

Pastor general flies to Jamaica, meets with heads of government

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong visited the Texas campus of Ambassador College and met with government officials in Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 15 to 18.

After arrival on campus Dec. 15, Mr. Armstrong, personal aide Aaron Dean, Dean of Students Larry Salyer and Deputy Chancellor Leslie McCullough had "a discussion of academic matters regarding the college." Then Mr. Armstrong attended two basketball games in the college gym, Mr. Salyer said.

"The next morning Mr. McCullough came over to Mr. Armstrong's campus home to continue discussing college matters," Mr. Dean said.

After the meeting Mr. Armstrong addressed the student body in the weekly assembly. "He outlined the history of education, and explained the concepts of the two trees and what Adam could have accomplished if he had taken of the tree of life," Mr. Salyer said.

Then he met with evangelist Ellis LaRavia who accompanied him on the trip, Mr. McCullough, Mr. Dean, Mr. Salyer and Richard Ames, a Pasadena exchange faculty member.

Mr. Armstrong approved the design of the Big Sandy diploma. The college received authorization from the coordinating board of the Texas College and University system July 23 to award diplomas.

After the meeting the group ate with faculty members in the campus faculty dining. After the meal Mr. Armstrong addressed the faculty before being driven to the campus airstrip to begin the trip to Jamaica.

The G-11 landed at the Kingston airport at 6:30 p.m. local time. The group was met by Stan Bass, regional director for English-speaking areas of the Caribbean, and Charles Fleming, associate pastor of the Kingston church and resident minister.

Mr. Armstrong conducted a meeting in his hotel suite at the Pegasus Hotel with Mr. Bass before retiring for the evening, Mr. Dean said.

The next morning, Dec. 17, the group traveled to the government complex, where Mr. Armstrong renewed his friendship with Florizel Glasspole, the governor-general. Mr. Armstrong met the governor-general in 1975 during a series of Plain Truth lectures.

"He is a very charming man," said Mr. Dean, who with Mr. Fleming and Mr. Bass, accompanied the pastor general. "The governor general, who is 71, asked Mr. Armstrong if he planned to retire when he reached age 90. Mr. Armstrong replied that he had already reached 90, and had no intentions of retiring."

Mr. Armstrong told the governor-general of the impending political union of Europe, and the nuclear war it would trigger.

"He laid it on the line," Mr. Fleming said. Mr. Dean added: "The governor-general protested, saying that there was 'enough reason in the world' to prevent nuclear war. Mr. Armstrong explained that peace would come, but not by human effort."

After the hourlong meeting Mr. Armstrong returned to rest at the hotel, where he learned that a scheduled 12:30 p.m. appointment with Prime Minister Edward Seaga had been postponed until 3:30 p.m.

According to Mr. Fleming, the prime minister runs the day-to-day affairs of the government, while the governor-general acts as head of state, appointed by Queen Elizabeth II as head of the British Commonwealth.

The group arrived at the prime minister's office at 3:30 and the prime minister fitted Mr. Armstrong into what the group learned was an "extremely busy day for the prime minister," Mr. Dean said. Mr. Armstrong learned that Mr. Seaga met with United States officials most of the day.

During the meeting with Mr. Armstrong the prime minister talked about the size of the Worldwide Church of God in Jamaica, discussed freedom of religion and Jamaica's relations with Cuba. The group left at 4 p.m.

On the Sabbath, Dec. 18, Mr. Armstrong was driven to the New Kingston Hotel, where he addressed 201 brethren on the subject of "Why the Church?", Mr. Fleming said.

Beginning shortly after 11 a.m.,

the pastor general traced the purpose and meaning of the Church, closing with the comment that brethren "need to realize the seriousness of the times we live in," Mr. Fleming said.

Mr. Armstrong conducted an hourlong ministerial meeting attended by Mr. Bass, English-speaking ministers and wives in the Caribbean, and Pablo Gonzalez from the Spanish-speaking church in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Armstrong and his group landed at the Burbank, Calif., airport at 6:30 p.m. after clearing customs in Houston, Tex., Mr. Dean said.

Brethren 'determined to rely on God'

Ministers strengthen Haitians

PASADENA — Evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director of the Work in French-speaking areas, returned here Dec. 19 from Port au Prince, Haiti, where he and John Halford, a pastor-ranked minister, spoke and counseled with members there for three days.

"The members there had lost their



CARIBBEAN TRIP — Above is a map of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's Dec. 15 to 18 trip to Big Sandy Ambassador College and Kingston, Jamaica. Mr. Armstrong met Jamaica's prime minister and governor-general. [Map by Ron Grove]

minister, Lionel Estinvil, who returned to the United States primarily for health reasons," Mr. Apartian said.

Over the past few months nearly a third of the members in Haiti left the Church for various reasons.

"We found no real disagreement with doctrine or offense with people," Mr. Apartian said. "The problem is chiefly economic. Despite government efforts to improve the public welfare, the majority of the population lives in severe, grinding poverty."

He pointed out that many heads of Church families receive as little as US\$8 a week, while supporting a family of several children.

"Unemployment there is rampant. Some Church families live in a one-room hut with no restroom or other facilities. People who enter God's Church in Haiti learn the full meaning of enduring," he continued, referring to Matthew 24:13.

"The people who now compose God's Church in Haiti have beautiful attitudes. They are determined to rely on God for both their physical and spiritual deliverance."

Mr. Apartian and Mr. Halford flew to Haiti Dec. 16.

"I asked Mr. Halford to accompany me because he's been there twice before and is familiar with the members," Mr. Apartian said.

Mr. Halford, who speaks French, outlined the problems and ultimate solution for Haiti in the October-November, 1980, Plain Truth.

In that article he recounted his first trip to the nation, showing that in addition to poverty, Haitians face the problems of malnutrition, lack of education and voodoo worship.

He wrote of the general populace: "A child will probably be born on the floor of a mud hut. The umbilical [cord] will be cut with a knife, old scissors or a stone, and the stump bound with unsterilized wire, grass or rags. The baby has an excellent chance of contracting tetanus and becoming another of the 15 out of every 100 newborn babies that die before the age of 1."

"When he learns to walk, he will almost certainly become infected by parasites that find their way into his body through his bare feet. He will sleep in a hut in constant contact with

bacteria, coughed out by an adult member of the family, one of whom will almost certainly have tuberculosis."

Mr. Apartian summed it up: "The environment that a converted member must live in Haiti is simply beyond the comprehension of most Church members living in the United States and elsewhere."

The evangelist, who spoke to 601 French-speaking brethren in Montreal, Que., Dec. 11, added: "The temperature in Montreal was about 20 degrees [Fahrenheit, 7 degrees below 0 Celsius] when I spoke."

"The following Sabbath, when I addressed the brethren in Haiti, the temperature was in the 80s [27 to 31 degrees Celsius]."

"The difference, I found, between the two temperatures was not nearly as great as the differences I found between the economic conditions between the two countries."

During their three-day visit to Haiti, Mr. Apartian and Mr. Halford "counseled nearly every member."

Dec. 18, Mr. Apartian conducted Sabbath services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. He spoke again to the members the next day from 9 a.m. to noon.

"We answered every question they could think of," Mr. Apartian said. "We wanted to make sure they were grounded strongly in the faith."

Mr. Apartian asked brethren to "pray strongly for their Haitian brethren. They are in severe need of a new meeting hall in a nation where few... are available. The ones that are available are very expensive."

Without a resident minister the Haitian brethren will receive cassette tapes of sermons in French from Mr. Apartian. The regional director appointed Roger Courtois, an accountant in the church there, to coordinate church services.

"Mr. Courtois is not an ordained minister, but is a very strong and capable man," he said.

Ministers Erick S. Dubois from Guadeloupe and Gilbert Carbonnel from Martinique, will rotate speaking and counseling assignments on Haiti, visiting at least four times a year, Mr. Apartian said.

Mr. Apartian returned to Pasadena Dec. 19, and Mr. Halford traveled on to Europe on assignment for The Plain Truth.

Accordianist places first in Canadian YOU contest

By Colin Adair
VANCOUVER, B.C. — Playing an accordion solo of *La Virgen de la Macarena*, Jeff Pilsner of Regina, Sask., captured first place in the senior division of the Canadian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) National Talent Contest here Dec. 5.

Colin Adair is regional director of God's Work in Canada.

Vocalist Lynn Nicholls of Saskatoon, Sask., placed first in the junior division, singing a piece by Alfred

G. Robyn entitled, "A Heart That's Free."

Thirteen teenagers took part in the contest at the Thompson Secondary School auditorium.

Second place in the senior division went to pianist Cindy Screen of Elnora, Alta., who played Ludwig van Beethoven's *Pathetique* sonata. Second place in the junior division was awarded to Tammy Levitt for singing "Run for the Roses" by Dan Fogelberg.

Jeff was scheduled to represent the Canadian YOU at the YOU (See CONTEST, page 8)

YOU Talent Contest Canceled

PASADENA — Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities United, announced the cancellation of this year's National Talent Contest slated for Dec. 21 in the Ambassador Auditorium. In lieu of the contest each of the 10 finalists will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to Ambassador College, according to Mr. Dean.

The finalists are: Ivan Raykoff, a pianist from Eden, N.Y.; Stephanie Gammon, vocalist, Bellevue, Wash.; Danny Wegh, accordionist, Norman, Okla.; Cheryl Ann Burry, pianist, Howell, Mich.; Tony White, pianist, Irving, Tex.; Jodi Smith, vocalist, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Jeff Pilsner, accordionist, Regina, Sask.; Robin Stewart, pianist, Martinez, Ga.; Clayton Douglas, vocalist, Mexico, Mo.; and Laura Kisel, vocalist, a freshman at Pasadena Ambassador College.

"The participants were a little disappointed about not getting to come to Pasadena," Mr. Dean commented, "but they were all willing to do their part to help the Work save money."

One participant, Danny Wegh, stated, "Well, we're a part of God's Church too, and sometimes we have to sacrifice in order to help God's Work."

In addition to the scholarship, each student will receive a plaque from the YOU Office.

The facts behind the plot to kill the pope

PASADENA — Despite the announced relaxation of martial law in Poland, conditions in the country remain restive. The struggle for power between the military government and supporters of the disbanded Solidarity independent labor union goes on.

The continuing conflict was brought to life once again Dec. 16 when Polish authorities at the last minute prevented Lech Walesa, the released former Solidarity boss, from making a speech in Gdansk, the Baltic seacoast city where Solidarity was formed in August, 1980.

The Polish government — with the Kremlin looking over its shoulder — is doing everything in its power to prevent Solidarity from coalescing again.

And with reason. During the less than 1½ years of its existence, Solidarity leaders rapidly advanced their aims from limited betterment of working and social conditions to an all but open challenge to the legitimacy of Communist Party rule in Poland.

'The Bulgarian Connection'

It is unfolding now just how serious the men in the Kremlin viewed this challenge not only to Poland, but to continued Soviet control over all of Eastern Europe. Something drastic had to be done. The apparent target: Pope John Paul II, the "spiritual father" of Solidarity, which was founded a year after his dramatic visit to Poland in 1979.

The chain of circumstantial evidence surrounding the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II early last year is leading, many analysts believe, straight in one direction — Moscow.

Here are the facts so far: On May 13, 1981, the pope was wounded by a would-be assassin in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. The assailant, Mehmet Ali Agca (pronounced Adj-ah), a right-wing Turkish terrorist, was subsequently arrested, tried and sentenced to life imprisonment.

In November police in Rome arrested a Bulgarian airline official, Sergei Ivanov Antonov, on a charge of "active complicity" in the assassination attempt.

Shortly after, the Italian press reported that Mr. Agca, in a long and detailed confession, told police that the attack on the pope was conceived in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, and that he took orders from the Bulgarian secret police.

Mr. Agca also implicated two other Bulgarian officials — the cashier at the Bulgarian Embassy in Rome, and the secretary to the Bulgarian military attaché in Rome. They were spirited home to safety out of reach of Italian law officials.

After gaining access to Mr. Agca's purported confession, the Milan, Italy, daily *Corriere della Sera* asserted, bluntly, "The plan to kill the pope was conceived in Sofia," Bulgaria's capital.

A few days later a top Italian official, Defense Minister Lelio Lagorio, angrily denounced mounting evidence of Bulgarian involvement as an "act of war in a time of peace."

Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani was equally blunt. The proof of Bulgaria's guilt, he said, was now a matter of fact, no longer speculation. He labeled the assassination attempt "the gravest act of destabilization the world has seen for 60 years."

Ordered from Moscow?

Bulgaria, one must understand, is the Soviet Union's most compliant satellite. It is so subservient to Moscow that it is jokingly referred to as the Soviet Union's "16th republic."

As for Bulgaria's small secret police, it follows KGB orders without question. So says none other than its former director who defected to the West three years ago.

The Bulgarians thus could not have attempted to perform such a drastic measure as to eliminate the pope without the express knowledge

and approval of the KGB. And even that's being charitable, knowledgeable sources believe.

And who was in charge of the KGB at that time? None other than the current party boss, Yuri Andropov.

"Little by little," notes political analyst William Safire, "a circumstantial case is being made that the somebody who gave that order [for assassination] was Yuri Andropov... the responsibility as chief crusher of dissent was his."

Moscow finally reacted angrily to the mounting evidence of Soviet complicity in the papal affairs on Dec. 18. The official news agency Tass denounced as "absurd insinuations" the charges in Western news sources, saying it amounted to a "campaign steeped in lies."

Nevertheless, it should be noted that Bulgaria itself would have little interest in doing away with the pope. Orthodox in culture, Bulgaria possesses but a tiny Catholic population and a docile workforce, untainted by Solidarity's influences.

The pope himself is said to believe that the KGB was behind the assassination attempt. Cable News Network in the United States reported that the pope revealed his belief to visiting U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz, who conversed with the pope in Vatican City Dec. 13.

Desperate move

William Pfaff, an American journalist in Paris, pointed out just how grim the Soviets must have viewed events in Poland in early 1981 to have considered such a plan.

He wrote in the Dec. 17 Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*:

"To the best of my knowledge, the Soviet Union, even in its worst days, has not committed murders abroad, except during intelligence or political operations — cases, so to speak, of professional necessity or professional hazard — or against those considered traitors: political dissidents, defectors, exiles engaged in anti-Soviet or anti-communist

appearance. Did you know that the law of God, revealed in the Bible, is like a mirror? It really is. When people look at it properly, they are able to see their own human nature just like it is. They can see the "dirt" or the flaws that need to be removed.

Think about the Ten Commandments, for instance. A person who takes things that belong to others does not know it is wrong in God's eyes unless he or she looks in God's mirror and sees the commandment against stealing.

A person who dishonors his parents does not know how God views such actions unless he or she looks into God's law and sees the commandment to honor one's parents.

That's why studying God's law is so important. It is by doing so that we see the "dirt" that needs to be removed from our character.

Seeing the dirt or flaw, however, is only the first step. The second step is to remove it.

The apostle James points out a person who looks in a mirror, sees something that needs attention, but immediately looks the other way and ignores the problem (James 1:22-25).

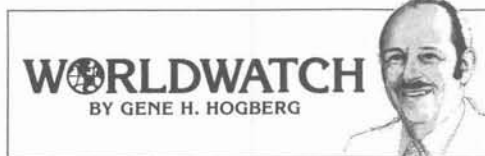
It's like the person who peers in a looking glass, sees that piece of lettuce stuck on his front tooth, does not like what he sees and therefore throws away the mirror instead of removing the lettuce.

That wouldn't make much sense, would it?

How do you look to God? Take time to examine yourself closely in the mirror He has given you — the laws contained in the Bible. Be sure your character is clean and well-groomed so you will not have to be ashamed or embarrassed someday when you see God face to face!

activity.

"They have not attempted to kill foreign political leaders, even the most hostile. They have been willing to murder Leon Trotsky, Ukrainian and White Russian emigres, exiled intellectuals but, so far as is publicly known, they have never tried to do away with major political figures or chiefs of state outside their zone of



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BY GENE H. HOGBERG

military domination — not even Adolf Hitler...

"Possibly the killing of a Polish Pope, a defender of the Polish national cause, appeared to [former President Leonid] Brezhnev as qualitatively no different from the expedient murder of a Bulgarian emigre or a Baltic dissident. If so, he was mistaken."

Full impact yet to be felt

The assassination attempt has all but disrupted Italian-Bulgarian relations. The two countries have recalled their ambassadors. Italian investigators are uncovering new evidence continually concerning "the Bulgarian Connection."

Italian trade union leader Luigi Scricciolo admitted he worked for the Bulgarian secret police under orders to spy on Lech Walesa, the

Polish union leader. He visited Poland, and got the confidence of Mr. Walesa.

It is believed that the information Mr. Scricciolo obtained on Solidarity's leadership was instrumental in helping Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski to swiftly shut down the union's operations in December, 1981.

Italian authorities reportedly are convinced that Bulgarian agents have been involved for several years in a wide-scale conspiracy to undermine the Italian democratic state

system.

Defense Minister Lelio Lagorio said that Bulgarian radio communications in code, probably sent by Sofia to agents in Italy, increased noticeably when the pope was shot and also when U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier was kidnapped in late 1981. The Bulgarians, it is believed, offered to help the Red Brigades kidnappers in return for information Gen. Dozier told them.

The growing Italian-Bulgarian crisis, highlighted by the burgeoning scandal over the attempt on the pope's life, reported *The Christian Science Monitor* in its Dec. 15 edition, "may have wide repercussions in East-West relations."

John Paul II just might be thinking that the church needs a powerful counterforce in Europe to protect the church's interests!

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Senior citizens

I really enjoyed the timely articles in the Nov. 5 edition of the *WN* pertaining to the elderly. I am a fledgling senior citizen (56) and am fortunate to lead an active and rewarding life.

I really concur with every one of the articles and especially believe a right frame of mind is essential to longevity.

Donald F. Moore
San Antonio, Tex.

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It is very sad to think of retiring at such a young age of 60 to 65. My mom and dad are up in years, but they have never swung their feet on the front porch waiting for death to take them.

They are actively alive working in the vegetable garden, canning and freezing, working and tending to the farm animals and steadily giving love and advice to eight grown children. They certainly are planning steps for us to follow.

Lynn Benjamin
Winston-Salem, N.C.

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It is very encouraging to see the articles in *The Worldwide News* that show different groups how to cope with their problems.

Even though I don't qualify as a single person or as an elderly person (I am only 68 years old), I enjoy reading what has been written — both to the singles and to the elderly. The advice is good. It is needed and one would do well to heed it.

Jim L. Bell
Sylacauga, Ala.

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Refreshing program photo

Our special thanks for the fine photo of our local ministry, along with everyone else in on the refresher program. What a treat it was to see two of our pastors and their wives in the very front row — Mr. and Mrs. Rand Millich and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Emmerth — and to see other familiar faces.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Farmer
Elkhart, Ind.

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Blessings should be shared, right? So I wanted to let others know that God intervenes even when it comes to small things.



Just one more thing
By Dexter H. Faulkner

Using the spiritual mirror to remove character blots

"Mirror, mirror, on the wall..." So goes a rhyme from a make-believe children's story. In the tale a mirror is supposedly able to talk.

The world has many superstitions about mirrors. For example, some people will not allow a child under 1 year old to see itself in a mirror.

They imagine that the child's growth will be stunted by having its reflection frozen in the mirror. Of course, such an idea is silly. Nevertheless, some people believe it.

The most widely spread superstition concerning mirrors is that breaking one brings seven years of bad luck.

The notion came, at least in part, from ancient Romans. They believed life renewed itself every seven years. Since a mirror contains a person's likeness, when the mirror is broken, they reasoned, the health of the person who last looked into it before it was broken would turn bad until the next seven-year cycle. But it is all imaginary; there is no basis in truth for such a conclusion.

Putting aside superstitions, mirrors are useful tools. They can reveal things we would not otherwise know about ourselves.

By looking in them we can see how we look to other people. Is that sweater buttoned properly? Do the clothing colors clash or complement each other? Does the hairdo need rearranging? Would a face wash be in order? Is there a piece of lettuce from a recently eaten salad stuck on a front tooth?

And what about facial expression? Take a look in a mirror and frown. Then smile. Then just relax and let your normal expression show.

How do people see you? Does your normal expression tend toward a frown? If so, your smile muscles could probably use some exercise.

It's not a question of putting on a false face, but of improving your genuine expression.

See how useful mirrors can be? When you think about it, what would we do without them? It would be difficult to find out what needs to be changed in our personal

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'Keeper of the keys' maintains 2,500 locks for Church, college

By Michael A. Snyder

PASADENA — If you were to build and maintain a church and college headquarters with gold-leafed ceilings, irreplaceable paintings and rugs and a confidential mailing file of multiple millions, what key person would you need to help safeguard it?

Jim Snook, director of campus security, says, you would need Fred Robertson — a competent, trustworthy locksmith capable of securing more than 2,500 locks in Church and college facilities here.

Mr. Robertson, 80, was honored by his fellow maintenance employees Nov. 24 for more than a decade of service as the campus locksmith. He was appointed to the post by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong after the death of Bill Homberger, the former locksmith, in May, 1970.

"A tremendous amount of confidentiality is required to fulfill the job of locksmith," said Mr. Snook. He added that character is another major requirement for the job.

"The locksmith position is one position that requires Mr. Armstrong's direct approval," said Nelson Doucet, Mr. Robertson's supervisor in the Machine Maintenance area.

"While no man is indispensable, Fred would be very difficult to replace," he added.

Mr. Robertson was named locksmith after serving on the campus carpentry crew five years, three of those years as foreman.

Longtime member

Mr. Robertson and his wife Marie, a deacon and deaconess in the Banning, Calif., church, first heard Mr. Armstrong on the radio in 1958.

"We used to have a date garden around Palm Springs [Cathedral

City, Calif.], and my wife and I used to listen to the broadcast while traveling there from San Diego [Calif.]," Mr. Robertson said.

Mr. Robertson moved from Philadelphia, Pa., to Terminal Island, Calif., in 1943 to take charge of the U.S. Navy's carpentry shop there in the 4th Naval District.

The Robertsons came to Pasadena in 1958 to look for the college, but couldn't find it.

"We finally got to attend services the first week in February, 1959. That was when the San Diego church met in Vassar Hall," Mr. Robertson explained.

"It was very exciting. Mr. [Roderick] Meredith gave the sermonette, and Mr. Armstrong gave the sermon," he continued.

"It was also very interesting," Mrs. Robertson said. "People were very friendly. They kept asking, 'Didn't I see you at the Feast?'"

"I kept wondering: What's a Feast? We just barely understood the Sabbath, much less the Holy Days," she explained.

The Robertsons were baptized together Feb. 17, 1959. "We nearly froze to death," Mr. Robertson joked. "The air was 64 degrees [Fahrenheit, 18 degrees Celsius] and the water even colder!"

Mr. Robertson quit his civil service job with the Navy after baptism and moved to Cathedral City.

Unusual experiences

While living there the Robertsons were host to many brethren.

"Mc Lee McCullough and Mr. Norman Smith were out at least once to do some quail hunting," Mr. Robertson said.

"We also had the unique honor to drive Mrs. Loma Armstrong to and from services [in Redlands, Calif.], while Mr. Armstrong was fasting in Palm Springs," he continued.

In the 1950s and 1960s, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong often spent two weeks or more in Oregon or Palm Springs fasting (see "Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor," *The Plain Truth*, March, 1950).

"Those were delightful and unforgettable occasions," Mr. Robertson continued. "She often talked about the very hard times she and Mr. Armstrong went through in Oregon as the Church was starting."

"She said that they had to put

cardboard in their children's shoes to cover up the holes in their soles," he said.

"She was a true lady," Mrs. Robertson said, "just a beautiful person."

Mr. Robertson was hired as a subcontractor for the Pasadena campus in 1965, and has worked here since.

"He's a good example of enduring," said Mr. Snook, who used to be Mr. Robertson's supervisor when Mr. Snook was head of the Maintenance Department.

"All of Plant Maintenance looks up to him as a grandfather," Mr. Doucet said.

Mr. Robertson cracked a vertebra in his back after falling off a ladder in 1980, and has since shortened his workweek to three days.

The Robertsons live in an apartment in Pasadena for those three days, spending the other four at their home in Yucaipa, Calif., about 75 miles from the campus.

"They're still very active in the Church — they take care of four elderly women and set a great example of serving," Mr. Doucet said.

"Mr. Armstrong calls the locksmith position the 'keeper of the keys,'" Mr. Doucet continued. "You just can't walk in off the street and be entrusted with this kind of job. After Bill Homberger died, we knew Fred was the man for the job."



KEY PERSON — Fred Robertson, 80, the Church's locksmith, was appointed to the position in May, 1970, by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

Asked how he felt about the locksmith's job, Mr. Robertson said: "When I was first offered the job, I kind of hesitated. I thought about the possibilities of getting hurt or shot."

"But then I thought about the

responsibility of serving. Mr. Armstrong said you weren't just hired to do this job — you were appointed... So I accepted, was appointed by Mr. Armstrong... to be the campus locksmith. And here I am today."

Expected 'a volley of bullets'

Ghana ministers escape injury

By Melvin Rhodes

ACCRA, Ghana — While Melvin Rhodes and Steve LeBlanc, ministers in Ghana, were driving home from the office after dark, Nov. 23, a car in front of them suddenly did a U-turn. Mr. Rhodes swerved to avoid hitting the car, then drove on.

Melvin Rhodes and Steve LeBlanc are ministers serving in Ghana.

A few yards ahead Messrs. Rhodes and LeBlanc discovered the reason for the sudden U-turn. An army truck blocked the road, and seven soldiers promptly surrounded their car — submachine guns pointing at both driver and passenger.

One soldier, standing outside Mr. LeBlanc's window, moved as if to shoot them. "We both braced ourselves, expecting a volley of bullets," said Mr. Rhodes. "The man was in an obvious state of panic."

Just as he was about to shoot, a shout was heard, and the soldier hesitated. Another soldier appeared and ordered, "Let them go!"

"Discipline in the Ghanaian army is not very good, and the order was not completely obeyed," said Mr. Rhodes. "Get out of the car!" came the command from the hostile man.

"Only two hours before, my car door had refused to open," Mr. Rhodes said. "Miraculously, a garage had fixed it just before we left for home. If that door had not opened I dread to think what would have happened."

After searching the ministers and the car and threatening them with various forms of violence the commanding officer finally ordered, "Let them go."

As he made the U-turn he wished he'd made earlier, Mr. Rhodes suddenly realized his wife and children were beyond the barrier of soldiers. How was he to get to them? Were they OK?

"This sudden realization made my foot shake so much I lost temporary control of the clutch," said Mr. Rhodes. "My house is near the airport, which is always a center of fierce fighting during coups."

The two men attempted to drive home by various side streets, but they encountered another roadblock on a major road.

Eventually they reached Mr. Rhodes' family and found them "safe and totally oblivious to the events outside," according to Mr. Rhodes.

Since then, sporadic fighting has continued as opposing factions within the ruling military Provisional National Defence Council struggle for power.

Two of Mr. Rhodes' three children attend a school near the main military barracks where most of the infighting has taken place. Often the children have had to miss school entirely and sometimes have had to be taken out of school.

The country lacks reliable telephone service, and news only spreads by word of mouth, said Mr. Rhodes.

Dec. 10, hospitals were cleared of patients to free beds in anticipation of further trouble.

Texas dancers selected

BIG SANDY — Members of the 1982-83 Ambassador College dance team were announced by Larry Salyer, dean of students here, during the Thanksgiving ball Nov. 21.

The team, coached by Big Sandy Church member Jolinda Klotz, will perform dance routines at Saturday night intramural basketball games.

According to Mrs. Klotz, "The group encourages enthusiasm and crowd involvement during the games." When they are not doing routines, they will sit on the sidelines promoting involvement from everyone, she added.

This is the first year for the group in Big Sandy, which is replacing the traditional cheerleaders at the basketball games. "Since the idea of a dance team is new to Big Sandy, the girls are excited about setting a precedent," she said.

Team members are sophomores Nancy Brumm, Connie O'Bryan, Mary Stewart and Amy Wellmaker, and freshmen Lora Houston, Margo Kennedy, Karla Lyon, Toni Meadville, Lisa Roe and Becca Wooten.

Assisting Mrs. Klotz is Donna Neller, also a Big Sandy Church member. Mrs. Klotz and Mrs. Neller are former Big Sandy Ambassador College cheerleaders.

The girls will work out their own dance routines, Mrs. Klotz added. "It's an excellent group. They are very talented and enthusiastic."

Freshmen officers named for Pasadena, Big Sandy

PASADENA — The freshman class presidents for both Ambassador College campuses were announced for the 1982-83 school year.

Joseph Martire of Brooklyn, N.Y., was named Pasadena freshman class president by Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of the Pasadena campus, Dec. 7.

Steve Tremble of Tulsa, Okla., was named the Big Sandy freshman class president by Larry Salyer, dean of students at Big Sandy, Nov. 21.

The freshman class president coordinates activities sponsored by the class, including a major dance and other social and service projects for the school, said Mr. Martire.

The Pasadena freshmen will sponsor the annual freshman ball.

They helped organize and work at the reception for the chorale concert Dec. 19, according to Mr. Martire.

The Big Sandy freshmen's major activity will be graduation ball. "We want to make it something really memorable for the sophomores," said Mr. Tremble. Since Big Sandy is a junior college, many of the sophomores will graduate this year.

Both men said that the freshmen can do more for the school than just provide activities. Mr. Martire said, "We not only want to promote unity within the freshman class, but within the student body as well."

Mr. Tremble said, "We must uphold the standards given to us and then help set the example for the freshmen next year."



MELVIN RHODES



STEVE LeBLANC

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

About 60 ADELAIDE, Australia, brethren enjoyed a morning of grass skiing (skis on wheels) Nov. 28 at Kersbrook, followed by a barbecue picnic at the Gorge Wildlife Park. As the members relaxed under the shady trees in the afternoon and enjoyed the peace of the Australian bush, the children fed the wallabies. *Kerry Gubb.*

Nov. 21 was the kickoff date of a fund-raising project of the ANNISTON, Ala., and ROME, Ga., churches. By selling candies the brethren plan to earn money as well as learn to work together and get to know one another better. The churches were divided into teams with a captain over each team to distribute more candy as it is needed. At a potluck supper planned for Dec. 25 a prize will be given to the one who sells the most candy by Dec. 18. *Verna T. Johnson.*

The APTOS, Calif., church initiated its winter social season Nov. 20 with a chili dinner and talent show that began after services featuring guest speaker Ken Brady, a minister of the Miami, Fla., church. Host for the evening was Richard Allen, and master of ceremonies was Clay Umberfield. Vocal numbers were presented by Eloise Lear and Eileen Schofield, and instrumentalists were by Kathy and Dave Berggren and by Frank Canepa and Al Jacobson. Leif Berggren recited Lincoln's Gettysburg address as his mother played patriotic music on the piano. Overall meal preparation was supervised by Betty Hyles, and table decorations were provided by Helen Lear. *William K. Lear.*

A potluck dinner was served after combined services of the ASHEVILLE and MARION, N.C., churches Nov. 27. Until things got set up for a square dance, Ben Anders and Love Moore entertained on the fiddle and guitar and were later joined by Edwin Stepp on banjo. Jacob Fox gave instructions and called the square dance.

Midway through the evening a baking contest was judged by Robert Boudin, B.G. Doty, Boyce White, Jacob Fox, Jack Baldwin, Leon Stepp and Charles Groce. The first place winner of \$20 was Mary Ruth McLaughlin, and second place winner was Patricia Stepp with \$15. Retta Abbott was in third place and Judy Ferencik fourth. The cakes were then auctioned off in a cakewalk, and the money was put in the social fund of the Asheville church. During one of the breaks Martha White entertained with a song. Marion Udy director Charles Wise instructed the younger set in special dances for them. The evening ended with slow dancing to piano music provided by Steve Tershansy. *Steve Tershansy.*

Thankfulness was the theme of the day as the BALTIMORE, Md., church had its annual Thanksgiving Sabbath Nov. 20. Brethren brought food ranging from fresh fruits and vegetables to canned goods to be distributed later to those in need. After the sermon by associate pastor Tom Oakley brethren feasted on sandwiches, vegetable and cheese platters, desserts and apple cider and coffee. *Jon and Ginny Cook.*

BEAVER VALLEY, PITTSBURGH and MCKEESPORT, Pa., brethren had a combined family night social Nov. 13 at Baden, Pa. Special guests were former Pittsburgh minister Dave Havir, his wife Pam and their son, David, now of the Davenport and Iowa City, Iowa, churches. The social offered a potluck, volleyball and basketball games and games for the children. *Frank Lewandowski.*

A hayride and sing-along for the BETHLEHEM, Pa., brethren Nov. 6 took place at Harvey Cressman's farm. Mr. Cressman made five trips with his hay-laden truck before all the guests were accommodated. Matt Diehl prepared hot chocolate, coffee and tea, while the members roasted hot dogs over an open fire. Stuart Knerr and George Nagle furnished music for the sing-along, which took place inside the barn. *Gordon Long.*

A family social evening for the BINGHAMTON, N.Y., brethren Nov. 13 began with a chili supper served by the women and was followed by a hayride through the countryside in two wagons pulled by a tractor. In one wagon Jim Rafferty and Heather Hubbell played the guitar for a sing-along, and in the other wagon Ed Bock and Charlie Piscitello entertained the group by telling jokes. Desserts and hot chocolate were served in the

farmhouse after the hayride. *Eleanor Lukoski.*

The annual fair of the BIRMINGHAM and JASPER, Ala., churches Nov. 6 was patterned after the World's Fair. Multiple booths provided a variety of energy challenges, and a high point was the energy poster contest entered by more than 100 school-age children. All proceeds went into the church's social fund. *Helen F. Garrison.*

Brethren of the DETROIT WEST and ANN ARBOR, Mich., churches met for combined Sabbath services Nov. 27 in Ypsilanti, Mich. The sermonette was given by associate pastor Maceo Hampton, and pastor Ray Wooten delivered the sermon. The teen choir, under the direction of Boyd Legins, provided special music. After services a spaghetti dinner was served, and the concluding activity was a square dance. *Steve Holter.*

Members of the EUREKA, Calif., church attended a pizza party and then a skating party at Blue Lake, Calif., Nov. 21. *Kathleen Buck.*

FORT SMITH, Ark., brethren attended an all day service Nov. 13. A Bible study was conducted by pastor John Elliott and minister Donald Thurman during the morning. At noon a potluck was served, and fellowship continued until the afternoon services. After an intermission the movie *Chariots of Fire* was shown. *Mrs. Robert F. Russell.*

Frank Schnee, regional director of God's Work in German-speaking areas, gave the sermon at a combined service of the GENEVA and NEUCHÂTEL, Switzerland, churches in Geneva Nov. 13. After services Mr. Schnee answered questions. Andreas Fischer, a deacon in the Zurich, Switzerland, church and an Ambassador College graduate, was the translator. *Bernard Andrist.*

The first GLOUCESTER, England, church social of the winter session was Nov. 13. A beetle drive was won by Sheila Pritchard and Gordon Bullas. Slides of the August camp-out and of the Feast were shown, followed by dancing and refreshments. *Olive Willis.*

The first social of the GREEN RIVER, Wyo., church was Nov. 27. A potluck after services was followed by a family dance and social. Pastor Bill Swanson and the Swanson Family Band provided the music for the evening's entertainment. Lee Hutson was master of ceremonies for the activities, which included games for the children and square dancing. *Phyllis Taylor.*

Volleyball, soccer, cricket and a skipping contest were the activities at a picnic for the HOBART, Tasmania, brethren Nov. 7. *Chris Miller.*

IOWA CITY, Iowa, brethren remained after services Nov. 6 for a salad buffet and social at Montgomery Hall. Cards and table games were played, while contests and games were provided for the YES youngsters. Popcorn and apple juice were served as refreshments.

A series of dinners for the brethren concluded Nov. 13. The initial one involved the Spokesman Club members and their wives, the second included the singles, the third the YOUNG and the fourth those who had not been involved in any of the others. Mr. and Mrs. Carl McNair of Milwaukee, Wis., were present, as Mr. McNair was guest speaker at the afternoon service. *Vern Tenold.*

The JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Social Ballroom Dance Club capped its 1982 program with a snack and dance evening Nov. 27 at the Halfway House Community Hall. Regularly once a month since June the team of Euan Simpson, Judy Bouwer, Derek and Denise Strauss and Malcolm and Sylvia Lee instructed interested members in a social atmosphere.

A nominal fee to cover costs of hall rental and refreshments was collected each night by treasurer Chris Khoury, and secretary Georgia Gabrielides handled the catering. During 1983 the club aims to prepare students for the annual winter ball and the Feast of Tabernacles family dance. Each session will open with the Bugaboo Boogie, a group dance imported from SEP at Orr, Minn. *Mike Wright.*

About 300 KENT, Wash., brethren enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving Day banquet Nov. 21 at Des Moines, Wash. Entertainment preceded the meal and consisted of a song by the children's choir, which was led by Linda Campbell and accompanied on the piano by YOUNG member Bret Miller, a song by James Redmond, a poem recited by Evie Chaffee and the church choir, directed by Howard Davis, singing three songs. Pastor Richard Parker auctioned baked goods that were donated by members to help with the cost of cheerleading uniforms. The final event of the evening was the movie *The Living Desert*. Mrs. Chaffee and Donna Jebbett coordinated the meal and related activities. *Gale Ullrich.*

LAUREL, Del., brethren enjoyed a potluck supper and movie social Nov. 20. YOUNG members sold popcorn and drinks during the movie, *Snowball Express*, as a fund raiser. The social also served as a welcome back to Mr. and Mrs. David Register and sons, who just returned from the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena. *Barbara Culp.*

LONG BEACH, Calif., members do-si-dod and swung their partners at a square dance family social Nov. 20 at Alhambra Park. Pastor Lester McColm and his wife Penny directed the activity. A salad bar and cold cuts of turkey and beef were prepared by the ministers' and deacons' wives. *Lucy May.*

A potluck was the feature of the MIAMI, Fla., church's annual fund-raising venture Nov. 14. The event raised \$2,600 by selling usable items donated by the membership. Pastor Al Kersha planned the event, which he directed with the assistance of minister Bill Pearson. Al Segall was the coordinator. The money will be used by the church for future Bible lectures and related activities. *Shirley Segall.*

The MONTREAL, Que., English church had its first social after the Feast Nov. 6 with a combined picture and games night. After a potluck brethren brought out their Feast pictures to share and then they played table games. *Stephen Psiak.*

The MOREHEAD, Ky., church had a family day Nov. 27. Pat Reedy sang special music during services. After morning services Harley Cannon gave a presentation to the YOUNG on the problems of alcoholism and drugs. Later that afternoon the YOUNG, preteens and adults played Bible word. The evening kicked off with a catered meal, which the YOUNG helped serve. At a family dance that followed Mr. Cannon and Tom Jones provided entertainment. Gifts were given to John and



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY — Pastor George Meeker and his wife Karen were honored by the Springfield, Mo., 60-Plus Club Nov. 14 for their 22nd wedding anniversary. (See "Senior Activities," page 5.) (Photo by Larry G. Harmon)

Audrey Reynolds for being members the longest, and Russell Thompson received a toy Rolls-Royce car for driving the farthest to attend services. The YOUNG presented a skit, and more dancing finished the evening. *Derrick T. Wilson.*

Eighty-six NEWCASTLE, Australia, brethren enjoyed a beetle night Nov. 20. The object of the game was to draw a beetle using the throw of dice with each number representing a part of the beetle. The first person to complete a beetle was awarded a prize. Pastor Gary Harvey officiated. Afterward the brethren enjoyed supper and fellowship. *Graeme Mills.*

PIKEVILLE, Ky., brethren enjoyed a chili supper and square dance Nov. 20 at the Perry Cline School. Bob Tackett called the square dance, and brethren put on a talent show during the breaks. *Debby Bailey.*

John Jewell, master of the PLYMOUTH, England, church, and his wife Tina were hosts for a cheese and wine party at their home Nov. 6 for 50 brethren from the four churches in the southwest area of England. Since Mr. Jewell is transferring to Ireland, one member referred to the proceedings as a "house cooling." Feast experiences were exchanged and photographs were circulated. *Kasey Jones.*

Silver Lake in Withlacoochee State Forest was the site of the ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., church's annual autumn camp-out the weekend of Nov. 6. Forty-eight members, including visitors from the Tampa and Sarasota, Fla., churches, attended the outdoor Sabbath services conducted by pastor Bob Jones. In the evening the group enjoyed a potluck dinner and sing-along around a roaring camp fire. The camp-out was organized by Joe Terry. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

Twenty-one men of the SPRINGFIELD, Mo., church cut, hauled and stacked wood at Paul Winslow's home Oct. 31. Ten women went along and cleaned his house. Mr. Winslow, who is handicapped without the use of his left arm and whose wife Mary died two years

ago, needed help to lay aside a supply of wood for the winter. A potluck was served at noon, after which Jerry and Delta Troutman led a group in a sing-along. Heath and Angel were present with their parents, Larry and Sandy Rigling.

Following a sermon by pastor George Meeker Nov. 20 the brethren enjoyed an array of finger foods in acknowledgment of the Thanksgiving holiday. Sherry Burton, Retha Stewart, Mildred Vaughn, Mary Lovelady and Susan Ferguson assisted Pat Burton with food service, and Bea Harmon helped in the food line. Jana Hembree and Sandra Rigling served coffee and punch. Betty Campbell acted as coordinator for the occasion. *Polly Rose.*

Nov. 13 marked the 20th anniversary of the TOLEDO, Ohio, church. Former Toledo ministers Mike Swagerty and Ken Martin spoke at Sabbath services, and the members listened to taped messages sent by Bob Bertuzzi and Mike Hechel, who were unable to attend. Later that evening the brethren danced to the music of Detroit, Mich., minister Maceo Hampton's band, the New Philadelphians.

After a dinner prepared by one of the members, pastor George Kackos began the narration for a program that began with the film *This Is the Work*. Minister Carl Fields, one of the original members, gave a summary of the church's past 20 years. Members then viewed a slide-tape presentation entitled *This Is the Work — in Toledo!* The program ended with a medley of songs sung by the Toledo choir. Before dancing resumed, Mr. Swagerty and Mr. Martin shared in cutting a cake baked to commemorate the anniversary. *Robert Harunjan.*

The WACO, Tex., church had a Western-style dance and barbecue dinner Nov. 13 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mauldin. Two bonfires kept the group warm, while Clyde Ferrell provided country-western music. Harold Finney called the square dances. *Jo Gail Fry.*

Nov. 13 members from the WELLINGTON, PALMERSTON NORTH and NAPIER, New Zealand, churches attended a combined service at the Palmerston North Civic Centre. That evening the combined Wellington and Palmerston North Spokesman clubs had an end-of-the-year dinner meeting attended by wives and dates. Graduation certificates were presented by pastor Lyall Johnston to David Kiernar, Paddy Hinaki, Graeme Whittet, Gordon Whittet, Ron Walter and Wayne Jones. While the club meeting was in progress, the rest of the members and their families viewed *Behind the Work* and the Young Ambassadors Feast film. Wayne and Vicki Jones.

The WICHITA, Kan., singles' and young marrieds' groups honored the elderly of the church Nov. 23 with a formal Thanksgiving dinner at the Hypatia House. The program began with a singing waiters' welcome and open comments by master of ceremonies Jon Beatties. Ellen Hattan, the widow baptized the longest, was presented a long-stem rose and a placard, and the widower baptized the longest, Leslie Baker, was presented a boutonniere and a placard. In recognition of being the couple married the longest, Ray and Lenora Schellenger were presented a cake and a placard. For entertainment Lisa Powell performed two piano solos, Linda Cloyd read a poem and

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DANCE CLUB — Members of the Johannesburg, South Africa, Social Ballroom Dance Club join in a group dance at their end-of-the-year snack and dance evening Nov. 27. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Mike Wright)

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Don Rogers read an original poem. Mark Eugene Beyer.

With the arrival of winter weather, the WINDSOR, Ont., church began its monthly Sabbath teas Nov. 20. Special music was sung by Frank Klett, accompanied on the piano by Ken Cooke. An assortment of sandwiches, vegetables and dips, deserts and beverages was prepared under the direction of Ollie Parks. Patricia Klem and Nancy Tait.

The Windsor, Ont., church had a social Nov. 27 at the YM-YWCA. Organized by Chris Rocheleau the event featured two hours of sports activities such as racquetball, running, weightlifting, basketball and swimming, followed by card playing in the recreation room of the North Park Tower. The evening was topped off with popcorn and apple cider. Patricia Klem.

About 400 WINNIPEG, Man., brethren consumed mounds of food provided at a potluck dinner and family social Nov. 13 at Elmwood High School. The meal was coordinated and served by Colleen Greba and the young adults' group. Floor hockey, table tennis and games of skill were played by some, while others danced to taped music. Teri Cathro.

CLUB MEETINGS

The lawn area of Janith Crosby's home was the setting of the BARBADOS Ladies' Club meeting Nov. 14. The women were hostesses to the senior citizens of the church. Corsages made by Sheila Burnett were presented to the senior women. Everyone was welcomed by Esther Straughan, mistress of ceremonies, after which followed a program of songs, poems and games as they were played in olden days, a skit by Mayverne Hope and Joyce Scantlebury and a dance. A medley of Barbadian folk songs ended the first part of the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served afterward. Mrs. Palm Sargeant.

The BIRMINGHAM, England, Spokesman Club had its first ladies' night of the season Nov. 9 at the New Imperial Hotel. The meeting was under the directorship of pastor Barry Bourne. President Ernest Bayliss welcomed the guests, and tabletopics were led by Jon Babelas. In an extended interval wine and cordial drinks were served, with refreshments organized by Mrs. Bayliss. Toastmaster was Ian Martin. The evening ended with a bon voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Peacock, who were leaving for South Africa. Roland Jenks.

Ninety-seven women attended the Nov. 14 meeting of the BOONE and LENOIR, N.C., Ladies' Club. Phyllis Roberts led in vocal exercises, and Louise Fannon had tabletopics. Stephanie Bauman gave points of etiquette on table manners. After a break for a mini-Thanksgiving dinner, director Ken Smylie gave a presentation on widowhood. A question-and-answer session followed. Ethel Butler.

The final meeting of the year for the BRISBANE, Australia, SOUTH Women's Club was Nov. 14 at Toga's Restaurant. President Yvonne Fraser welcomed the guests, and hostess Judy Nelson introduced topics mistress Margaret Clark. Speeches were given by Sue Barnes, Rena Stein, Jeanette Tanner and Roylene Mills on the international theme. Pastor William Dixon evaluated the meeting, after which the members and guests enjoyed a three-course meal. Linda Browning.

The first CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST Spokesman Club meeting of this season occurred Nov. 23 at Gargus Hall. Officers for the year are Gene Webber, president; Raymond Williams, vice president; Timothy Swope, treasurer; and Michael Walsh, sergeant at arms. Director Robley Evans informed the members that each meeting would have a theme, with the next meeting's theme being friendship. Raymond Williams.

The CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST Women's Club began Nov. 23 at Gargus Hall. Tracey Rogers is director, and Jean Rogers is club adviser. Marguerite Evans will serve as secretary. Eileen Craven as historian and Betty Jean Thomas as treasurer. Hostess for the evening was Mrs. Rogers, and Marilee Abbott was topics mistress. The Bible question for the evening was, "Should Christian women wear jewelry?" Toastmistress Dana Leimbach introduced speakers Diane Webber, Lori Weiss and Gladys Mardis, who spoke on the theme, "What I Expect to Learn From

Club." Dawn Lebanik gave an ice-breaker. Renee Williams.

Fourteen EUREKA, Calif., members attended the first Spokesman Club meeting Nov. 6. They each gave a speech on "Why do you think you will succeed in Spokesman Club?" or "Why did you join Spokesman Club?" Kathleen Buck.

Virginia Bryan opened the Nov. 15 meeting of the INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Women's Club. Pastor Vernon Hargrove was in charge of the business session, and Emma Hindman led the tabletopics. An icebreaker was given by Mary Wright, and Gwen Deshong talked about attending the Feast in Jerusalem. Florence Moore and Mae Hampton spoke about Barbados, where they attended the Feast. Dolla Ferrand announced a food co-op that is open to members. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Hampton served food that is native to Barbados. Jayne Schumaker.

Nov. 20 KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Spokesman Club members, their wives and dates celebrated their first informal ladies' night with a wine and fondue evening at the clubhouse of the Carriage Hill Apartments. The topics session was conducted by Andy Thomas, and Ellis Purkey was the toastmaster. Speeches were given by Pat Brackett; Howard Nitzberg, Most Effective Speech; Enoch Anderson; Dallas Vaughn; and David Garland, Most Improved Speaker. Jim Cramer was presented the Most Helpful Evaluation award. Dana Behm.

The first meeting of the season for the LAWTON, Okla., Ladies' Club Nov. 14 was called to order by director David Carley. Tabletopics, led by Lillian Brock, were followed by a talk given by Virginia McNeely. The officers were announced: Virginia McNeely, president; Linda Brown, vice president; Judy Burt, hostess committee chairperson; Margie Roberts and Leatus Wilcoxen, hostesses; Margie Cartwright, scrapbook photographer; Arla Berggren, reporter; Lillian Brock, secretary; and Sue Ballard, treasurer. Arla Berggren.

The LENOIR, N.C., Spokesman Club played host to a senior citizens' banquet Nov. 28. Chef Jerry Cleveinger served a roast beef dinner, and the guests were entertained by Anna Wilcox and Bonnie Harington with guitar and banjo songs. Tom Fox with a song about a stuffed chair and President John Elliott performing a mountain clog dance. Pastor Ken Smylie expressed his appreciation to all that served. Ken Smylie.

Nov. 20 the LONGVIEW, Tex., Ladies' Club played host to a potluck dinner and hayride at the home of pastor Jim Lee. Dinner was served outside around a bonfire, and entertainment featured music, singing and jokes. A trailer piled with bales of hay was pulled by Dael Baughman's pickup truck for the hayride over hilly roads. Hot chocolate and hot spicy tea were served throughout the evening. Debbie Clark.

Spokesman Club members and their families from the MELBOURNE, Australia, SOUTH church enjoyed a cruise along the Yarra River Nov. 21 aboard the pleasure craft *Saona*. The group journeyed to a landing adjacent to Como Park, a reserve and picnic area where they embarked to enjoy a picnic lunch. Some of the men visited the nearby historic home of Como. Ian Wheelton.

Twenty PRETORIA, South Africa, Spokesman Club members and four of their sons traveled 250 miles Nov. 13 to climb Mont-aux-Sources in the Drakensberg mountains. Camp was made in a cave at the foot of the mountain. Rising



SYMPHONY FUND RAISER — The Pasadena church choir performs at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Turrentine in Pasadena during the Pasadena Symphony Association's annual fund raiser Dec. 5. The Women's Committee of the Pasadena Symphony Association sponsored a tour of four mansions, costing \$100 a ticket, to benefit the Pasadena Symphony Orchestra. (Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.)

early the next morning the hikers hoped to reach a vantage point by sunrise in order to see one of the most spectacular views in South Africa, but the morning mist prevented it. Bill Bailey.

The first meeting of the season for the ROANOKE, Va., Women's Club was Nov. 7. The theme of the meeting was "Children — God's Heritage." After opening the meeting with prayer, director Robert Persky announced the officers: Kay Persky, coordinator; Dorothy Dillman, secretary; Myra Stiglich, treasurer; Sherry Kinzie, sergeant at arms; Susan Crissinger, reporter; and Betty Chandler, librarian. Topics mistress was Judith Lanum. After a refreshment break hostess Ann Farmer introduced speakers Sharon Fainter, Renee Stiglich and Diane Webb. After an evaluation and a child-rearing lecture by Mr. Persky, next month's assignments were given and the meeting was adjourned. Susan Crissinger.

The Women's Club of ST. PAUL, Minn., met Nov. 10. Minister Bill Orn opened with prayer. Joanne Zatz had topics, and Cheryl Jahns gave a talk on the advantage of regular exercise and led a class in aerobic dancing. Beth Linehan.

The TACOMA, Wash., Women's Club kicked off the year Nov. 14 with the new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dahlgren. Mrs. Dahlgren covered the goals and purpose of club. Gloria Gunderson was appointed hostess for the year and Gloria Shumway treasurer. Following a lecture by Mr. Dahlgren on the seven major responsibilities of a woman, refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Shumway.

Forty-two women attended the Nov. 6 meeting of the WAUSAU, Wis., Ladies' Club. Associate pastor Norman Strayer presented a talk on Ruth. Tabletopics were led by Karen Lane, Diane Waters and Betty Waters. In an informal sharing and friendship session that followed intermission, the members discussed personal experiences and goals for the club. Louise Doeschner.

Nov. 14 marked the beginning of the club year for the WICHITA, Kan., Ladies' Club. Hostesses for the month were Sue Ann Wildt and Cindy Bresaw. Mrs. Wildt gave a presentation on floral

arrangements. As the members viewed arts and crafts on display, they were able to ask questions and learn how each was done. Dee Spicer.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The first meeting of the HARRISBURG, Pa., Jubilee Club this season was Nov. 6 at the Hurley residence. Gathered around a wood-burning stove, the members talked about their experiences at the Feast of Tabernacles. Gloria Rhinehoel told about the Bible study at Mount Pocono, Pa., where each time the minister said the word *power* the lights went off during a bad storm. Games and fellowship followed. Anna Harley.

ROANOKE, Va., members over the age of 50 were invited to a senior citizens' social Nov. 6 at the Troutville Town Hall. After a potluck Leon Stiglich showed slides he took during the Feast in Jerusalem. John Bass.

The SPRINGFIELD, Mo., 60-Plus Club honored pastor George Meeker and his wife Karen on their 22nd wedding anniversary at the Nov. 14 Thanksgiving meeting at Nixa, Mo. Club members sang "Happy Anniversary" as the couple entered the building. A potluck was served at midday, and Mrs. Meeker cut and served a cherry cake. A business meeting conducted by director Jess McClain was followed by a Bible study by Mr. Meeker. Jerry Troutman sang "The Hawaiian Wedding Song" in English and Hawaiian, and then he and his wife Delta led the group in a sing-along. Polly Rose.

SINGLES SCENE

The combined ATHENS and GAINESVILLE, Ga., singles' group had a dance Nov. 20 to which singles from seven church areas were invited. The nine-member Atlanta, Ga., church band Philadelphia played for the dance. Nancy E. Long.

The DALLAS, Tex., Single Ambassadors sponsored an evening of dancing and games Nov. 13. Music was provided by Mike Whitte, with snacks and beverages provided by Linda Benton and Brenda Johnson. Friendly competition was displayed in pool and table tennis tournaments. Others participated in games of cards, backgammon and Monopoly. Songs and a skit were performed by Henry Mez and Dan Wetzel. Proceeds will go toward the singles' ski trip to Colorado in January. Lou Ann Thomas.

HOBART, Tasmania, singles attended an etiquette evening Nov. 6. An upstairs room of the Black Buffalo Hotel was transformed into a restaurant as the deacons and ministry helped serve the meal and pastor Alan Dean gave guidelines on etiquette. The evening finished with a dance. Chris Miller.

The LEXINGTON, Ky., Singles' Club sponsored a covered-dish meal to honor the church widows Nov. 13. The pre-Thanksgiving meal took place at the

home of Kenneth and Joyce May. Derrick T. Wilson.

LONG BEACH, Calif., singles enjoyed a potluck at the home of Helen Tuxen Dec. 4. Pastor Les McColl and his wife Penny attended, as did singles from Santa Barbara to Garden Grove, Calif. One hundred dollars was voluntarily contributed for renting a hall for future activities. Associate pastor Bill Berg entertained with soft jazz. Lucy May.

Singles of the LOS ANGELES, GLENDALE and RESEDA, Calif., churches got together Nov. 6 for a potluck dinner with a Thanksgiving theme. A Bible study was conducted by Abner Washington, pastor of the Los Angeles church. The evening was planned and coordinated by Joe Constantino. Linda Castle.

The Singles' Club of SAN JOSE, Calif., had a Bible study Nov. 13. Topics on the theme "Signs and Wonders" were presented by Mike Light, and the study was conducted by associate pastor Camilo Reyes and guest speaker Arthur Elliott, a minister from the Phoenix, Ariz., church. Mike Light.

Seventy-two young adults of the WINNIPEG, Man., EAST church attended a social evening of dinner and fellowship Nov. 30 at the home of pastor Paul Linehan and his wife Jan. Other guests included Roy Page, pastor of the West church, and his wife Sheila, minister Alvin Nordstrom and his wife Dorothy and ministerial assistant John Stryker and his wife Beth. To make room for the group the Linehans transported their furniture to the bedrooms and set up tables throughout the house. Teri Cathro.

SPORTS

The volleyball season got under way Nov. 7 for the women's and girls' teams from BUFFALO, N.Y., and ERIE, Pa., as they met at Brice Central High for a 30-match series. The Buffalo women's B and girls' B teams swept their series, and the Buffalo women's A and girls' A teams suffered only three losses. In a closing match the Erie women's B team took on the Buffalo girls' B team defeating them 15-10, and the Buffalo women's A team took on the Erie girls' B team finishing with a 15-9 win. Val Matyskiwicz.

Five teams took part in a YOUNG volleyball tournament in COLUMBIA, S.C., Nov. 14. The final outcome was Greensboro, N.C., a team, with a score of 4-0; Greensboro B team, 3-1; Augusta, Ga., 2-2; Charlotte, N.C., 1-3; and Columbia, 0-4. Paul Nowlen.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The annual awards banquet of the BINGHAMTON and CORNING, N.Y., YOUNG was Nov. 20. After the meal minister John Lambert gave a report on different aspects of the chapter, which placed first in all areas of District 13 competition except one. The youths were complimented for their exemplary conduct by pastor Britton Taylor. The money (See CHURCH NEWS, page 7)



TRIUMPHANT TEAM — Pictured above is the Louisville, Ky., YOUNG girls' volleyball team, which won the district tournament in Lexington, Ky., Nov. 21. (See "Youth Activities," page 7.) (Photo by Jerry Jeffers)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ARNOLD, Fred and Anita (Miller), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Richard Joshua, Nov. 15, 1:47 a.m., 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

ARNOLD, Graham and Barbara (Champion), of Telford, England, boy, Alexander Roy, Nov. 18, 11:26 a.m., 3.1 kilograms, first child.

BEERY, Dennis and Bill (Mittenberg), of Pasadena, boy, Jesse Allen, Nov. 23, 7:54 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

BLACKSTON, Tommy and Anna (Forehand), of Tifton, Ga., boy, Kevin Joseph, Nov. 6, 9:41 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

BOSS, John Michael and Cindy (Norris), of Athens, Ga., boy, John Wesley, Nov. 11, 12:54 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

BOYER, John and Mary (Burchar), of Longview, Tex., girl, Sarah Teph, Nov. 1, 3:25 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

BRYAN, Joel and Patti (Lindquist), of Champeign, Ill., boy, Joshua Michael, Nov. 13, 7:51 a.m., 10 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys.

CATLETT, Patrick and Barbara (Krebs), of Snohomish, Wash., girl, Jodie Lesora, Aug. 11, 12:50 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

CHRISTIE, Jim and Cheryl (Albert), of Wataskiwin, Alta., girl, Pamela Emma Denise, Sept. 9, 12:17 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CROSBY, Donald and Carol (Bowden), of Ottawa, Ont., boy, Oliver Anthony, Nov. 18, 10 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

DeCOSTA, Wayne and Tina (Umscheid), of Providence, R.I., girl, Sarah Beth, Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

DIEMER, Andrew and Rhonda (Lukas), of Cleveland, Ohio, girl, Michaela Joy, Oct. 31, 6:04 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

EMERY, John and Diane (Gargery), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Paul Allen, June 5, 3:15 p.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys.

EPPI, Gary and Myrna (Murphy), of Peterborough, Ont., girl, Rachel Danielle, Nov. 18, 9:51 a.m., 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, first child.

FREDERICK, Michael and Sherri (Watts), of Peoria, Ill., boy, Philip Michael, Nov. 26, 8:19 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

GARDNER, Chesley and Stacy (Laaga), of Corner Brook, Nfld., boy, Chase Stephen Matthew Shane, May 8, 10:59 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, 1 boy, 4 girls.

GILCHRIST, Glen and Diane (Grede), of Milwaukee, Wis., girl, Laurel Elizabeth, Nov. 26, 9:06 a.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

GOODMOT, Gordon and Vera (Mares), of Omega, Ga., girl, Jon-Ellen, Oct. 31, 5:24 p.m., 6 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 4 girls.

GRIFFITHS, Roy and Carol (Williams), of South Springfield, Australia, boy, Conroy Jonathan, Sept. 17, 10:27 a.m., 3 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

HECKMAN, Allen and Monica (Gimes), of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., girl, Amanda Marie, Sept. 12, 5:42 p.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HUGGETT, Edward and Denise (Whitney), of Homestead, Fla., girl, Larissa Kimberly, Nov. 11, 10:05 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

KULCHESKY, Jim and Karen (Fenn), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Amanda Lee, Nov. 21, 11:47 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LAISTER, John and Lorna (Whitney), of Durban, South Africa, boy, Murray, Nov. 12, 1:15 a.m., 3.81 kilograms, now 3 boys.

MABINE, Coley and Brande (Perry), of Middletown, Conn., boy, Brandon Eric, Oct. 14, 12:44 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

MATTI, Dick and Mari, of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, Callum Richard, Nov. 20, 1:15 a.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

MCCRACKEN, Wayne and Karen (Leach), of Wheeling, W. Va., boy, Jonathan David, Sept. 19, 11:07 a.m., 10 pounds, now 2 boys.

NEPK, Kevin and Sandra (Hanson), of Fargo Falls, Minn., boy, Christopher Wayne, Nov. 5, 1:11 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

NICE, Glenn and Cindy (Seares), of Pasadena, boy, Nathan Verni, Nov. 18, 4:50 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

OLSEN, Lewis and Connie (Horswell), of Kalamazoo, Mich., boy, Bradley Lewis, Nov. 10, 9:05 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

PATEY, David and Shelley (Kellor), of Croydon, England, boy, Matthew Eric, Sept. 21, 1:42 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 4 boys.

RHOADES, Richard and Julie (Sells), of Glendora, Calif., girl, Chrystal Faye, Oct. 7, 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

RILEY, Michael and Linda (Harvey), of Croydon, England, boy, Jonathan Michael, Nov. 11, 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

RITCHIE, Steven and Sandy (Conner), of Portland, Ore., girl, Kristy Brianna, Sept. 22, 8:20 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SCHAUER, George and Juana (Madrigal), of San Jose, Costa Rica, boy, Joshua, Nov. 3, 2:40 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

SHAFFER, Gary and Jane (Kirkpatrick), of Big Sandy, girl, Jenny Kathleen Joy, Nov. 17, 8:30 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

SCHREIBER, John and Marilyn (Payne), of St. Louis, Mo., girl, Rebecca Ann, Nov. 3, 4:27 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

SWENSON, Guy and Jennifer (Osborn), of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Benjamin Darrell, Nov. 23, 3:57 p.m., 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

TENTY, Benjamin and Diann (Lowery), of Vallejo, Calif., boy, Brandon Benjamin, Sept. 21, 8:11 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

VAN PAYNE, Jeff and Terrie (Winston), of Gainesville, Fla., girl, Sybil Rebekah Elizabeth, Nov. 22, 9:31 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WARNER, Brad and Gail (Albertson), of Des Moines, Iowa, boy, Andrew Gail, Nov. 2, 3:37 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WHITE, Norman and Joanna (Pilkington), of Portland, Ore., girl, Britany Erin, Nov. 28, 3:03 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

VARNHAM, Mark and Yvonne (Brattie), of St. Albans, England, girl, Zandra Louise, Aug. 11, 1:33 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

WILSON, Timothy and Theresa (Foshee), of St. Paul, Ind., boy, Roderic Joseph, Nov. 13, 7:10 p.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

YOUNGBLOOD, Tim and Sue (Johnson), of Lafayette, La., girl, Karen Christina, Oct. 12, 11 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Jager are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Anita to John Mark Walker, son of Edward and April Walker. The wedding is planned for Feb. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Barriga are pleased to announce the engagement of his daughter Elizabeth Maria to Gardner A. Beluche Jr. A Feb. 20 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. PETER HARMER

Ann Glennie and Peter Harmer were united in marriage Nov. 18 at the Three Picosos Function Suite, Aberdeen, Scotland. The ceremony was performed by Colin Wilkins, pastor of the Scottish churches. Ann is a friend of the couple, John Bald, pastor of the Rochester church, performed the ceremony. Dona and Dale Fair were matron of honor and best man. The couple reside in Rochester.



MR. AND MRS. KEVIN HOLMES

Sheryl Ann Northrop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Northrop, and Kevin Doyle Holmes, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Holmes of Dallas, Tex., were united in marriage Aug. 14 by Kenneth Tether, pastor of the Dallas North church. Valerie Northrop, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Kenneth Tether was best man. The couple reside in Dallas.



MR. AND MRS. WINSTON JAILL

Winston Jaiail and Indra Harbansingh were united in marriage Aug. 1. The best man was Hamlyn Jaiail and the chief bridesmaid was Gweta Harbansingh. Victor Simpson, pastor of the Trinidad and Tobago church, performed the ceremony.



MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR SUCKLING

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Whitley of Corpus Christi, Tex., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter

Marshe Kay to Arthur O. Suckling Sept. 28. The ceremony was performed in the Ambassador Auditorium by the groom's brother, Paul Suckling, pastor of the St. Albans and Borehamwood, England, churches. The bride's sister, Linda Hamilton, was matron of honor. Robin Stow of Pasadena was the best man. Both Mr. and Mrs. Suckling are on the faculty of Pasadena Ambassador College.



MR. AND MRS. LARRY OLSON

Barbara Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brown of Kokato, Minn., and Larry Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Olson of Wright, Minn., were united in marriage Aug. 29 in Rochester, Minn., at the home of Joyce Walker, a friend of the couple. John Bald, pastor of the Rochester church, performed the ceremony. Dona and Dale Fair were matron of honor and best man. The couple reside in Rochester.



MR. AND MRS. RENE LOISELLE

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brumet wish to announce the marriage of their daughter Renee Jane of Oshkosh, Wis., to Renee Glenn Schor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Schor of Pine River, Minn. The wedding took place in the administration building at the Wisconsin Delta, Wis., Feast site Sept. 12 with a reception following in the Tabernacle building. Romaine and Connie reside in Pine River.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harrington of Berlin, Wis., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Connie Lynn to Romaine Glenn Schor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Schor of Pine River, Minn. The wedding took place in the administration building at the Wisconsin Delta, Wis., Feast site Sept. 12 with a reception following in the Tabernacle building. Romaine and Connie reside in Pine River.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Eiler of Perryopolis, Pa., have the honor of announcing the marriage of their daughter Melaine Dawn to Richard Scott of Long Island, N.Y. John Moskal, pastor of the Jacksonville, N.C., church, performed the ceremony at the New Barn.



MR. AND MRS. DANE SMITH

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Dane and Aileen Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. The Smiths are residents of Milpitas, Calif. Mrs. Smith is a member of the San Jose congregation.



MR. AND MRS. KLEM RANDALL

27 by their children in Mankato, Minn., with a reception in celebration of their 50

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 Bryan Mitchell, son of Kenny and Joanna Mitchell of Pasadena.

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Weight	Number of sons you now have*	
Number of daughters you now have*	12-82	

*Including newborn

N.C., Ramada Inn. The couple reside at 34 Woodland Terrace, Morgantown, W. Va.

ANNIVERSARIES

To our good friends Caleb and Diane, we wish you a happy anniversary Dec. 18 with many more to come. Love, John, Diane, Sean, Philippe and Paul.

Happy 38th anniversary Dec. 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Benedict. Even though most of your children are scattered and apart from you, you are always in our hearts and thoughts. We love you Sharon, Donna and Jerry. Bruce and Donna, Patti and Gary and your six grandchildren.

Happy 36th anniversary to Joyce and Don Traynor, Jan. 10. Much love always, Ruth, Ken and Don.

Obituaries

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Murray William Hodge, 59, a member of God's Church since 1978, died of a heart attack Dec. 2.

Mr. Hodge is survived by his wife Ett, three sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, a brother and a sister.

Funeral services were conducted by Neville Fraser, a minister in the Auckland church.

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Nancy Elizabeth Armitage, 22, daughter of Dr. and Mrs.

David Armitage, was killed instantly when struck by a drunk driver Nov. 18 while riding her bicycle to work.



NANCY ARMITAGE

She was a consultant in computer programming, working on a master's degree in computer science at North Carolina State at Raleigh.

Miss Armitage was graduated cum laude from Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, in May, 1981, with (See ANNOUNCEMENTS, page 7)

Weddings Made of Gold

HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss. — Ralph and Frances Wicker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 24. They were married in 1932 in Myrtle, Miss., then they honeymooned for a weekend in Memphis, Tenn.

The Wickers became acquainted with the Work of God in August, 1962, and were both baptized in February, 1963. Both are active in Plain Truth work here.

The Memphis brethren honored them during a square dance Nov. 13. They were presented with a three-tier cake made by members Evelyn Eads and Karen Wooten, a photo album and an autograph book signed by those present. Rowlen Tucker, pastor of the Memphis church, made the presentation.

LAKE CRYSTAL, Minn. — Klem and Zilpha Randall were honored Nov.

years of marriage. They have five children and 11 grandchildren. They began listening to the broadcast in 1961. Mrs. Randall was baptized in 1966 and Mr. Randall in 1969.

They moved to Yorkton and began attending services there. Mrs. Nerbas was baptized in 1978.

The Yorkton brethren organized a surprise tea in their honor after services Nov. 20. Pastor of the congregation, Dennis Lawrence, presented Mr. and Mrs. Nerbas with an engraved plaque commemorating the occasion.



YORKTON, Sask. — John and Lena Nerbas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 15 and were honored with three celebrations. Sept. 4 a family dinner took place at the Corona Motor Hotel in Yorkton with their only son, Rod, and his wife Alberta and family and sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews of the Nerbases.

Sept. 5 the honored couple presided



MR. AND MRS. JOHN NERBAS

A cake was baked and decorated by Greta German and served with sandwiches and dainties prepared by the women of the congregation.

Teacher terminated after Feast, reinstated through legal action

DERBY, Kan. — At five minutes before 8 a.m., Oct. 11, Sarah H. Rhodes returned to her teaching position at Derby High School after spending the Feast of Tabernacles in Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.

As she entered the school she was greeted by the beckoning finger of principal Ken Pyle. "Would you please step into my office?" said Mr. Pyle.

Once inside, superintendent Theodor Jones handed Mrs. Rhodes a two-page letter that said she had been terminated.

When Mrs. Rhodes explained about a religious observance in Missouri, the superintendent "shook his finger at me and said not to mention religion," she said.

Mrs. Rhodes, an English teacher in Derby for 18 years, attended four

Feasts without major incident.

"I guess so many people were taking time off to pick wheat and things, that they thought they'd start to clamp down — starting with me," said Mrs. Rhodes.

After being terminated Mrs. Rhodes contacted Wichita, Kan., associate pastor Tom Tullis, who supplied her with information about legal decisions concerning Church

members who had faced similar circumstances.

Raul Reyes, an attorney in the Church's Legal Office in Pasadena, called the firing "obvious discrimination."

David Schauner, an attorney for the Kansas National Education Association, challenged the firing as a violation of Mrs. Rhodes' constitutional right to practice her religion.

A "Close-Up" article in the March, 1980, *Good News* told how Tom Byars, a member of the Bakersfield, Calif., church, was fired from his teaching position for refusing to work on God's annual Holy Days.

The case went to the U.S. Supreme Court, culminating nearly

10 years of legal proceedings.

When apprised of the 1979 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Derby school board knew any court action would be futile.

"The school board's own attorney told them, 'You can spend \$100,000 and lose or stop now and lose,'" said Mrs. Rhodes.



SARAH H. RHODES

Less than three weeks after being fired the schoolteacher received notice of her reinstatement from superintendent Jones.

The decision was based, the letter read, on "intensive research in the evolving field regarding civil rights."

Mrs. Rhodes' case prompted coverage by area newspapers, including the *Wichita Eagle-Beacon* and the *Derby Daily Reporter*.

Individuals in the United States who face similar problems should contact the Legal Office in Pasadena for information that may be of assistance.

Address correspondence to the Worldwide Church of God, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, Attention: Legal Office.

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for their five-day trip to Canada in August was raised in a parable-of-the-talent fund raiser and by selling fruit.

In the scholarship awards and certificates presentation, for grades 7 to 9 Diane Fraley and Pamela Pruden received awards, Bryant Lambert received a certificate and Debbie May was given an award for the most improved scholastically. For grades 10 to 12 Jennifer Van Dyke and Ginger Hubbell received awards and Keith Cartwright a certificate. Awards for the fund raiser went to Michael Close, Todd Rougeux and Marsha Strange. Steven Lukoski, Bryant Lambert, Beth York and Julie Carl, the top fund raisers, will go on an all-expense-paid trip to Philadelphia, Pa. Eleanor Lukoski.

The YOUTH OF CHICO, Calif., enjoyed a fun-filled weekend Nov. 13 and 14. Following a potluck after services, a talent show was put on by the YOUTH and their families. Participants included singers Shauna Turley, Sandy Price, Dave Nielsen, Orval Strong, Maria Segall and the Turley family. Harp Culp performed a guitar solo. Backup musicians were Marc Costen, Mike Kawasaki and John Blake

Paul Guy, the talent show coordinator, on piano. A comedy skit by the YOUTH was also part of the entertainment. After the show the youths had a dance. The following morning the young people and their families went roller-skating and then had lunch at a pizza parlor. Tom Alexander.

Nov. 20 and 21 a YOUTH district family weekend took place in DENVER, Colo. In the Mountain Region YOUTH talent contest, Danny Wegh finished first in the senior division with an accordion solo, and vocalist Brenda Colson was second. The junior division winner was Wendy Wegh, who performed on the violin. During the judges' final ranking, music was provided by The Solid Sounds, a Denver church band headed by minister Norman Myers. Other activities of the weekend included a Bible bowl, a potluck, a family roller-skating party Sunday morning and volleyball tournaments for adults and YOUTH members. The Denver YOUTH team finished first in District 61, and the Casper, Wyo., YOUTH girls finished first among District 62 competitors. Gary Fendergraft.

The YOUTH OF GREENSBORO, N.C., sponsored a church roller-skating party Nov. 21 at Skateland Arena. Vicki Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Storey were hosts for a fun and games night for the KINGSTON and SMITHS FALLS, Ont., YOUTH members and parents Nov. 13. The guests were served hamburgers and hot dogs donated by the YOUTH and a variety of desserts and salads brought by the families. The evening was spent playing games presented by Tina Yandi, such as musical balloons, ring toss and word games. Tina Yandi.

The YOUTH OF LAKE OF THE OZARKS and ROLLA, Mo., met at the Church-owned Feast site at Lake of the Ozarks Nov. 7 for a day of activities that began with the watching of one of Herbert W. Armstrong's telecasts. The youths then swept and cleaned the area for the day's events. The boys practiced basketball, while the girls began their season's practice for volleyball. The district YOUTH talent contest began after the lunch break. The girls served refreshments at a reception following the talent contest. Pat Dobson.

LEXINGTON, Ky., was the site of a YOUTH district family weekend Nov. 20 and 21. Saturday evening about 300 brethren attended a Bible bowl, which the Portsmouth, Ohio, team won. Events continued on Sunday with a girls' vol-

leyball tournament. The Louisville, Ky., team, coached by Dee Summerville, placed first after winning a match with the London, Ky., team, coached by Velma Mullins. Third place went to Lexington's team, coached by Sid Semones. Named to the all tournament team by ministers and coaches were Tonya Ritter, Sheila Price, Kelly Dow, Lisa Allen, Patty Swartz, Stephanie Robinson and Sharon Robinson. The Most Valuable Player was Tonya Ritter. The sportsmanship award was given to the Somerset, Ky., girls, coached by Charles Daniel. After the tournament the brethren went roller-skating. Bob Antrobus.

YES members of the NASSAU, Bahamas, church received recognition during Sabbath services Nov. 13 for having completed YES lessons during the year. They were given folders as an added incentive. Presentation of awards was made by pastor Kingsley O. Mather. Afterward YES members and their evaluators posed for a group photo. Later that evening the youngsters and their parents got together for an evening of fun and games. Four YES groups engaged in a Bible bowl, which was won by Group 4, consisting of Stephen Mather, Keva Barrow, John Wood, Edward Robinson, Peter Harper, Janice Rodgers and Garron Thompson. The movie *Gus* was shown to climax the evening. C. Barton and D. Curling.

More than 40 PIKEVILLE, Ky., YOUTH and adults attended the annual YOUTH banquet Nov. 14 at the Western Steer Steakhouse. Donnie Justice, YOUTH coordinator, and Estel Stewart, sports director, were awarded plaques for their service to YOUTH. Several parents received certificates in recognition of their efforts in YOUTH. Youths awarded certificates and pins for their outstanding abilities in sports were Anna Mullins, Priscilla Taylor and Lucy Cline, volleyball; Anna Mullins and Wesley Tackett, track and field; Kenny Hall, Mark Kidd and James Kidd, basketball. Debby Bailey.

Junior YOUTH members of the SYDNEY, Australia, SOUTH church attended a beach party at Brighton-Le-Sands Nov. 14. Activities included swimming, games and a sand-modeling competition. Associate pastor Chris Hunting judged all participants worthy of a prize. A cake, made in the shape of a rabbit, was baked by Erica Ursem. The afternoon was rounded off with the presentation of certificates for active participation throughout the year, and three cheers were given to those who helped organize the year's activities: Graham and Kath Shepherd, Arthur Mavros, Jim Mottee and Jim Thomas. Chris Hunting.

The TAMPA, Fla., church was host to a Florida YOUTH family weekend Nov. 13 and 14. Craig Bacheller, pastor of the Melbourne and Fort Pierce churches, coordinated the weekend activities. Saturday evening featured a family dance, with music provided by the Cool Change band. Movies and cartoons were shown for the children, and refreshments were provided.

In Division I of the girls' power volleyball tournament Sunday Jacksonville finished in first place, Miami in second and Orlando in third. Tampa received the sportsmanship trophy. Division II finished with Fort Pierce in first place, Lakeland in second place and Gainesville in third place, with Tampa receiving the sportsmanship trophy. Lakeland finished first in the boys' power volleyball, Fort Pierce was in second place and St. Petersburg received the sportsmanship trophy.

Junior YOUTH soccer ended with a three-way tie for first place between Tampa, Lakeland and Melbourne. The mixed volleyball division championship

resulted in a tie between Great Hustle and Strategic Spiking, with the Tampa Bees finishing third. The day culminated with a barbecued chicken lunch organized by Mike Maynard and prepared by Paul To-pash. Phillip Brooks.

Fun and funding were the objectives of a carnival sponsored by the TULSA, Okla., YOUTH cheerleaders Nov. 21 to earn money for uniforms for the new girls. Sarah Storchmann kept busy in the hair-cutting booth, giving 28 haircuts in the four-hour time. Another booth provided patrons with wet sponges to throw at cheerleader volunteers Tina Bradshaw and Julie James. Joni Scaff and assistants were wrapped up in their work at the first aid station, giving mock bandaging jobs. Clown Debbie Rolier was a walking picture-taking booth. Cakes baked by the fathers of the cheerleaders were used in cakewalks and auctions. Refreshments were directed by Beverly Barbour. Sandra Hinman.

WASHINGTON, Pa., YOUTH teens participated in a Bible bowl Nov. 6 as ministers David Johnson and John Dobrich interrogated six teams on subject matter taken from the first four books of the New Testament. After three YOUTH games Mr. Johnson called upon the par-

ents, who displayed their knowledge in two games. The Bible bowls were the culminating events in a day that began with a potluck following afternoon services. Dale M. Crouch.

A YOUTH District 64 family weekend took place Nov. 6 and 7 in WICHITA, Kan. After services conducted by pastor Judd Kirk, activities were a Bible bowl for YOUTH members and a singles' Bible study conducted by Dave Carley, pastor of the Lawton and Ada, Okla., churches. The brethren were hosts to a covered-dish supper, after which everyone was invited to watch the district YOUTH talent contest. The volleyball tournament was played at the YMCA facilities, where swimming, racquetball and jogging were also available. A pancake breakfast Sunday morning and concessions throughout the day were provided by the Wichita members. Kristy Dugan.

A group of WINDSOR, Ont., YOUTH members, accompanied by Church members and headed by pastor Fran Ricchi, drove to Dundas, Ont., Oct. 24 and hiked along the Bruce Trail, a hiking trail on the Niagara Escarpment. After hiking about five miles, the group rested and lunched among the ruins of the Hermitage Mansion in Ancaster, Ont. Patricia Klem.

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major in computer science, math and philosophy. She was editor of the college literary magazine her senior year.

Survivors include her father David; mother, Barri, a deaconess in the Augusta church; and brother David Jr., 16. Funeral services were conducted by Carlos Nieto, a minister in the Columbia, S.C., and Augusta churches.

LAFAYETTE, La. — Amie A. Bertrand, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron-

ald Bertrand, died Nov. 13 after she was accidentally shot. Graveside services were conducted by Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., churches.

Amie is survived by her parents; brother Jacob, 8; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Purphey Trahan; and paternal grandfather Norris Bertrand. The Bertrand family and Trahan family attend the Lafayette church.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Alvin G. "Dutch" Robinson, 82, a member

since 1957, died Nov. 24 after several months of illness.

Funeral services were conducted by Arnold L. Clauson, pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches.

Mr. Robinson was baptized in October, 1957, by evangelist Roderick Meredith.

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Bruce Carroll, 76, a member of God's Church for 27 years, died of a heart attack Oct. 14. Mr. Carroll was a member of the San Francisco, Calif., congregation and was baptized by Herbert W. Armstrong May 15, 1955.

He is survived by his wife Violet J., of San Mateo, sons Gean and Jack, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren of Bakersfield, Calif.

Funeral services were conducted by Alfred J. Mischnick, pastor of the Bakersfield church.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — James H. Ervin, 38, died Nov. 26 after an auto accident. Mr. Ervin had been a member of the Dayton, Ohio, church since 1974.

Richard Thompson, pastor of the Dayton church, conducted graveside services.

Mr. Ervin is survived by his wife Beth and four children.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Emma Donaldson, 79, a Church member since 1970, died Oct. 20.

Mrs. Donaldson was a member of the Tallahassee church. She is survived by her husband Samuel, a member.

Funeral services were conducted by Rick Beam, pastor of the Tallahassee congregation.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — William Bolding, 61, died at home Nov. 22, following months of struggle with cancer.

Mr. Bolding had been a member of the Wellington congregation since 1976. Funeral services were conducted Nov. 25.

He is survived by his wife Mavis; two daughters, Heather and Edith; and son Dennis.

WINCHESTER, Va. — William B. Dixon, 70, died Nov. 18 of a heart attack. He had been a member since 1975.

He is survived by his wife Pearl; two daughters, Ann Rathrock of Hagerstown, Md., and Darthea Sharrar of Gettysburg, Pa.; son William B. III, one stepdaughter; and five stepsons. Funeral services were conducted by pastor William Pack.



WINTER CONCERT — From left, baritone Gerald Bieritz, soprano Ingrid Helge and tenor John Beaver sing *Libiamo ne' lieti calici* from Giuseppe Verdi's opera *La Traviata* before a capacity audience in the Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 19. The trio's performance was part of the 165-member Ambassador Concert Choir and 78-piece Ambassador Concert Orchestra Winter Concert. Composed of Ambassador students, brethren from Southern California churches and professional musicians, the choir and orchestra were conducted by John D. Schroeder. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — The *World Tomorrow* telecast featuring Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong will begin airing on the third of three superstations in the United States Jan. 2, according to David Hulme, media liaison for the Church.

WTBS-TV of Atlanta, Ga., will air the telecast at 7 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, Sundays, with a 13-week renewable contract.

"WTBS is the largest superstation in the country," Mr. Hulme said. "It has 25 million household subscribers, with that number expected to rise to 30 million in 1983."

The *World Tomorrow* telecast airs on superstations WGN-TV, Chicago, Ill., Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. and WOR-TV, New York, N.Y., Sundays at 9:30 p.m. The stations reach 25 million households throughout the United States through satellite and cable linkups, Mr. Hulme said.

He added that response on WTBS-TV "is expected to be comparable with the WGN response," the second highest response station contracted by the Work.

The program will air at 4 a.m. Pacific Standard Time, because of the three-hour time difference between the East and West coasts of the United States.

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PASADENA — Telephone and mail response received Dec. 4 to 11 officially made 1982 the year of highest response, according to Richard Rice, director of the Work's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

He said that telephone and mail responses now total more than four million. The previous record was set in 1973 with 3.6 million responses.

More mail was received at MPC in November than total mail intake in the first 18 years of God's Work, reported Wayne Pyle, assistant to Mr. Rice, MPC director.

The November mail count of 438,817 was the highest ever for a single month, added Mr. Pyle. Thirty-seven percent of the responses were to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's Oct. 20 semiannual letter, he said.

PASADENA — The *Plain Truth* and other literature may be trickling into Cuba, according to Alec Surratt, mail processing supervisor for the Work's Spanish Department here.

For the past 10 years few, if any, responses came from Cuba. But this year about a half dozen Cuban responses have been received, primarily, says Mr. Surratt, because of the *World Tomorrow* broadcast being aired over WGBS in Miami, Fla., and referrals from other *Plain Truth* subscribers.

Plain Truths printed in Ken-

tucky are shipped to the Work's office in Hamilton, Bermuda, according to Ron Urwiller, head of the international mail section of the Mail Processing Center. From Bermuda literature is mailed into Cuba.

Mr. Urwiller explained that U.S. mail is "strictly censored by Cuban authorities."

But a Cuban government agency saw an advertisement for *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) in the Madrid, Spain, *El Pais* and wrote for a subscription, said Mr. Surratt.

While some U.S. publications are funneled into Cuba, none are allowed into leftist Nicaragua, said Keith Speaks, Spanish Department promotional director.

"As far as we know, the last issue of *La Pura Verdad* that made it into the country was May," said Mr. Speaks.



PASADENA — The fine growth experienced worldwide in God's Work this year has been reflected in the Caribbean region.

Mail received at each of the seven mail receiving offices on English-speaking islands in October was up 39 percent over October, 1981, and income was up 44 percent in October.

Brethren in Bermuda were thrilled with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's visit and his lecture to *Plain Truth* subscribers Nov. 1. The church there has 130 in attendance.

On Dec. 9 disaster hit the home of pastor Roland Sampson when it was badly damaged by fire.

It started in the basement while they were absent, in suspicious circumstances, that brought an investigation from the CID (Criminal Investigation Department). Mr. Sampson and the CID suspect it may have started as the result of a burglary.

The Sampsons lost several thousand dollars worth of personal effects on one side of the house. He said the membership in Bermuda were marvelously supportive, and they were grateful that no one was injured in the fire.

Kenya

Satan has also been active on the

other side of the world. The home of Owen Willis, pastor of the churches in East Africa, was burglarized. The home, which is also the church office, is on the outskirts of Nairobi.

The door was broken down with an ax, and Mr. Willis lost much of his clothing and some electrical goods.

New Zealand

Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse traveled to every church in New Zealand, in November, speaking to a different congregation every day for almost two weeks.

Mr. Waterhouse's dynamic sermons centered on the way that God, through His apostle, is building His Church to be a Bride and a Temple prepared for Christ's return.

On this trip Mr. Waterhouse spoke to brethren in Suva, Fiji, for the first time. A total of 1,027 people heard Mr. Waterhouse in 11 locations, and only a handful of members in scattered areas were unable to hear him speak.

Fiji

After Mr. Waterhouse left Fiji en route to Australia regional director Peter Nathan stayed there and conducted six new visits and performed one baptism.

Contest

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National Talent Contest finals in Pasadena Dec. 21. Finals were canceled for budgetary reasons Dec. 15, according to Kevin Dean, YOU director, but the 10 finalists will receive a \$1,000 tuition scholarship to Ambassador College.

Judges Lee Kerrighan, John Dyck and Ron Langlo had a difficult time deciding the winners of the Canadian contest. They remarked that the talent was of superb quality, and that the teens did remarkably well with their respective pieces.

Determining the top two places in the senior division proved the most difficult, with the judges deliberating for about 20 minutes.

The contestants qualified at regional talent contests at Canadian Feast sites.

While in Suva he also conducted two *Plain Truth* lectures. These were attended by 27 new people the first evening and 25 new people the second evening.

The Netherlands

Plans are being made for a fall and winter advertising campaign to promote the Dutch-language edition of *The Plain Truth* (*De Echte Waarheid*).

In February, 1983, a flyer will be placed in the monthly magazine of the Netherlands Automobile Association.

The same month, for the first time, a full-page ad will be placed on the back cover of one of the Dutch TV guides, *Tros Kompas*, with a circulation of 900,000. It's hoped this advertising will increase the circulation by 20,000 to 60,000.

Canada

Newspaper ads have brought in more than 60,000 new requests for *The Plain Truth*, increasing the subscription list to more than 200,000. With 300,000 more copies distributed on newsstands, the circulation in Canada now exceeds 500,000. This doubles the previous highest circulation of 247,184 in 1975.

The newsstands do bring some opposition. Ministers in some areas have campaigned to have the stands removed from retail establishments in their parishes.

Despite the opposition, this means of distribution continues to be an effective way of reaching a broad cross section of society.

The November issue, picturing U.S. Secretary of State George

Most of the contestants arrived Dec. 3 in Vancouver. They were given a guided tour of the Canadian regional office and served refreshments before being driven to their host families' homes.

Sabbath morning the contestants were treated to a brunch at the Salmon House on the Hill restaurant in West Vancouver.

After Sabbath services in the Thompson auditorium the group boarded the Vancouver Island ferry for a trip to Victoria, B.C., capital of British Columbia.

After an overnight stay they toured the city and Butchart Gardens. After reboarding the ferry the group viewed the gulf islands as the ferry sailed through narrow passages back to the Canadian mainland.

Rehearsals began at 3 p.m. and continued to 5 p.m. About 450 brethren watched as the contest began at 8 p.m.

Schultz on the cover, attracted the attention of the U.S. ambassador to Canada while he was visiting his barber. He was so impressed with the magazine that he sent an aide to collect extra magazines for his staff.

Incoming mail in Canada was up 230 percent in November because of newspaper advertisements.

Income is up 13.4 percent for the year-to-date, an excellent increase when the high unemployment the nation is suffering is taken into account.

Malcolm Tofts and his wife Judy, who were working in the Montreal, Que., area will serve the churches in Accra and Kumasi, Ghana.

They expect to arrive in early January, and will work with Melvin Rhodes, pastor until May, 1983, when they will replace Mr. Rhodes. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes have served in this arduous assignment in Ghana for more than four years.

For the Record

PASADENA — Japanese translations of booklets written by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong are now "in the editing phase of production," said David Hulme, media liaison for the Church, Dec. 21.

The booklets were incorrectly identified in the Oct. 18 *Worldwide News* as being available. Mr. Hulme said Dec. 21 that final production and printing of the booklets "depends on budgetary constraints. We hope to print them sometime in 1983, but we'll have to see if the money becomes available."



12TH SESSION — Ministers and wives attending the Dec. 6 to 16 Ministerial Refreshing Program take time out for a photo on the mall of the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center in Pasadena. Individuals from England, Australia, Austria, South Africa, Canada and the United States participated. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

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