Paul David, Dec. 7, 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

HANEY, Curtis and Darlene (Hall), of Gainesville, Fla., girl, Sherry Elizabeth, Dec. 24, 2:08 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 girls.

HAYDEN, Kirk and Laura (Griffin), of Wichita, Kan., girl, Jennifer Dawn, Jan. 2, 10:35 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

HAZARD, Donald and Venture, of Minneapolis, Minn., boy, Carlos Rufus Perry, Dec. 18, 2:03 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

HENSLEY, Larry and Mona (Atherton), of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Dana Anne, Nov. 25, 10:29 p.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HIGGINBOTHAM, Christopher and Tammy (Cressley), of Terre Haute, Ind., boy, Christopher Benjamin Jr., Nov. 17, 9:58 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOLT, Steve and Lynn (Erickson), of St. Paul, Minn., boy, Justin Frederick, Dec. 2, 7:46 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

HOOPER, Ronald and Linda (Cloninger), of Thousand Oaks, Calif., girl, Tracy Lynn, Dec. 8, 8:15 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ILKO, David and Edith (Reed), of Pittsburgh, Ohio, girl, Jodie Anne, Dec. 2, 8:01 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

JACOBS, Roger and Charlette, of Richmond, Va., girl, Jaime Anne, Dec. 19, 10:52 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

JARLSKOV, Ib and Ingeleen (Rihoff), of Aarhus, Denmark, girl, Anne Naomi, Nov. 20, 9:55 a.m., first child.

JASMIN, Peter and Lorraine (Legault), of Vancouver, B.C., girl, Tiffany Lorraine, Dec. 23, 8:08 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

JOHNSON, Gerald and Muriel (Biggs), of Flagstaff, Ariz., boy, Jesse Daniel, Dec. 2, first child.

KOESTER, Bruce and Sandra (McLain), of Portland, Ore., boy, Carl Calvin, Dec. 13, 12:49 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KOPS, Donald and Linda (Watts), of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Bradley Allen, Oct. 8, 9 pounds, now 2 boys.

KUMAR, Nareesh and Mahina (Kardoe), of Elkhart, Ind., girl, Sofia Vanessa, Dec. 25, 12:07 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

LEBARON, Bert and Lori (Baldwin), of Sheridan, Wyo., girl, Lariessa Lynn, Dec. 18, 8:22 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

LOVELL, Peter and Anne (Tabraham), of Northampton, England, girl, Sarah Anne, Sept. 8, 7:40 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

LOWE, Clifford and Mary (Burtin), of Rockville Centre, N.Y., girl, Reissita Alvia, Dec. 9, 1:26 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

LUDY, Lorel and Anna (Evans), of Soldotna, Alaska, girl, Virginia Crystal, Sept. 29, 11:49 p.m., 5 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

MANCUSO, Frank and Grace (La Verne), of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., boy, Frank Joseph III, Sept. 9, 2:30 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

MARSHALL, Ernest and Andrea (Smithson), of Edmonton, Alta., boy, Neil Alexander Ernest, Dec. 6, 10:25 a.m., 9 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MATTHEWSON, Terry and Jasnette (Nordstrom), of Yonkers, N.Y., girl, Joy Marie, Dec. 28, 4:08 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MCCULLEY, Mark and Toni (Ollasa), of South Pasadena, Calif., boy, Patrick Eugene, Jan. 3, 1:36 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

MEADOWS, Lonnie and Dian, of Russellville, Ark., boy, Nathan Chase, Oct. 24, 9:50 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MILLER, Gary and Barbara (Ries), of Pocatontos,

Ark., girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Nov. 29, 11:08 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

MILLS, Oweane and Lyn (Harris), of Fayetteville, N.C., boy, Clifford Earl, Dec. 16, 5:41 a.m., 10 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

OVERMAN, David and Jeannette (Barker), of Asheville, N.C., girl, Jeanne-Marie Louise, Dec. 16, 8:26 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

PETERSEN, Harry and Ida (Anderson), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Rachael Ann, Nov. 18, 11:23 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

RATLIFF, Lee and Pal (Porter), of Pasadena, girl, Lisa Christine, Dec. 14, 4:30 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

RICHEY, Daniel and Sharon (Funderburk), of Peoria, Ill., girl, Vette Marie, Oct. 24, 9:36 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 4 girls.

ROETTO, Nicholas and Victoria (Jensen), of Kalamazoo, Mich., girl, Lonnie McCrea, Nov. 15, 3:58 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SALVADORI, Anthony and Gema (Matlaco), of Milwaukee, Wis., girl, Celeste Matlaco, Dec. 7, 4:44 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

SCHNEIDER, Fred and Lori (Rapp), of Pasadena, girl, Jennifer Emily, Dec. 13, 1:34 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

SKINNER, Richard and Rose (Logar), of Cleveland, Ohio, girl, Sarah Ann, Dec. 10, 3:52 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

SMITH, Dean and Dorothy (Schrock), of Banning, Calif., boy, Brian Dean, Dec. 28, 9 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

STROY, Henry and Jacqueline (Turner), of Columbia, S.C., girl, Sherrille Lynne, Nov. 20, 11:14 p.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

THOMASCHESKY, Otto and Linda (Yeakle), of Argonne, Wis., girl, Lori Elizabeth, Nov. 6, 12:59 p.m., 6 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

TOTH, Jon and Sue (Voshell), of Jacksonville, Fla., girl, Alexa Melissa, Oct. 24, 11:08 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

WARREN, Paul and Teresa (Denbow), of Concord, N.H., girl, Cheryl Lynn, Nov. 27, 11:36 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

WHEATCROFT, Dennis and Sidi (Hunting), of Des Moines, Ala., boy, Robert Alan, Dec. 7, 7:06 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys.

WHYTE, Michael and Pat, of Toronto, Ont., girl, Kari-Jean Marie, Nov. 11, 11:45 p.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WICOMAN, Cliff and Linda (Turnbull), of St. Paul, Minn., boy, Ryan Christopher, Nov. 17, 7:54 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

WESMAN, Mark and Debra (Cohenback), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Michael Dale Wesman, Dec. 11, 3:37 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

WILLIAMS, Stanley and Lessa (Dillard), of Wichita, Kan., boy, Stanley Jr., Dec. 10, 10:38 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

WILSON, Michael and Joy (Bowling), of Bowling Green, Ky., boy, Michael Elihu, Feb. 13, 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

WONG, David and Marilyn (Tay), of Auckland, New Zealand, boy, Jason, Dec. 11, 2:30 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WOOD, Donald and Sybil, of Bennington, Vt., boy, Matthew Donald, Dec. 17, 7:30 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

WREN, Jim and Pat (Travis), of Birmingham, Ala., boy, Matthew Philip, Dec. 17, 4:43 a.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ZUBROWSKI, Gerard and Linda (Burford), of Baltimore, Md., boy, Daniel Marcus, Nov. 10, 4:28 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ethel C. Marsh of Baltimore, Md., is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Sherry Lee to Joseph Cavallo of Pasadena. A June wedding is planned.

Greg Smith and Minette Colline of Pasadena are happy to announce their engagement. They plan an April 5 wedding in Big Sandy, Tex.

Alise Elaine Hadley and Michael Jon Woodruff of Pasadena, Calif., are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding will take place April 4 in Evansville, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Claudine Miller of Peoria, Ill., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Brenda Joyce to Steven Douglas Handshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Handshaw of Garden City, Mo.

Mary Marlene Servidio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Naz Servidio, and David Michael Tobin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tobin of Erie, Pa., wish to announce their engagement. A July wedding is planned. The couple attend the Erie church.

Gabrielle Frocinchi and Larry Miller of Pasadena are happy to announce their engagement. A May wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. WILSON OBI

Catherine Enobeli and Wilson Obi were united in marriage Nov. 30 at the Ileso Community Centre, Lagos, Nigeria. The marriage was performed by Late A. Edele, pastor of the Lagos and Oyo, Nigeria, churches. The maid of honor was Yola Adediji, and best man was Emetale Kalu. The couple live in Lagos.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH AIME

Dorothy Hay, daughter of Corla Hay, and Kenneth Aime, son of Edith and Maurice Aime, are pleased to announce their marriage Aug. 31, in the community center of Riding Mountain National Park in Clear Lake, Man. Clyde Kluhoush, pastor of the Dauphin and Yorkton, Sask., churches, performed the ceremony. Best man was Douglas Aime, Mike Dowe, Allan Pardey and Tom Kowalski. Bridesmaids were Carol Kowalski, Janet Wood, Eve Purdy and Ruth Hay. The couple live in Winnipegosis, Man.



MR. AND MRS. M. CARTER

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Kyburz are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Susan Elaine Starnes to Martin Earl Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Carter. The ceremony took place Sept. 21 in the Italian Gardens at Ambassador College, Robin Weber, a minister in the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, officiated. Sandy Starnes, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Wayne Carter, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. JOE TERRY

Kathy Balchelor and Joe Terry were united in marriage Dec. 20 in St. Petersburg, Fla., by Richard McCall, a minister in the St. Petersburg church. The couple reside at 2635 12th St. St. Petersburg, 33704.



MR. AND MRS. MARK SCHLITT

Myr Bea Williamson and Mark William Schlitt were united in marriage Nov. 26. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Walter W. Walker, pastor of the Lubbock and Midland, Tex., churches. The couple reside in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gamble are pleased to announce the marriage of their eldest daughter Maureen to William S. Schrader, Dec. 14. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Michaelen, pastor of the Calgary, Alta., South church, at the Crossfield Community Hall, Crossfield, Alta. Christine Hay, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Keith Hay was the best man. The couple reside in Regina, Sask.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 34th anniversary to Mom and Dad, Willie and Louise Blount, Feb. 15. We love you very much, John, Gloria and Bradley.

To our dearest parents, Ite and Melina Barnett: We'd like to remember you on your 22nd anniversary, Dec. 31. We hope you find that each tomorrow you share will be more joyful than the last. Love, Michael, Barbara, Marilyn and Yvonne.

My big Bruce: Thanks for the past two wonderful years of marriage. Sharing life with you is truly a

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is Lyle William Durham, son of William and Sherry Durham of Portland, Ore.

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Baby's sex <input type="checkbox"/> Boy <input type="checkbox"/> Girl		Baby's first and middle names			
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Number of sons you now have*			Number of daughters you now have*		

*Including newborn

great blessing from God. Happy anniversary, Feb. 22. Love you so much, Your little Anne.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am interested in exchanging information with directors of junior churches in U.S. churches. What songs you use, teaching methods and preparations for the youth choir at the Feast. Paul Nowlen, Box 11, Jenkinsville, S.C. 29065.

Obituaries

ASHMORE, III. — Mark Andrew Bryan, 1-day-old son of Joel and Patti Bryan, died Nov. 20. Randy Holm, pastor of the Champaign, Ill., church, officiated at graveside services Nov. 21. Mark is survived by his parents and two brothers. They attend the Champaign, Ill., church.

BOISE, Idaho — Nancy Gifford, 91, a longtime member of God's Church, died Nov. 28. Jeff McGowan, pastor of the Boise church, conducted funeral services.

Mrs. Gifford was buried next to her husband in Emmett, Idaho. She is survived by a daughter Mrs. Vern Collette and several grandchildren.

CAIRO, W.Va. — Roy O. Harper, 46, died of a massive heart attack Dec. 25. Associate pastor Tim Snyder conducted memorial services at Raiguel Funeral Home in Harrieville, W.Va.

Mr. Harper, a longtime member of God's Church, is survived by his wife Marty; three sons, Craig, Jeff and Chris; and two daughters, Kelly and Jill.

CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. — K. A. Braman, 79, died Nov. 5 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Braman, who attended the Courtenay, B.C., church, is survived by a sister, Reta Pederson; a daughter, Norma Johansson; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. His wife Marie died in 1976.

DURANT, Okla. — Polly Anderson, 75, died Oct. 27 after a sudden illness. Gerald Witte, pastor of the Denison, Tex., church, officiated at funeral services.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by her husband V.E., one son, one sister, one brother and two grandsons.

ELIZABETHTOWN, N.C. — Inez Cole Ricks, 81, a 22-year Church member, died Dec. 6. Graveside services were conducted by Fayetteville, N.C., pastor Paul Kieffer.

Mrs. Ricks is survived by three daughters, Catherine Nommensen, Mrs. Edwin Clark and Mrs. Joseph Towloski; three sons, Leon Jr., Neil Ricks and Clarence Layton; a brother, Roland; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Jesse Monreal, 41, died of gunshot wounds Dec. 16. An 11-year-member of God's Church, Mr. Monreal was legally blind and is survived by his wife Sylvia, also legally blind. Other survivors are two sons,

Anthony, 18, and Matthew, 2; and a daughter, Mitzi, 16; all of Fort Worth.

Mr. Monreal was shot in the chest at the home of a friend, where he had gone to assist in some home repairs. Investigation of the incident has not been completed.

GADSDEN, Ala. — Lona Mae Jenkins, 66, died unexpectedly at home Nov. 17. William Winner, pastor of the Gadsden church, conducted funeral services.

Mrs. Jenkins is survived by four sons and six daughters. Her uncle, Cecil Holmes, is a member of the Gadsden church.

GLASGOW, Scotland — Tom Maxwell, 56, died in his sleep at Monklands Hospital in Airdrie, Scotland, Dec. 12 after a short illness.

Glasgow minister Allan Brooks performed funeral services for Mr. Maxwell, who is survived by his wife Nan, and two children, Colin and Helen.

LA PORE, Tex. — Paul Spence, 75, died Dec. 5 after a prolonged illness. Services were conducted by Hal Baird, pastor of the Houston, Tex., East church.

Mr. Spence is survived by his wife Marce, and daughter, Donna Balderas, both members of the Church.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Frank K. Allen, 81, died at home Nov. 26 from heart complications. He had been a Church member for 10 years. Funeral services were conducted by Gene Griffin, an assistant to Little Rock pastor Fred Kellers.

Mr. Allen is survived by a daughter, Marinda Holliman; three grandchildren, Kevin, Keith and Andrea; a son-in-law, Doyle R. Holliman; one brother; and one sister.

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. — Darren Dean Warkentine, 14, died unexpectedly Aug. 28. Glen Webber, pastor of the Prince George church, conducted funeral services.

Darren is survived by his parents, Roy and June Warkentine; five brothers, Gary, Greg, Kevin, Troy and Travis; two sisters, Sandra and Sharon; two grandmothers, Elizabeth Wolfe and Margaret Warkentine; and a grandfather, John Warkentine.

ROSWELL, N.M. — Michael Ulrich, 80, died Dec. 6 after an illness of several months. Arlie Patterson, a minister in the Roswell church, conducted the funeral service.

Mr. Ulrich is survived by his wife Kathryn; two daughters, Dorothy Ruth Painter and Priscilla Jane Hart; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

WINSTON, Ore. — Albert T. McLind, 82, died Oct. 15 after a short illness. Baptized with his wife in 1962, he attended services in Medford, Klamath Falls and Roseburg, Ore.

Services were conducted in Roseburg by pastor Greg Johnson. Mr. McLind leaves his wife Velma, of more than 50 years, three children, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

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civil libertarian groups came in.

And the result was that the governor of the state and the legislature of the state combined, told everybody that the law of the state of California must be consistent with the law of the land, notwithstanding anybody's ideas to the contrary.

So we're hoping that that will serve as a precedent, although, of course, all legislatures are comprised of men and the next legislature could turn around and change the law, but we would hope that wouldn't happen.

Have you had inquiries from people in other states who fear they have similar legislation that they need to perfect in attempting to profit from your experience?

Absolutely. As an outgrowth or, shall we say, in the aftermath of this lawsuit and its final outcome, many, many seminars are being conducted all over the United States. Many symposia are also being organized.

"These bureaucrats seemed to think that there was a green light given to them to exercise dominion and control over churches, and that's what brought this whole lawsuit about."

I and others who have had to be in the vanguard of this effort are being asked to participate, and various other groups are being formed. There is a very important one in California, which is called the First Freedom Committee, all of which is designed to protect the religious freedom of all people regardless of what their particular persuasion might be.

And actually I think that everyone has recognized now that the issue that came to the fore in California was even greater than that of religious freedom, because all the other rights are involved: freedom of speech, freedom of press and freedom of association. They are all wrapped up together in this particular case. And of course, they are all wrapped up as well in the First Amendment.

Well, also there's the philosophical matter that for those people who do not believe that the government has power, this is certainly a vivid example of just exactly what kind of awesome power the government can muster if it chooses.

Well, yes. In other words, they act first, and they ask questions later. A good example of that, for example, is what occurred really in Washington in January of 1979 when some shoot-first, ask-questions-later types from the Congress barged in on then Attorney General Griffin Bell, and that fine, courtly, Southern gentleman, kind of leaned back in his chair when they demanded an immediate federal investigation of so-called cults be mounted by his Department of Justice.

And he said, Gentlemen, I don't know what a cult is. But I'm a Baptist, he said, and I guess that makes me a cultist. Well, that ended this so-called federal investigation of cults.

But you can imagine what the result would have been if a different sort of man had been in the chair of the attorney general. We might have had some kind of witch-hunt going on.

And spent millions of dollars needlessly.

Exactly. Everyone, of course, would have forgotten that today's cult — whatever that word means — can be tomorrow's orthodoxy.

Let me ask you to characterize in as few words as you think it takes, and that's not the foreclosures obviously discussing it in detail, but I'm interested in your first reaction.

I know that you are personally irritated by the 60 Minutes treat-

ment of this story. And I'm curious to know whether you think they had a vicious intent, whether they were sloppy in their journalism, whether they set out to set you up. How would you characterize the way they handled this story?

Well, it was a very interesting episode in this entire matter. The 60 Minutes [producers] had wanted to do a story about the Worldwide Church of God for some time, even before the lawsuit, and I had repeatedly refused them access to me and others in our organization who were higher than I and did not want to be involved.

And when this lawsuit broke, the 60 Minutes producers again asked if we might be willing to be interviewed and the like and I said no. Then Mike Wallace himself came out personally and begged me, literally, to give him an opportunity to get involved in what he considered was a major constitutional battle.

I said, Mike, if that is your promise, if you will air the constitutional issue, you'll be doing us a great service, not only our Church and me and Mr. Armstrong, but all the other people, regardless of their religious persuasion.

I said, I don't mind you treating the other issue as well, which is whether or not the charges made by the state are true or false, that is something that you have a right to make inquiry about.

My major concern therefore, concerning 60 Minutes narrows down to only two things. One, Wallace totally broke his promise to me to air the constitutional issue. And if he had done so, he would have saved me a lot of time. Because when he had failed to do so and finally aired his program, then I had to step up my work and go around the country as a one-man Paul Revere sounding the alarm and also as a one-man truth squad.

And I did it quite effectively, and you see what the result was. But he reneged on the promise.

The only other thing that I was annoyed about with Wallace was that he had the arrogance to play in my presence, and then ultimately for the public, but in my presence was enough, a surreptitiously, illegally, unlawfully obtained tape recording of a conversation between Mr. Armstrong, Christ's apostle, and a minister of the Worldwide Church of God.

And even though I told him that that was a tape that had been illegally acquired, and since that time, by way of deposition, we have it all nailed down, we know who recorded it, when they recorded it, when they gave it to Wallace and the like.

And I made it very plain to Wallace and I made it plain in my book, that I wasn't concerned about the substance of the tape, the substance of the tape had been offered by me and our lawyers as affirmative positive evidence as early as Jan. 9 in the state court.

But it was the arrogance that a journalist, a supposed respected member of the fourth estate, would air a surreptitiously acquired tape, which, by the way, was in direct contravention of a penal code section of the California law. And we tried to get the district attorney to move against Wallace. Mr. Armstrong filed an affidavit and filed a complaint, but, of course, nothing was ever done about it.

That's my only complaint. My complaint about investigative, shall we say, reporting in general, is the same as that of the late Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. And he just simply said that it was the worst kind of reporting, totally one-sided, totally unreliable, totally sensational in its efforts, and only designed to arouse the worst in the

public.

And they generally go in with a particular bias. In other words, they went in and they decided that they were going to try to prove on their program that the Worldwide Church of God was comprised of bad people.

Now as it turns out, I'm the only example, along with Mr. Armstrong and the Church, the only group that have really made Mike Wallace and his people eat their words. They've had to repeatedly give updates on the story, each time correcting the impression that they left, not because of just some more evidence coming in, but because whatever they had suggested did not come to pass.

And they tried to label us as bad guys wearing black hats. It didn't work. So on balance I would say that the 60 Minutes program did not do the Work of the living God any damage. It probably helped us in the long run.

Have they ever come back to you to seek permission to do a follow-up now that the case is . . . ?

No, but they have done follow-ups. They announced that the suit had been dropped. That was one fol-

low-up, and before that they announced that the Petris bill had passed. Before that they announced that the criminal investigation of me by the Internal Revenue Service had ended, and so on and so forth.

So they had to keep giving the public further updates, and they also were kind enough each time they ran their major 20-minute program, they did that twice, they were kind enough to read letters that had come in from the public.

And the ones in our favor seemed to outstrip those against us by approximately 4 to 1 just by measuring their own use of the letters,

"The First Amendment . . . was made applicable to the states by reason of the Fourteenth Amendment, and . . . churches are not supposed to be trampled upon by . . . ambitious bureaucrats and the like."

because they would show four good ones against one bad one.

You've not had a further conversation with Wallace about the story?

No, but what I'd like to do with Wallace and what I am tempted to do is to run a full-page ad in the New York Times challenging Wallace to go 20 minutes live with me like you're doing right now. And if he wants to go 40 minutes, I'll let him bring Morley [Safer]. And if he wants to go 60 minutes, he can bring everybody from CBS. All I want to do is go on live with him. That would

be kind of fun and, of course, he wouldn't do it.

Was there any time in the midst of any of this when you said you were going to lose this battle, this is tough, I don't think we're going to make it?

No, no, I never did. That comes primarily because of our faith. Mr. Armstrong and I, I can tell you, never for a moment doubted what the outcome would be. He described the battle right from the beginning very accurately, very simply, he got rid of all of the issues that were really red herrings.

He said the very first week of the lawsuit, this is simply a question of who will rule God's Church, Christ or Caesar? Very simple. That was the bottom line.

And he knew that if this were God's Church the answer had to be exactly as I used in the title of my book, *Against the Gates of Hell*, because when those keys were given to Peter he was promised that he and the Church would prevail even against the gates of hell? "I stated negatively, of course, it says even the gates of hell will not prevail against you. Which, in essence, means that you'll win the battle over death itself."

So how can we be fearful of winning a battle against some men who happened to be wearing the trappings of the state, which is simply a secular power? Impossible. Impossible to doubt it for a moment.

One final question, which takes us 180 degrees, but I know you've just returned from the Middle East and I know you've met with [President] Anwar Sadat [of Egypt] among others. Do you have reason for optimism, do you suspect, or should we be pessimistic about the near term future of the Middle East?

Have you been watching *The Wall Street Journal* at all lately?

Yes. Mr. Armstrong every Monday for the last two and a half months, three months, has been writing full-page ads that have been appearing around the country, but every Mon-

day in *The Wall Street Journal*, occasionally it comes out on Tuesday in your area, but I have my paper here in front of me for the Western edition. And Mr. Armstrong's ad says, "A Voice Cries Out: Arab Oil, Israel and the United States, Peace Out of Conflict?"

And every week Mr. Armstrong is addressing himself to these issues. And we look at it very simply and it's that all governments, all governments will surely fail. As they always have failed in the past, they will fail in the future no matter how well they begin.

And that man has been cut off from God for some 6,000 years, while he's been trying to build his own society using his own laws, his own governments, his own ways, which are not God's ways.

And but for the fact that Christ promised to return and to return as a King and a High Priest, meaning to rule and to establish a government of God within a Kingdom of God based upon the laws of God, but for that, no remnant would be saved.

So we know what the final outcome is. We know that although man can destroy itself, mankind can destroy itself today — finally they've worked hard enough in the laboratories to make that possible, and we know that there are men with enough malice who would rather blow up the world than make it a better place under God's laws — nonetheless, Christ will return.

Therefore it is a message of hope. And as Mr. Armstrong has said repeatedly throughout the world wherever he goes, this is mankind's hope, this is mankind's heritage.

So it is a religious answer. It's a religious answer and it's a message of hope for everyone. In the meantime, Mr. Armstrong continues vigorously, as do we who are behind him in his efforts, we do what we can to point the way toward world peace.

That's what President Sadat has done in the Middle East, and Mr. Armstrong just made, in the name of the Church, the first \$1 million contribution to what is a major vision of President Sadat, that is, to establish at the foot of Mt. Sinai an interdenominational center.

He's going to build a synagogue, a church and a mosque right there at the foot of Mt. Sinai. It's a \$70 million project. Mr. Armstrong was the first one to give him his support. That is pointing the way toward world peace.

And Mr. Armstrong also sums that up very simply. He says there are two ways of life, the get way and the give way. And unless you follow

the principle of giving, you're going to have more conflict, more strife, more competition, more frustration, more envy, jealousy and hate, all of which ultimately leads to the greatest type of conflict of all, which is war.

Mr. Rader, we appreciate your taking the time to be with us. It's an extraordinary story. It's the kind of story you wouldn't believe if you hadn't lived through it, I guess.

Well, I thank you very much for calling me, it was fun talking with you.

CHURCH NEWS

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The DICKSON, Tenn., YOU had its monthly meeting at Renee Caruthers' home Dec. 6. After finalizing plans for a trip to Mammoth Cave, they enjoyed hamburgers. The evening was topped off by a game of Bible charades. *Renee G. Mullins.*

The YOU of GAYLORD, Mich., and SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., got together for a fun-filled weekend Dec. 13 and 14. Saturday night the group had a meeting and rap session. Everyone then joined in a game of Killer or Wink. After breakfast Sunday morning, the group went bowling. *Ginger Diehl.*

Forty MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., NORTH YOU members met in the St. Cloud, Minn., area to glean corn Dec. 7. They gleaned 50 bushels from one field and earned \$75. A winner roast took place afterward at Stan Erikson's farm. *Colene Wade.*

Twenty-five YES members in the MONTREAL, Que., EAST church dined at McDonald's restaurant Nov. 29 and then were driven to the home of minister Cecil Maranville, where his wife Karen organized an evening of games. The day was topped off with buttered popcorn and orange juice. *E.A. Gore.*

Twenty-four youngsters did their part in raising funds for the Cub Scouts of Pack 60 in PASADENA Dec. 29 by running, walking and jogging more than 70 miles in a walkathon. A limit of 3 1/2 miles per person on the Ambassador College track was set, and most of the participants made it. The scouts were sponsored for each lap they completed, eventually earning more than \$700 for their efforts. Paul Attenborough raised the most money, followed close behind by Daniel Stein. *Jessie Attenborough.*

The Camp Fire Girls of the PASADENA churches had their semiannual

award ceremony Jan. 4 at Camp Chiquita in the foothills near Pasadena. A potluck was served at the camp lodge. Verna Grabbe, coordinator of leaders' activities, introduced each group leader, who presented the beads and awards earned by her Blue Bird or Adventurer girls. *Verna Grabbe.*

Brethren from RICHMOND, ROANOKE and NORFOLK, Va.; GREENSBORO, N.C.; and WASHINGTON, D.C., took part in a YOU family day in Hopewell, Va., Dec. 14. In the basketball game Greensboro defeated Washington and Richmond, and Washington won against Norfolk in division I action. In a division II contest Roanoke defeated Richmond. Children, teens and parents played Bible bowl. *Chip Brockmeier.*

The YOU of TEXARKANA, Tex., sponsored a social Dec. 20. Activities included basketball, table tennis, pool, v-sight lifting, dodgeball and refreshments. *Arthur C. Burton Jr.*

Mike Hechel, minister of the WALTERBORO, S.C., church, and his wife Kay had an evening of meetings, food and fun for the YOU members Dec. 13. *Jo Morris.*

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Traveling evangelist Gerald Waterhouse spoke to Dutch-speaking brethren at a combined Bible study Dec. 26. Rod Matthews of the International Office of Ministerial Services noted that most of those present had never heard Mr. Waterhouse, who talked for 3½ hours about how God is doing the Work and preparing the way for Christ's return through His chosen apostle.

Mr. Waterhouse saw Abraham "Bram" de Bree, director of God's Work in Dutch-speaking areas, before Mr. and Mrs. de Bree left for the Ministerial Refreshing Program here Jan. 6.

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PASADENA — More than 2,400 readers of *De Echte Waarheid* (the Dutch Plain Truth) requested Dutch-language editions of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The Incredible Human Potential* in December,

according to Rod Matthews of the Work's International Office.

He reported that 1980 income for God's Work in the Netherlands increased 26 percent over 1979. Church attendance increased 7 percent, and membership is up 12 percent, he added.

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PASADENA — Membership in Youth Opportunities United (YOU) is open to youths in God's Church ages 13 to 18, according to YOU director Kevin Dean.

All 12 year olds already in YOU as of April 1, 1981, may remain in the program. To provide a transition period, those who turn 12 should wait until they are 13 to become YOU members, he said.

Mr. Dean noted that YOU district boundaries are being changed to shorten driving distances between events. The new districts and 1981-82 district coordinators will be announced shortly, he said.



'TEACH ALL NATIONS' — The Spanish ministry of God's Church poses for a picture with evangelists Joe Tkach and Ellis LaRavia (left) and Spanish Department director Leon Walker (right, back row). The Spanish ministers are attending the seventh session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program. Mr. Walker said it was the first time the Spanish ministers had met together in recent Church history. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Spanish

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outline form into Quechua, and then discuss the material to fill in the details. The main problems facing the brethren there are keeping the Sabbath and the poverty of the country, Mr. Saenz said.

Some of the ministers have spo-

ken or led songs in the Pasadena Spanish church while here for the refreshing program.

Mr. Walker expressed the deep gratitude that the Spanish ministers feel toward Mr. Armstrong in

allowing them to participate in the program.

He said it will help the ministry to speak the same thing and to be of one mind. It will build greater unity and help them to sharpen their ministerial skills, he said.

Growth

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attendance and a 10 percent increase in offerings.

Church attendance in the Carib-

bean grew steadily during the quarter, according to Ministerial Services personnel. Registered members in 1980 increased 12 percent. Other news from the Caribbean area is that operational expenses fell 2 percent during the July, August and September period.

Deacon robbed, blessed

PASADENA — "With a cocked revolver sticking you in the belly, physical things suddenly become meaningless," said Jim Roberts, an employee of the Work's Data Processing Center who was held up at gunpoint in late November.

"I was taking an evening walk when two guys who couldn't have been over 19 or 20 got out of a car pulled alongside the curb ahead of me. They asked if I had a cigarette. Then one of them pulled out a gun and asked if I had a wallet. But I didn't have it with me," he said.

Fearing for his life, Mr. Roberts said he was very cordial. "You don't want to irritate them any more than

they already are," he noted. Only finding a watch and a small knife on their victim, the robbers instructed Mr. Roberts to start walking and not to look back.

Then on Jan. 3 Mr. Roberts and his wife Hazel discovered burglars had ransacked their home while they were at the Hollywood Palladium Church dance.

"Police say the robbers kicked in the door even though the dead bolt was in place," explained the Church employee.

Some of the stolen items included a stereo, radios, clocks, cameras, jewelry and flatware. "We don't have any insurance, but God is cer-

tainly providing for us," said Mr. Roberts. "We've been given a tape recorder, a stereo, money — so much. It's like Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong says, God can turn a lemon into lemonade."

Cardholders

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this program?

Yes. We receive positive comments almost daily. We also appreciate the effort and long hours the members are putting in. Their efforts are producing excellent results in the newstand program. With more readers of *The Plain Truth*, Mr. Herbert Armstrong has a larger audience in which to preach the Gospel.



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MATTHEWS

PASADENA — Efforts were made in recent months to increase *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish Plain Truth) circulation in certain countries where little advertising has been done.

One area is Spain, with a population of 37 million. A few small ads were placed in the Valencia daily, *Levante*, and in Madrid's *El Pais*. These ads, combined with a gift-subscription offer mailed to *La Pura Verdad* subscribers, and a cardholder display program maintained by five Spanish members, will net approximately 2,500 new subscribers by the end of January. In just four months the Spanish mailing list will have tripled.

Since July nearly 5,000 new PV subscribers have been added at low cost as a result of a July card insert placed in subscriber issues where PV circulation was low.

The response was double what was expected and bolstered circulation in Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic.

Philippine changes

New regional director Guy Ames and his family left here Jan. 14 for the Philippines (See W/N, Jan. 12). They met with former regional director Colin Adair and his wife Margaret, before the Adairs left for Vancouver, B.C.

In the final months of 1980, Mr. Adair conducted a number of *Plain Truth* lectures. The last one took place in Tacloban. It was the year's best, with 135 new people in attendance.

Most of the new people and 47 members stayed afterward for an open forum that lasted 1½ hours. Success of the lecture was partly due to a one-hour interview on the city's two radio stations. Mr. Adair was asked many questions about *The Plain Truth*, Ambassador College and Herbert W. Armstrong, by a panel of private and government reporters.

Tacloban became the 21st church in the Philippines and Mr. Adair

ordained the area's first deacon.

Advertisements placed in *Panorama* magazine continue to do well. One entitled "Does God Exist?" drew a record response of 4,300.

The year ended with a financial increase of 30 percent over 1979.

Norwegian literature

Although there are no present plans for a *Plain Truth* in any of the Scandinavian languages, there has been a need for certain foundational booklets and the Correspondence Course. This is to help those who are not fluent in English, but who nevertheless understand enough to require additional "spiritual meat."

Several years ago a few booklets were translated into Danish, but after a thorough examination it was decided to translate titles into Norwegian, because that language is understood by a greater number of people in the nations involved.

Lessons 9, 10 and 11 of the Correspondence Course were printed in Norwegian, with lesson 12 in production.

Next year it is expected that lessons 1 through 8 will be translated, as well as the booklet *Why Were You Born?* Further booklet translations will follow.

Protection

God continues to intervene miraculously for His people all over the world. Cameroon elder Ray Clore reports on the incredible escape of a member's young daughter. She was run over by a car while her parents were working. The driver immediately took her to the hospital where it was found that she suffered no broken bones and only minor cuts. The incident was broadcast on the local radio station.

For the record

In the Jan. 12 year-end supplement we incorrectly identified Ambassador College faculty member Gary Antion as Wayne Antion. Our apologies to Mr. Antion.

30 Michigan brethren baptized

DETROIT, Mich. — After eight weeks of counselings by Detroit West ministers Jerold Aust and Maceo Hampton, 30 persons were baptized into God's Church Dec. 6.

"When I realized we had so many who desired baptism," said Mr. Aust, who has pastored the Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich., churches for six months, "I looked into renting

the swimming pool at Stout Junior High School, where we meet for services.

"I had instructed each individual to read and study the books and articles that Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong required, specifically *The Wonderful World Tomorrow*, *What It Will Be Like* and *The Incredible Human Potential*," he continued.

Some 400 persons were on hand to witness the baptisms. Many of them commented that the baptismal service helped them recommit their lives to God.

"It's true what Mr. Armstrong says — baptisms are up in the Church, because we have 10 or 15 more people already who want to be baptized," Mr. Aust remarked.



MASS BAPTISM — Pastor Jerold Aust of the Detroit West and Ann Arbor, Mich., churches (right) and local elder Ken Graham baptize Mr. Graham's daughter Kris, as associate pastor Maceo Hampton (left) looks on. Thirty brethren were baptized in the Dec. 6 ceremony, while 400 members watched. [Photo by Ron Mullins]