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Italian Plain Truth tops goal, response 'positive,' says director

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — Two newspaper and magazine advertising campaigns are expected to push *La Pura Verità* (Italian Plain Truth) circulation above the 25,000 mark by Jan. 30, said Carn Catherwood, regional director of God's Work in Italian-speaking areas.

Interviewed by *The Worldwide News* in Pasadena Dec. 28 Mr. Catherwood said, "We're already over the 18,000 mark, with more responses on the way from Italy."

The first advertising campaign was conducted June through August, 1982, with ads appearing in *Corriere Della Sera*, Italy's national newspaper; *Oggi*, a feature magazine similar to *Life* magazine in the United States; and *L'Europeo*, a national newsmagazine similar to *Time* or *Newsweek*.

A second ad campaign began during the 1982 Feast, continuing

through November. Italian-language ads for *The Plain Truth* appeared in the above three national journals, plus *La Nazione*, *Il Messaggero*, *Il Mattino*, *La Sicilia* and *Domenica Del Corriere*.

"These are all high quality publications," said David Hulme, media liaison for the Church who helped coordinate the ad campaign. "The response to the second campaign was double what the first ads brought."

"Our level of readership is very high," Mr. Catherwood said. "We have received responses from doctors, dentists, lawyers and government officials." He added that he attributes the quality response to the type of magazines and newspapers the Work is advertising in.

Mr. Catherwood also pointed out that to date, "no negative responses of any kind have been received."

"People seem to be meditating on

the magazines," he continued. "We received a few general thank-you type letters, but no cancellations or hate letters — even though we're in our sixth edition of the magazine."

"The feeling I get is that we're making a very positive impression. People in Italy discuss religion much more freely than in other European nations. I think they're stimulated by the content."

Mr. Catherwood also noted that since its first press run in England June 15, 1982, *La Pura Verità* now circulates in 32 countries.

"Chief of these, of course, is Italy. Our second largest circulation is in the U.S., followed by Switzerland, where there is a large Italian-speaking segment."

"Next largest is Argentina, where a large body of Italian immigrants live, followed by Canada."

"We even have one subscription going into the U.S.S.R.," he said.

Mai Capito Prima... il motivo per cui l'umanità non sa eliminare i suoi mali, the Italian translation of *Never Before Understood — Why Humanity Cannot Solve Its Evils*, is now printed and available for distribution.

"I think that's significant, that we were able to print that booklet first," Mr. Catherwood said. "The knowledge in that booklet is profound, and I think, very appealing to the Italian mind."

He said that the Italian Department will have "the majority of booklets written by Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong translated and available by the end of 1983."

Mr. Catherwood, who speaks Italian and French in addition to

Refreshing course yields 'spiritual rejuvenation'

PASADENA — As God's Work moves into 1983, the second Ministerial Refreshing Program continues to provide spiritual rejuvenation through intensive instruction and review for ministers worldwide, according to Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services.

The second program, approved by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong before the 1981 Feast of Tabernacles, consists of 21 two-week sessions, said Mr. Tkach.

More than 500 ministers and their wives from 127 countries are to participate by the end of the second program Aug. 18.

"Mr. Armstrong has spoken to every class with the exception of the ones in session while he was away on trips," said Mr. Tkach. "In that case, videotapes of Mr. Armstrong are played."

In the program's first week Mr. Tkach speaks about making full proof of your ministry; evangelist Herman Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor, gives two lectures: keys to understanding prophecy and the government of God; and evangelist Ellis LaRavia tells what and why the Church.

Rod Matthews of the International Office of Ministerial Services presents a slide show and talks about the worldwide Work.

Evangelist Dean Blackwell discusses the minister's personal spirituality.

Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Work's publications, gives an update about the Work's publications.

The title of the lecture by David Hulme, media liaison for the Church, is "Not by might, nor by power"; and Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services, explains publishing aspects of *The Plain Truth*.

Ralph Helge, the Church's legal counsel, gives legal advice for ministers.

In the second week Mr. Tkach talks about general counseling procedures, and Larry Salyer, dean of students at

Big Sandy Ambassador College, conducts a session on child rearing.

Greg Albrecht, dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College, talks about counseling youths. Youth programs in God's Church are discussed by Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), and Jeb Egbert, business administrator for the YOU Office.

Evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, talks on the minister's personal marriage.

Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, gives an update on current events, and evangelist Raymond F. McNair gives an Ambassador College update.

Larry Omasta, director of Media Services, discusses radio and television in the Work.

James Petty, athletic director at the Pasadena campus, explains the approach to the Church's sports program.

Mr. Blackwell lectures on procedures for Spokesman, Graduate and Women's Clubs, and Dr. Hoeh explains about counseling alcoholics.

The program ends with a question-and-answer session, conducted by some of the speakers during the program.

In addition to the formal lectures, each session offers optional evening presentations on Work-related topics, including an evening seminar about writing for the Work's publications by Mr. Faulkner and Editorial Services staff members.

Richard Walther, head of the Pasadena college library, presents an evening seminar about operating audiovisual equipment.

Other activities during the two-week program include Tuesday evening dinners, seminars, films, slide shows, a tour of the Mail Processing Center and a group photograph.

"We are already putting together a third program, subject to Mr. Armstrong's approval, that would begin in January, 1984," said Mr. Tkach.

The world in 1983: not a happy new year

PASADENA—As the prophetic countdown on this world's civilization proceeds, political and economic problems left unresolved in 1982 are certain to intensify in 1983.

For an opener, the worldwide economic outlook appears bleak. Country after country, especially in the Third World, is lining up at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for emergency bailouts, simply to get infusions of money to pay the interest on maturing loans.

Almost overnight, it seems, the countries of Mexico (with more than \$80 billion in foreign debt) and Brazil (with anywhere from \$70 billion to close to \$100 billion, depending on the computation) have become bywords for the global economic crisis.

Here is the way *Fortune*, Jan. 10, assessed the burgeoning problem of global indebtedness:

"Despite their success in putting together the huge loan packages for Brazil and Mexico, bankers and finance ministry officials remain worried about the stability of the international money system. 'Financial wags are complaining about hastily arranged billion-dollar loans to the 'newly submerging countries.' 'Private bankers are concerned that as Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica and others queue for IMF cash, the fund will be drained... Bankers around the world face a sobering

new year."

The banking community's unease is from belief that default of just one big debtor nation in the Third World or Communist bloc (Poland owes \$25 billion, for example) could deal a murderous blow to the solvency of numerous exposed big banks in the United States and Europe. (At the end of 1982, Rumania abruptly informed its 200 Western creditor banks that it doesn't plan to pay the principal due this year on its commercial debts, only the interest.)

At best: worldwide slowdown

Even if the "Big Crash of 1983," feared by some, can be staved off, the world's economy is not likely to recover any time soon.

The conditions imposed by the IMF as well as commercial banks for the extension of new credits virtually guarantee a sustained period of no growth.

In return for new loans, the governments of debtor nations are required to cut back on spending, especially subsidies for basic commodities.

new year with such gloomy pessimism and uncertainty."

A leading economic forecast predicts that over the next 18 months, European unemployment will rise steadily by about a million persons every six months. By mid-1984, a staggering 20 million Western Europeans could be out of work.

Political conflicts

The economic crisis promises to be a running story throughout the year. But political conflicts are cer-



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Draw on elders, brethren for help in child rearing

God says children are a blessing (Psalm 127:3-5). Yet, because of various circumstances, thousands of children in God's Church have only one parent. Are they still a blessing?

The extra pressures of being a single parent can cause the blessings of children to seem diminished.

To help combat this, *The Worldwide News* includes in this issue a number of articles to help both single parents and all other Church members to fulfill their responsibilities to single-parent families.

As has become our custom, *WN* staff members researched a wide variety of topics dealing with the single-parent situation.

The ministry and single parents were consulted, with the circumstances of male and female single parenting written by people who've been there.

Happily married couples are admonished to come to the aid of single parents and to visit the fatherless (James 1:27).

Being balanced

As staff members researched and conducted interviews, one overall principle emerged: the need for balance.

Take discipline, for example. Evangelist Leroy Neff remarked in a sermon that he finds that fathers tend to over-discipline, while mothers tend to under-discipline.

In a single-parent situation, without a mate to compensate, either extreme can have disastrous long-term effects.

Discipline is only one aspect of balance in child rearing.

Others include properly motivating your children, teaching them God's way of life, providing for their physical needs — as every parent knows, the list is nearly endless.

So how can the single parent cope?

First and foremost, a single parent must learn, like the rest of us, to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5,6, Revised Authorized Version).

That principle is easy to write or say, but one of the hardest to practice.

In the same vein, and what I'd like to focus on in this column, is how to

obtain godly wisdom through counsel.

While God expects us to trust in Him, He also expects us to use the faculties given to us to learn to live His way. This is especially challenging for the single parent.

Achieving balance

So what does getting counsel have to do with achieving balance?

Everything! Note a portion of David's prayer to God in Psalm 19:12: "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults."

So how do you know what your secret faults are?

In your prayers, include this item: "O Lord, correct me, but with justice; Not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing" (Jeremiah 10:24, RAV).

For single parents, whom God describes as already being in a trial (James 1:27), I emphasize asking for correction, not trials. Single parenting is a trial in itself.

Ask for positive correction, before God is forced to correct you with an unwanted trial, "For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged" (1 Corinthians 11:31, RAV).

So where do you receive this correction?

Proper counsel

Two of the best ways to achieve balance through self-correction is seeking counsel from God and from His ministers.

As Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong teaches, the Bible is God speaking. And as He speaks through His Word, He presents both admonitions and promises.

You single mothers, do you realize that God has a special promise for your children? He declares Himself to be "a father of the fatherless" (Psalm 68:5, RAV). Have you ever claimed that promise for your children?

The Bible also encourages single parents to seek out several sources of advice, for "without counsel, plans go awry. But in the multitude of counselors they are established" (Proverbs 15:22, RAV).

With no mate to turn to, be sure to seek right counsel in child rearing.

Do you realize that as David had secret faults, that you may be mak-

ing unknown mistakes in child rearing?

This principle is not limited to single parents.

Most brethren are familiar with the method to achieve counsel through a minister — you call him up and ask for an appointment.

But, as was pointed out during some interviews, many brethren don't want to participate in a formal counseling procedure for fear of self-disclosure or wasting the minister's time.

Here's the unfortunate thing: Several ministers feel that many trials — especially the trials faced by single parents — could be avoided if brethren sought sound advice.

As one minister said, how can you combat a secret fault if you don't know you have a secret fault?

Carn Catherwood, instructor of the Christian Leadership class at Pasadena Ambassador College, recommended that brethren seek counsel from the ministry, but at the same time, an informal chat with a deaconess or minister's wife can be a source of helpful advice.

Seek out strong, solid members of your congregation. Ask them how they handled certain conditions with their children.

Get to know the other single parents in your church area — provide a support for them and find out how they cope with their situation.

As Solomon wrote: "As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend" (Proverbs 27:17, K&V).

Following through

When things start getting tough, don't hesitate to get into a formal counseling situation with your minister. He's there to help.

In the meantime, brethren should be prepared to help the single parent as they need and request it. As the apostle Paul wrote, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10, RAV).

Just one more thing: When the *Worldwide News* staff was researching material for our senior citizens' articles (Nov. 15, 1982), one minister accurately predicted a light letter response.

Puzzled, we asked him how he could predict a light response when our two previous sections on the recession and single living drew heavy response.

His answer: "When you talk about James 1:27 and acting on this scripture, you are talking about true conversion. Most people are a little bit slow in facing up to this."

I'm going to be optimistic about why we didn't receive as much response and attribute it to the fact that we're busy applying what Mr. Armstrong says is the major responsibility of Christians: acting on what spiritual knowledge we learn.

WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG



This in turn slows down the economies of the debtor nations resulting in few imports from the industrialized world.

Thus, the developed nations, faced with slower-paced exports, are forced to contract their economies still more. In further turning of the screw, barriers to free trade among the industrialized countries threaten to rise as nation after nation seeks to protect hard-hit industries.

For the United States, predictions of a slight upturn in the fortunes of some basic industries are offset by the prospect of an enormous budget deficit of around \$200 billion.

For Western Europe, all economic indicators point unreservedly downward. "Not since the grim postwar period of 1946," reports Dan Cook in the Jan. 2 Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*, "has Europe begun a

tain to erupt time and again to grab the headlines.

In southern Africa the Namibia crisis simmers and occasionally boils over. Steadily mounting revolutionary activity against South Africa itself will result in further lightning-like preemptive strikes by Pretoria into neighboring countries where "freedom fighter" bases are located.

In Zimbabwe, internal fighting along tribal lines has heightened fears among the remaining white European minority, still the backbone of the economy.

Former Prime Minister Ian Smith went public with complaints about what he called "the breakdown of law and order [and] the deterioration in standards of the services which affect the lives of people."

Over the next several months (See NEW YEAR, page 3)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Senior citizens

Attached please find the obituary of Mrs. Rose Chaparian, whose life story was published in the latest [Nov. 15] edition of *The Worldwide News*.

Mrs. Chaparian's family was very pleased with the article in the *WN* (although it appeared after her death and she herself did not see it — God had His own reasons for that, of this I'm positive). May I add, the article itself was much improved by the editing of your staff! I almost feel unworthy to have my name attached to the final result, which is very readable.

Thank you for thinking of our elderly brethren in this delightful way. The entire church has made many warm comments regarding this issue. It has also helped to ease the pain of Mrs. Chaparian's death for the Montvale [N.J.] congregation.

Marcia Briggie
Montvale, N.J.

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Overcoming bitterness

I just finished reading your [Nov. 29] article, "Practice Love, Forgiveness to Overcome Bitterness," and you are so right about what you wrote.

In the last three years I have experienced conflict with several people in the Church. Sometimes it has been my fault and other times it was not my fault.

In two different times it came as quite a shock! I had to pray and fast and study about it very often. Bitterness truly does hinder worshipping God.

Once I applied God's advice (about forgiving and also about putting forth effort for reconciliation even when it wasn't my fault) it worked. It's wonderful!

You are right, it is hard. But, once you admit that bitterness is sin and ask God for forgiveness and help, then you can apply His advice.

I have learned from these past experiences that getting rid of bitterness is like being free from some type of slavery, and that's exactly what it is, isn't it?

Name withheld

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Educational services

Along with this birth announcement we want to express our gratitude for the

many educational services available to us as members of God's true Church.

Through articles in *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News* and *Worldwide News*, and in sermons, Bible studies and booklets published by the Work, my wife and I have learned what things to do and what things to avoid in the area of childbirth.

Thanks to the education we have received, we were able to bring into this world (with God's help) the healthiest, most alert and well-adjusted newborn baby girl we have ever seen!

Jim and Linda Yowell
Sperryville, Va.

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Feast for Indian brethren

The Church of God members in India certainly had a unique Feast of Tabernacles. (See LETTERS, page 3)

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Don't quit job during recession, advises employment supervisor

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By Richard D. Mann

A long drive to work at today's gasoline prices may be putting a dent in your billfold. Low pay and lack of company benefits may be little incentive to stay with a dead-end job. Unsanitary or dangerous working conditions may be causing your health to deteriorate.

Stress from a responsible job or personality conflict with a co-worker may be doing a number on your stomach. Supervisors or fellow workers may be urging you to make decisions contrary to your moral standards.

Should you quit? Maybe. But only as a last resort. First, do all you can to salvage your job.

Don't court disaster

Quitting a job may set you back months or even years financially. Suitable replacement jobs are unavailable in many industries.

The three largest general industries in the United States in terms of employment — auto manufacturing and related, construction and home building and all levels of government — are among the hardest hit.

Transportation — trucking, air travel, aircraft manufacturing and related, must reemploy layoffs in other fields.

Jobs are available in the business sector — service occupations mostly, in technical fields, computers, electronics and mechanics, but training and years of experience may be required.

Do you feel pressure to quit? Is

stress destroying your health? Are you being asked to deliver what you cannot do? Are working conditions unsafe or dangerous?

Are office politics and personality conflicts interfering with the tranquility of your work? There is a proper way to handle these situations.

Your supervisor's viewpoint

Whatever your problem is, understand the problems your supervisor faces. Discuss them if he is open and willing. Offer assistance. Then explain your problems and ask for his help.

Your boss may have employees who don't show up for work or show up late, forcing him to alter the work flow or to reassign duties to maintain production or to serve his customers.

You would be amazed at the amount of federal, state and local taxes your employer pays. And your manager must maintain production to make a profit.

He may be plagued by bickering, fighting, gossiping and uncooperative employees. You can be a great help with a good attitude. It's not easy to be the boss.

Time stealing by workers can cost your firm thousands of dollars a year. Improper use of office materials is costly, too.

Quitting is prevalent

Ask yourself — and answer truthfully — why are you having trouble on the job? Unusually high travel costs, parking and other related costs can be irritating, but what problem would make you want to quit? In spite of a shaky economy, quitting jobs voluntarily is prevalent.

What is your approach to your job? Attitude good? Are you cooperative and a team worker? If not, this may be the problem.

A productive worker with a good attitude is a joy to a supervisor and in some firms a rare asset.

What did you and your boss discuss during your last evaluation? Were constructive suggestions made? Did you implement them?

Examine yourself. Admit your mistakes. Recognize your faults. You might be the problem, not your supervisor or working conditions. Is stress a problem? Many valuable workers quit because of this man-caused plague. Staying on the job, they feel, would increase blood pressure and possibly worsen a heart condition.

Find the causes of stress and do what you can to alleviate them.

Unsafe working conditions

If your job is dangerous to your health, make sure that safety standards are met. Some companies employ a company safety officer or someone else who takes complaints on unsafe conditions or safety code violations. Calls made directly to government agencies that enforce safety regulations can lead to the termination of the employee making the call. Use discretion.

Use internal correction-making methods before going outside the firm.

After all attempts to correct an

unsafe condition — a genuine hazard, not a technical violation of the law — are made and the situation persists, you may have to contact the proper government agency.

Although illegal, a company may fire you for this action. Seek competent advice before resigning or filing a complaint.

Getting along with others

If you can't get along with someone, apply what is written in Matthew 18:15. Tell him or her how you feel, but don't accuse. If this doesn't help, ask your supervisor for assistance. But don't tell everyone in the office.

Some workers quit when they are reprimanded for not accomplishing what seems to them to be impossible tasks. Subordinates won't try hard to perform these seemingly impossible tasks, dooming themselves to failure before they begin. In such situations, management will blame workers for not completing their projects.

Make every effort to complete tasks no matter how difficult they appear. As a converted son of God you have resources others do not have. God will help us when we cry out to Him. A successfully completed task — especially if difficult — will please employers.

If your boss knows you have tried your best, your relationship with him may improve greatly. Supervisory personnel usually know when genuine effort — or lack of it — has been put forth.

Why are you asked to resign? Ask your supervisor to be specific. Your job is on the line. If you have a problem or fault you aren't aware of, you need to know. You have a right to be given an opportunity to correct the flaw. Whether or not you get this opportunity is another matter.

On the other hand, you may not be at fault at all. There are many reasons why the company may try to coerce you into quitting.

The company may be in an economic bind. There may be a personality problem.

For example, your honesty could be an embarrassment to your department. Your resignation could relieve them of the responsibility of firing you — especially if they can't find a valid excuse.

By getting you to quit without cause — and you possibly losing your unemployment benefits, the company may be trying to salvage its "experience rating." That is, their percentage of gross payroll that has been assigned to them by the state to pay in taxes to support the unemployment compensation program. In most states, the rate depends upon the turnover in employees of that company.

Sometimes it is beneficial to stay on the job and make them fire you. Seek counsel.

If your company has serious financial problems you may have to renegotiate your position, job duties and maybe take a pay cut. Let your boss know you are willing to make sacrifices to help the firm to stay afloat. Show him how vital your job is to the firm, if, in fact, it is vital.

You may be able to take on more work, combine your department with another, suggest cost cutting programs or even accept a pay cut. This job saving action is becoming common in our economy.

If you've done your best and still think you'll lose your job, make preparations for a job search. It is difficult while having a full-time job to find another one. And taking time from work to look for another job could cause you to lose the one you have. Use discretion.

In most cases don't quit, no matter how bad it gets. Stick to what you have started. The state might deny you unemployment benefits if you quit a job without cause.

The high national unemployment rate is rapidly depleting state unemployment funds, so laws and borderline decisions are becoming much stricter. Unless you are compromising Christian principles or are in danger of serious injury or death, don't quit.

If you don't know what to do, consult with your pastor. Proper counsel may help you find the cause of your job difficulties.

Hang on to your job. It is one of your most precious possessions.

with an urgency that suggests that time is running out."

Underlying this urgency, the report continued, is "the Pope's acute awareness of the approaching end of the second Christian millennium."

By the year 2000, according to another expert, Professor George H. Williams of Harvard University's Divinity School, Pope John Paul II "believes that something decisive will happen in the world."

God's Work goes ahead

By the year 2000, it is to be hoped, something decisive indeed will have occurred — the ushering in of the wonderful world tomorrow and the beginning of the solution to mankind's manifold crises, economic and political.

Meanwhile, as world problems mount, God's Work surges ahead.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong continues to urge us to face the future soberly but unafraid — that if we obey God and please Him in all that we do, God's Work will be accomplished regardless of deteriorating conditions all around us.

Media

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airing both on radio and television during Mr. Armstrong's visit there in January, 1982.

RPN and GMA in Manila use a satellite to air the telecast throughout the nation each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. The *World Tomorrow* telecast follows a newscast.

Also subsidized is the *World Tomorrow* broadcast in Hong Kong, where it is heard twice each weekend there on Hong Kong's only commercial radio station.

In Europe, a French-subtitled version of the *World Tomorrow* telecast was placed on Radio-Television Luxembourg (RTL) in early 1982. RTL reaches 70 percent of Belgium by cable, with additional coverage in northern France and Luxembourg itself.

In November, 1982, the telecast began airing on Television Monte Carlo (TMC-TV). This station reaches a large area of southern France, including the major port city of Marseilles.

South Pacific

In New Zealand, IXP-radio,

1XX-radio, 2XS-radio and 4XF-radio accepted the *World Tomorrow* broadcast for the first time since 1979. The Work is now hoping for television slots in 1983 as government programming controls are lifted.

The *World Tomorrow* began airing in Tonga in 1982 on A3Z radio.

Caribbean opportunity

After several months of negotiations, the Bahamas television authority offered first priority to the Church for Sunday television time. The program began airing on ZNS-TV there Jan. 2.

Jamaica began airing the telecast Jan. 2 on JBC-TV, the only television station there. This is also the result of several months of negotiations.

With *The World Tomorrow* now airing on 544 stations around the globe, it is apparent that God has been blessing His Work. The key is that when God's people please Him and back up His servant Mr. Armstrong, who carries God's end-time message, the media doors swing wide open.

Your continued prayers for additional income and broadcast opportunities in 1983 are appreciated.

"New Territories" lease expires in 1997.

And now, as we go to press, Britain is on the verge of a spat war with fellow NATO-member Denmark over fishing rights off the coast of Scotland — reminiscent of the comic opera cod war with Iceland in 1973.

Europe: a decisive year?

The issue of nuclear weapons in Western Europe is snowballing into a political crisis for key NATO members.

The Soviet Union is pulling out the propaganda stops in its effort to forestall the deployment of new NATO ballistic and cruise missiles by year's end. Little wonder that 1983 has been called "The Year of the Missile" in Europe.

Also, this new year just might witness startling announcements on the part of Pope John Paul II on the need for Europe to spiritually unite to save the Old World from destruction.

According to an article in the Oct. 10, New York, N.Y., *Times*, the pope "has become a crusader

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naces this year, as it was the first time we traveled abroad as a whole group to keep the Feast with our Sri Lankan brethren, besides those who came from various parts of the world.

In this we are grateful to our Australian brethren who gave generously to make this possible. What a wonderful worldwide family we are!

We are sure God's Spirit moved many a person in this country so we could all obtain our papers in time. One member was robbed of his passport just one day before leaving, and impossible as it may seem he was given a duplicate passport the very next day!

We had enriching sermons, bracing sea breeze, sumptuous meals, rejuvenating church activities and are eagerly awaiting FOT '83!

Susy Aya Ram
Wai, India

Christmas poem

Jeremy Daum, a 13 year old from Murdo, S.D., wrote the following poem when his teacher asked the class to write a poem expressing their true feelings about Christmas.

I do not keep this holiday
for me there is a better way,
Early Christians never saw Christmas
lights
and Santa on his midnight flights.

They never saw Christmas wreaths and
never thought of kissing mistletoe
and they never heard Santa's jolly
"ho ho ho."

To the early Christians,
Christmas was a big deal
if they didn't keep it the lions got a
meal.

Good ole Pope Liberius ordered people to celebrate Christmas on his own date,
So on December 25th true Christmas
worship was begun,
replacing the worship of the sun.

The Celts and Druids were tired of
worshipping
dogs and such
And liked the idea of Christmas
very much.

So to change the pace
they abolished the pagan holidays,
And put Christmas in their place.

Now let's take a moment to pause,
And we will speak about Santa Claus.

Him with his jelly-belly
and his eight flying reindeer
which I expect are quite smelly,
From good ole Saint Nicholas he was
derived,
And in his name merchants have
thrived.

What has the giving of gifts
that are overly priced,
have to do with our Savior, the Christ?

The wisemen gave gifts to the child
not to each other,
They didn't draw names
with their sisters and brothers.

You can have your pre-Christian rites,
The yule logs, the pine trees, the shining
lights,
Under the mistletoe you can kiss and
hug,
but I leave you with one thought —

BAH HUMBBUG!

New year

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Great Britain will feel mounting pressure on several fronts.

Attacks by Irish Republican Army (IRA) terrorists are expected to not only keep Northern Ireland in constant turmoil, but to stunningly shock the British themselves on their home soil.

The low-smoldering Gibraltar crisis may flare anew. The new government of Spain has ever so slightly opened the door to some Spanish citizens to reenter the besieged British colony.

But Madrid's price tag for full contact between Spain and Gibraltar is a steep one: Spanish sovereignty over "the Rock."

Barring an unlikely development of the British and Chinese governments are not likely in 1983 to reach a conclusion over the fate of Britain's largest — and highly profitable — remaining colony, Hong Kong. The Chinese want full sovereignty over the colony after the

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The **BANGOR** and **PORTLAND**, Maine, churches presented their first fashion show Dec. 4 at the Augusta Civic Center. Radd Zedrick and Kim Hansen acted as masters of ceremonies as members modeled clothing they had made or clothing that had been made for them by other members. The fashions displayed ranged from full length look-alike family night shirts and caps to women's evening wear. The fashion show coordinator, Pam Sparks, was presented with a bouquet of roses by Matthew Pinkham and Jessica Jones in appreciation of her efforts in putting the program together. *Harold W. Jones III.*

BARRABOS brethren participated in a weekend outing Nov. 28 organized by Al Sealy. Members present included ministers Arnold Hampton and Edward Straughan and their wives. Brethren took part in cricket, dominoes, sea bathing and dart throwing. During the afternoon the group enjoyed a picnic lunch under the shady casuarina trees. It was a profitable day for the Allegro Singers, the church group who sold refreshments as part of their fund-raising drive. *Mr. and Mrs. Osmond Douglas.*

The first family night of the year for the **BOSTON**, Mass., church occurred Nov. 27. A potluck was followed by a professionally called square dance for the young and old. The Women's Club provided desserts that were sold to help pay for the evening. During breaks in the square dancing there were children's games for those 12 years old and under. *Gary A. McConaughy.*

The **BOWLING GREEN**, Ky., church's third annual formal dance took place Nov. 27. Thirty-five couples danced to music performed by the David Livingston Sextet, most of whom are members of the Billy Vaughn Orchestra. To the theme "Autumn Ridge Serenade" the Women's Club members decorated the Ambassador Centre with 11 reconstituted fall foliage trees and fallen leaves in many variations. Pastor Kent Fentress and his wife Alana were thanked for their contribution toward making the dance a success. *Larry Hahn.*

The annual country fair of the **COLUMBUS**, Ohio, churches was Nov. 27. The inside of a rented armory was transformed into a carnival-like setting with 20 carnival games, ticket booths, a children's playland, cakewalk and a country store featuring homemade items and crafts for display and sale. Carnival game prizes were awarded in play money that featured the faces of members and ministers. The play money was then redeemed at the prize booth for stuffed animals and other prizes. Thirteen-year-old Rod Hickman won the beans-in-the-jar guessing contest. *Dave Molnar.*

The **CORNING**, N.Y., members enjoyed a potluck dinner and an evening of fellowship following afternoon services Nov. 6 at the Holiday Inn in Painted Post, N.Y. *Nancy Saylor.*

Some 250 guests from the southeast area of England attended a medieval seven-course banquet Nov. 27 at **CROYDON**, England, at the "Court of King John the Meek," pastor John Meakin, "King Robin" of London, pastor Robin Jones, and his family were guests of honor. Each of the seven courses was announced by a serving maid, preceded by the blowing of trumpets. Behavior at court was regulated by the "Lord Chamberlain." Steven Spykerman, but a number of guests, including the court jester, Chris Barnes, were put into stocks as punishment for offending the king.

The guests wore a variety of mostly homemade medieval costumes. The food was prepared by the women of the Brighton, Croydon and Maidstone, England, churches. After some ancient and modern entertainment, prizes were awarded to the best-dressed couples. *Barbara Bearman.*

Dec. 12 was a day of food, fun and fellowship for members of the **DALLAS**, Tex., church as they attended a chili supper sponsored by the Single Ambassadors. Homemade chili prepared by Karen Leonard, Annie Shaw and Polly Thomas was served with snacks and beverages. Those attending participated in games of cards, backgammon and Monopoly. *Lou Ann Thomas.*

Members of the **DARMSTADT**, West Germany, church and guests from other German churches spent the weekend of

Dec. 10 to 12 at the youth hostel of Zwingersberg. Kurt Gutmann, one of the organizers, welcomed the brethren Friday night and invited them to enjoy the dinner. Afterward minister Winfried Fritz conducted a Bible study. The next morning began with a potluck brunch organized by Brigitte Gutmann. After the afternoon services members played games and danced to the music provided by disc jockey Christian Freitag. Sunday morning was film time, as Mr. Freitag showed three films. Departure was after lunch. *Peter Abstein.*

Women of the **EUGENE**, Ore., church met Dec. 14 at the Amazon Community Center for a women's luncheon and Bible study. Following the potluck lunch pastor Leonard Schreiber spoke on the qualities of a spiritually mature woman. *Lin Rhy.*

The brethren of **FLAGSTAFF**, Ariz., had a family social Dec. 11. A potluck dinner was organized by Ruth Letette. While the children were playing, the YAP (Young Adult Program) members gathered to hear minister Dennis Moulard read a letter written to them by Tim Davidson, a former Flagstaff member who, with other Ambassador College students, taught English to refugees in Thailand. The evening concluded with the showing of the film *The Black Stallion* by pastor Doug Horschak. *Dick Herrold.*

HOUSTON, Tex., WEST members enjoyed a potluck chili supper and Western dance Nov. 13 after services. The Houston North church country band provided the music for dancing, while the children were treated to Walt Disney cartoons. While the band took a break several adults and children performed various acts. *Gale LaFleur.*

The **KELOWNA**, B.C., church was host at an ethnic social Nov. 21 for the Pentecost, B.C., brethren and to honor Mr. and Mrs. Peter Leslie on their golden wedding anniversary. The Leslies were presented with gifts, including a gold goblet and a bottle of Scotch. The social began with table games, followed by a pie auction with Joe Koral as auctioneer. The auction raised \$400. Brethren dressed in ethnic dress served Italian, Chinese and Ukrainian foods from gaily decorated booths. The evening ended with movies and popcorn. *Verna Ewanowich.*

The evening of Nov. 27 was sports and games night for the **KITCHENER**, Ont., church. A banquet of casserole dishes and an array of goodies satisfied the heartiest of appetites. Quiet games, volleyball, floor hockey, basketball and dodge ball provided lots of fun and activity for all ages. *Marnie Hills.*

Music, vintles and friends were present in abundance at the **LAKE LAND**, Fla., church's country and western dance Dec. 5 at Bartow, Fla. The Civic Center reverberated with the strains and vocal harmony of the Zunshines on guitars, drums and organ as the members converged to swing and sway, stomp their feet and even do a polka or two. *D. Pine.*

About 84 people enjoyed an evening of fellowship and fun when the **LIVERPOOL**, England, church had a social Nov. 27. The evening began with a meal, which was followed by apple pie and custard served by the singles. Afterward the activities included games devised by Elizabeth Adlington; country dancing, taught and organized by Nigel O'Sullivan; a humorous Mr. and Mrs. contest, questions being put by pastor Robert Harrison; and a slide show by Jim Rowntree. Refreshments were served during the evening. Also featured were a children's craft exhibition and a bring-and-buy-stall that raised £46. *Elizabeth Rodgers.*

The site of the **LOUISVILLE**, Ky., church's annual winter dance Dec. 4 was the St. Matthew's Woman's Club. The feature this year was creative costume dress, and prizes were awarded in the categories of all-around favorite, most original and most humorous in each of adult, YOUNG and children's age groups. Entertainment was provided by Ron Duncan and the Macho Band of the Cincinnati, Ohio, church area and the Cincinnati Quartet featuring Marlon Fannon, Ed Smith, Rich Dalton and Marvin Staggs. Singers Rebecca Spencer, Grady Stephenson and Kenny McCutcheon were also featured in the entertainment. Hors d'oeuvres were prepared by members and served by the Women's Club. *Robert Adcock.*

A chili supper and square dance for the **MONTGOMERY**, Ala., brethren Dec. 4 took place at the Lagoon Park Lodge. Caller Ray Collins taught the members a variety of dances. *William Galsom.*

The **MONTREAL**, Que., French NORTH and SOUTH churches enjoyed a social evening Nov. 27. Members

brought their own meals, and for dessert the YOUNG members provided cakes and pies. Sports was on the agenda for the evening, with one gym for the young children, where YOUNG members entertained the children with games, and one gym for the adults, many of whom played volleyball. Other members were involved in a rummy 500 card tournament, where shouts of joy and laughter could be heard. *Jean Guy Gauthier.*

Brethren of the **OTTAWA**, Ont., church had a carnival night Nov. 20. Following a potluck after services the tables were arranged to make up the various booths, which included a balloon burst, sandbag toss and a jungle tour. Minister Eric Livermore handed out scorecards, and at the end of the evening the winners received the special privilege of going to the dessert table first. *John Van Kandel.*

Roger Guilbert organized a family evening for the **PARIS**, France, brethren Nov. 20 after services. Cakes and drinks were provided by the members, and a variety of games, including chess, checkers, Scrabble and cards, were enjoyed by all ages. Other attractions included a display of church photographs going back to 1970. The oldest photographs were provided by Roger Courtiol and his wife Andree, members since the late '60s. *Bernard Lambert.*

Members of the **PHILADELPHIA**, Pa., church entertained their co-members, relatives and friends Nov. 28 in a talent-studded production entitled *The Chuckles N. Barrior Bong Show*, which included modern ballet, instrumental and vocal solos, group singing, skits and jokes. Acting as master of ceremonies was Ed DiFallo, and directing were Meyer Stahl and Tom Linker. The entertainment was preceded by a potluck dinner. *Carlos E. Perkins.*

Brethren of the **PLYMOUTH**, **TRURO**, **EXETER** and **TAUNTON**, England, churches combined for Sabbath services in Plymouth Dec. 4 to hear the final sermon by pastor John Jewell before he takes up his new assignment in Ireland after seven years in the area. An evening of fellowship began with a potluck buffet dinner. Evelyn Wilkinson baked a 30-pound cake for the occasion and decorated it with emblems of the West Country and Ireland.

Minister Vivian Carne presented Mr. and Mrs. Jewell with three antique maps as mementos of the area they had served. Mrs. Jewell also received a silver brooch from deaconess Diana Morcom. After the Jewells expressed their appreciation for the gifts, minister Alan Bates proposed a farewell toast to them. The get-together concluded with the brethren joining tenor Seth Cardew in singing a farewell song. *Kasey Jones.*

Checkers, chess, crib and various other table games were played by the **RED DEER** and **WETASKIWIN**, Alta., brethren Nov. 21 at an afternoon social at the Normandeau School in Red Deer. Refreshments were served. *Jeanette Engblom.*

The **ST. PETERSBURG**, Fla., church's annual fall sale Dec. 5 and 6 at Bay Pines Boulevard raised more than \$6,000 for the church's activity fund. Three transport trailers full of items ranging from clothing and household items to automotive engines were collected and sold at the sale. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

A total of \$1,800 was raised for the Work by the **SALEM** and **ALBANY**, Ore., brethren Nov. 28 at their annual craft bazaar. Members worked months in advance making quilts, sewn and knitted



GIDDAP, GIRAFFE — Stephen McIntyre rides a toy giraffe at the children's playland area at the Columbus, Ohio, churches' annual country fair Nov. 27. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Dennis Bennett)

items, planters, paintings, wood carvings and hundreds of smaller items, including baked goods. The bazaar took place in the lobby of the Salem Armory. *Rex Sexton.*

SMITHS FALLS, Ont., brethren enjoyed their opening social of the winter season Dec. 5 with a potluck dinner and a comedy film. *Jayce Patterson.*

The **TAMPA**, Fla., church's second annual yard sale was Dec. 5 and 6. Fund-raising chairman Bob McClelland and Paul Topash coordinated the collecting, storing and pricing of the items over a two-month period. More than \$2,500 was realized from the combined efforts of the brethren. Pastor Ron Lohr said he was pleased with the success of the sale and the brethren's attitude of service and cooperation. *Lance Mann.*

A potluck supper was well attended by the brethren of the **TUCSON**, Ariz., church Dec. 11. The main event of the evening was a talent show with all ages participating. Walt Gillingham organized and directed the event, with pastor Lawrence Neff as the overall director of the evening. Joseph Dwornik and Jim Perry acted as masters of ceremonies, with Joseph Rivers and John Wheeler as the musical directors. Al Mosley assisted on stage. *Ruth Van Blair.*

The first monthly movie night of the season for the **VANCOUVER**, B.C., church took place Nov. 20. After a bring-your-own meal in the school cafeteria, two films were shown. *Fred Whitehead.*

More than 200 **WICHITA**, Kan., brethren enjoyed a country and western dance Dec. 4 at the Orchard Park Recrea-

tion Center. The dancers, clad in Western attire, danced to the music of the Good-timers band, a church group of six musicians and four vocalists. The non-dancers played a variety of card games. Chips and cheese dip, coffee, tea and soft drinks were served for refreshments. *John M. Williams.*

A sip and snack social took place after the Dec. 11 services of the **WINDSOR**, Ont., church. Helen Brandt organized the event and was aided by 12 women of the church. *Patricia Klem.*

An evening of activities for the **YANKTON**, S.D., brethren Dec. 4 began with a potluck after Sabbath services. The men then attended the regularly scheduled Spokesman Club meeting at the IPS Building. Afterward family and friends met at the city gym for an evening of dancing. Intermittent entertainment was sponsored by the YOUNG. *James Brown.*

CLUB MEETINGS

Hostess Donna Vidler welcomed the **BINGHAMTON**, N.Y., Ladies' Club members to their second meeting of the year Dec. 5. After pastor Britton Taylor asked the blessing, members enjoyed a brunch. The decorated tables were arranged by Mrs. Vidler and cohostess Fannie Padwa. Following the meal coordinator Donna Taylor conducted the business meeting, where the minutes were read by Mary Canning, and Georgianna Borgna gave the treasurer's report. Topics were led by Eleanor Lukoski, and Muriel Stevens gave her icebreaker. After a break Sally Trapp presented a biographical sketch of Ruth, and Mr. Taylor presented a lecture. *Eleanor Lukoski.*

Husbands and dates were guests of the **CHICAGO**, Ill., **NORTHWEST** Women's Club members at a special meeting Dec. 12. Tabletopics were led by Dale Jechuk, and a speech on proper diet and nutrition was given by Doug Metz. At the end of the meeting refreshments were served and secret pal gifts were exchanged. Mr. Metz was presented with an Oxford Bible and a Bible commentary. *Susana B. Ferrer.*

The **CHRISTCHURCH**, New Zealand, Spokesman Club had a ladies' night Nov. 22 at the Russley Hotel. After President Alec Harrison opened the meeting with a welcome to the guests, secretary Bill Duffy announced a \$100 donation toward the travel expenses of youths from the region attending this year's summer camp in New Zealand. Tabletopics were (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 9)



CRAFT BAZAAR — Quilts, blankets and other crafts are displayed at the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches' annual craft bazaar Nov. 28, which raised \$1,800 for the Work. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Rex Sexton)

Help for fractured families lies in turning to God for answers

By Donald D. Schroeder

In today's stressful economic and social times, it's difficult enough for an intact household headed by a husband with a supportive wife to provide the needs of a growing family.

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There is a constant struggle to make ends meet financially, to provide necessary food, clothing, shelter and transportation. The challenge of decently rearing and providing security for children.

Imagine the load when one mate is missing!

The numbers and difficulties of single parents and their children are

growing, in the world and in God's Church. In the industrialized West, divorce is the major cause of single-parent families. But desertion or death of a mate or other unfortunate circumstances may also be the cause.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports the number of families headed by one parent has doubled in the last decade, jumping from 3.3 million in 1970 to 6.6 million in 1981. This is "a major phenomenon in American society," says the bureau.

Twenty percent of children in the United States live with only one parent. It is estimated nearly half of children in the nation will experience, before age 18, one-parent homes for a significant period.

Ninety percent of U.S. single-parent homes are headed by women. The

proportion of mother-headed families among blacks grew from 21 percent in 1960 to 45 percent in 1978.

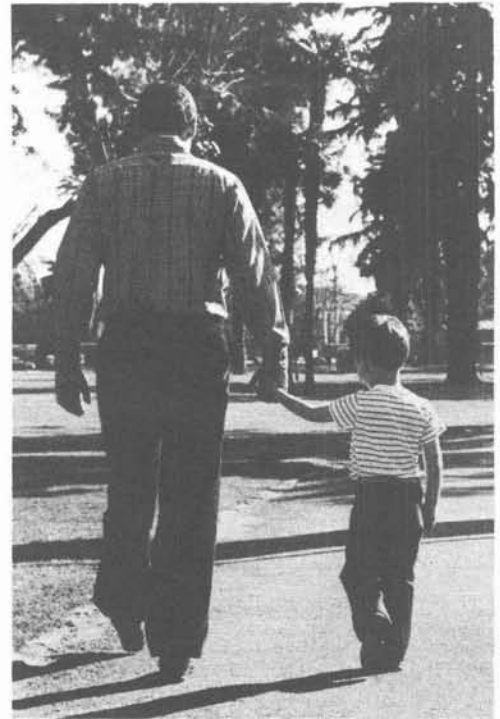
The United States is not alone in this crisis. In Britain and South Africa, the divorce rate has doubled in the last decade. One in eight children in England lives with one parent, and one in five children will do so at some point.

In Canada, one in 10 families is headed by one parent — 85 percent women. Women-headed households account for 35 percent of all families in some parts of the Caribbean.

The common lament of single parents is that they have no one dependable to turn to in time of trouble and pressing needs. They have no one readily available to listen, help and render emotional or other support.

Some single parents worry about providing basic physical necessities for their families. Others worry that they won't be able to provide a balanced social and spiritual outlook for their children. Government or welfare agencies cannot supply all the help single parents in God's Church need.

All of us have a responsibility to help our brethren and others where we can. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10, Revised (See ANSWERS, page 8))



NEW PHENOMENON — With family separation and divorces spiraling upward worldwide, a new family format is rapidly appearing: a single-parent family headed by a father. (Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.)

Single fathers can focus on Church for stability

By Jim Lichtenstein

What are you going to do when after 15 years of marriage and three children you find you are a single parent responsible completely for the care and upbringing of the children?

Jim Lichtenstein pastors the Cincinnati, Ohio, South church.

I never imagined it would happen to me. Someone else maybe, but not me. I would always be married, I thought.

Yet it has happened to me as it has to many other fathers, those who have joined the swelling ranks of that socially awkward group, the single male parent.

Three years ago I was faced with supplying the needs of sons, aged 13 and 12, and a daughter, 6. Their mother would no longer be there to love and care for them.

I panicked to think about daily meals, ironing, bringing up a girl, shopping for clothes, sewing on buttons, mending ripped seams, solving the mysteries of drapery rods and curtains.

One thought circulated through my mind from the beginning: with God's help I could do it. I believed somehow, with God's help I could do it. I believed somehow, with God's blessings, we could be a family and happy together.

Dinner was my greatest dread at first. How was I going to keep my children fed, nourished and satisfied with the food? I had not cooked much before.

I asked friends for easy recipes and the children gave their suggestions.

Gradually, more dishes were added to our menu. The crock pot is invaluable for tasty stews.

I learned patience. It took months to perfect spinach souffle to meet their exacting standards. I almost gave up, but finally success came.

The key for me to a good day is getting the jump on things, to get up and get going. Normal mornings include breakfast for three children, making two beds, doing dishes, being sure everyone has lunch money and makes the bus, and, more often than not, that a load of clothes is in the washer and dryer, to be taken out, folded and put away that night.

I decided early what was most important to me: meals, clean clothes and linens. Vacuuming is weekly and dusting is done only when absolutely necessary.

The children helped. Each trip to the store is planned to get the most out of it. There is no time to waste.

My children are more important to me now. I need them as much or more than they need me. I cannot be a passive parent.

It is up to me to think it out and to plan for family activities and entertainment, to listen to the requests they make and the suggestions for things they want to do.

They had a bigger adjustment to make than I did, I think. Once I realized this I saw what a remarkable job they are doing. They do not complain, except about an occasional meal idea gone sour.

I had not had to deal with the problem surrounding alimony and child support payments and did not fully appreciate the (See SINGLE FATHERS, page 11)

Special problems touch lives of single mothers

By Sheila Graham

Being a single parent, for whatever reason, doubles a person's responsibilities. The sudden realization of the burden of absolute responsibility for a home and family is unnerving, especially for women who have lived their lives almost totally dependent upon

Worldwide News staff member Sheila Graham was a single parent for more than 15 years.

men. First, during their childhood on their fathers and then upon their husbands.

A single parent, however, has little time for self-pity. Time for a single parent is precious. It must be managed well.

The key to properly and effectively managing your time is to recognize each area of responsibility and to list it in order according to importance.

Put God first

As a Christian you know your first priority should always be to seek God and His Kingdom. If you haven't already, it's wise to immediately form a habit of getting up early and praying and studying your Bible.

This example to your children will be one of the most priceless gifts you can give them. As they become adults they won't remember all the words you used to reprimand or to encourage

them, but they will not be able to forget your example.

Being the sole disciplinarian can be difficult for the single parent, male or female. Few want to be the one who always administers all the correction. But statistics show children of single parents as a whole are less supervised and under greater stress than children in two-parent homes.

Time with your children

Recognize that your children have fears and anxieties, uncertainties about why they must be without either a father or a mother. Another one of your top priorities should be, therefore, spending time with your children.

Set a certain time every day to talk with them about problems that have come up. Be sure you have your mealtimes together as a family unit and without fail have family Bible studies.

Talk to your children, encourage them to express how they feel, help them with their school homework and other projects. Think of this time as prevention-of-problems time, because that's exactly what it is.

This doesn't mean your children won't have any problems: that's being unrealistic. You will have to discipline when necessary. But think ahead and watch and work on attitudes. You (See MOTHERS, page 7)

Minister offers practical advice

You can cope as a single parent

By Richard Rice

Rearing a child is not easy, but for one person to function as both mother and father is the toughest job of all.

God's Church has a growing number of single-parent households. Besides the age-old tragedy of one parent dying, many parents come into

the Church divorced or separated from their mates, having to rear their children alone.

Those who have enjoyed the loving companionship of marriage understandably find readjustment to single

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life difficult. Loneliness and frustration often creep in.

Many parents in this situation find themselves overworked, tired and, as a result, more easily upset and irritable. Others may still be recovering from the trauma of a divorce or the death of a mate.

Often children with only one parent have more difficulty at school. A study showed that single-parent children require far more help and attention from school than they receive.

To become self-supporting as a single parent can also be a major struggle. Few single parents escape the financial difficulties inherent in bringing up children alone.

Realize that you have to rely and lean on God as never before. Even with the increased demands on your time and energy, make sure you take sufficient time for personal prayer and Bible study.

Schedule your time wisely and keep first things first. If necessary, get up earlier so you can devote adequate time to these priorities.

God promises to supply all our needs, including those of single parents, and will not allow us to experience trials greater than we can bear (Philippians 4:19, 1 Corinthians 10:13).

As a single parent, you can claim many special promises God makes in His Word. For example, Psalm 146:9 says that "The Lord . . . relieves the fatherless and widow."

Here is a promise that God will relieve the weight of burdens single parenting may bring, whether physical, emotional, social or spiritual.

Psalm 68:5 (Revised Standard Version) describes God as the "Father of the fatherless" and also as a protector of widows. You can therefore have extra confidence when appearing before God's throne with your heartfelt prayers.

God is especially concerned for children whose parents are single. God promises to help the fatherless (Psalm 10:14) and to plead their cause (Proverbs 23:10, 11).

A Church member who had been a single parent for 17 years related: "No matter what trauma and suffering one has gone through, and for how long, God always blesses both the mother and children in the end. He does not forget the suffering and obedience to His laws . . . The only way is to rely on God, who always takes care of things, even the minute details."

Sometimes we forget that God is the Potter and we are the clay (Isaiah 64:8, Romans 9:21). If we can always remember the promise of Romans 8:28 — that all things work together for good (including single parenthood) to those who love God — none of us need be overcome by excessive grief or allow ourselves to slip into self-pity and depression.

It can also be of immense encouragement to realize that there are others who are experiencing trials similar to yours. Spend time in positive fellowship with others in your situation, uplifting and encouraging one another.

Single parenthood is not an easy road to trek. Yet Christ has promised to help bear our burdens (Matthew 11:28-30). Jeremiah was inspired to write, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" (Jeremiah 32:27). In Philippians 4:13, Paul wrote, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

In order to continue growing personally, single parents need sound counsel and advice, just as anyone else does (Proverbs 11:14, 24:6).

God has set His ministers over the (See COPE, page 7)

God's instruction brings to light right principles for child rearing

By Larry R. Salyer

God designed the family. He created mankind male and female and united them in marriage as one flesh. Then God commanded them to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.

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God is reproducing Himself, and the physical family is a type of God's own family.

The process of love, begetting, gestation and birth pictures the process of spiritual salvation by which God, our Father, and the Church, our mother, bring children into the God Family.

If you are a parent, you have the wonderful opportunity to be a fellow-laborer with God in revealing Himself to mankind. But with it goes the awesome responsibility to be like God to your children.

Let's look at some fundamental principles of child rearing based on God's Word that apply to all families, whether in two-parent or single-parent homes.

Remember that all of your actions toward your children must be based on love — real outgoing concern for them. This includes putting God first, even when your children may object. Give your children plenty of affection as a tangible expression of your real love.

None of us would know right from wrong had someone not taught us. Teach your children God's law and how to apply it in their lives. Teach them to make decisions based on the principle of love that underlies the law.

When it comes to rules of the home and family, be specific. Make things clear and be sure they understand. In our rushed lives we often expect children to just naturally know what is right. They don't.

Remember you can't hold a child responsible for knowing what you haven't taught him.

Discipline is a broad and varied system of applying reward and punishment to reinforce what has been taught. God shows us that there are great rewards for obedience to Him, but great punishments for disobedience.

God uses both because He loves us. So should you with your child. Too many parents use only punishment — often in anger. That is absolutely wrong. What if God treated you that way?

To be effective, either positive or negative discipline must be: (1) based on an attitude of love; (2) consistent; (3) based on clear judgment; and (4) understandable to the child.

And please, don't forget to show mercy when warranted.

God created the family unit. Keep your family close to God. Don't get so bogged down in your daily cares that you fail to seek God's constant guidance in your parent-child relationship.

Pray about your children. Discuss your every frustration with God. Ask for wisdom, patience, discernment and faith.

God promises us material blessings, but He is far more eager to bless us in our families since that's His primary purpose: reproducing Himself — creating children!

Don't provoke

In Ephesians 6:4 (Revised Authorized Version throughout) God says "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." What does God mean, provoke to wrath?

Actually, this sentence contrasts

two ways of life. Notice that Ephesians 2:3 states that all of us were by nature the children of wrath, as a result of Satan's influence upon us.

God is telling us that we can protect our children from wrong influences by teaching them a positive way of life based on God's law and with His love.

In sympathy for a child deprived of one parent, the single parent may feel it necessary to relax the rules or even avoid religious teaching. This is a serious mistake! The child of a single parent needs the security of clear guidelines and standards.

These rules, if properly explained and lovingly enforced, become an expression of your concern for the child. Leaving the child to himself or letting him have his own way will surely provoke him to wrath.

Do not become an adversary to your child. Work to understand his needs and help him, but always maintain control of your own emotions. Anger provokes anger, but "a soft answer turns away wrath."

God intended parents to be role models for their children. In a complete family unit with father and mother present this is a natural and almost unnoticed process.

But if you are single and have children of the opposite sex living with you, you are faced with a different problem. Where will the child learn his role? Should you try to be both father and mother?

Obviously certain responsibilities may devolve upon you. You may be breadwinner, cook, housekeeper, mechanic, nurse and disciplinarian all in one.

But you simply cannot fulfill both masculine and feminine roles as an example to your child. You must try to be the best person you possibly can be in your rightful role as either mother or father. Then build associations with stable converted families who can provide the example of true masculinity or femininity missing in your home.

If you limit the child to your influence only, he may have trouble identifying his role later in life.

Teenagers

For any family there can be special pressures in working with teenagers. But there is no reason for any Christian parent to fear this age group. Teens are undergoing major changes in their bodies, minds and roles. This is a vital and wonderful process necessary for every human being. Understanding this development and planning for it can help both you and your child make the best of it.

As a single parent you may find yourself torn between being an authority figure and being a friend. Actually, you must be both. After all, God is both to you.

Communication must be the lifeblood of your parent-child relationship. You must be able to listen to and empathize with your adolescent. Talk with him and be mature enough to give advice and guidance, yet let the child make decisions.

You can't prevent your child from making mistakes, so stay close enough to help him learn from them. As with younger children, you must always strive to set that influential right example and never compromise with God's Word or your own.

Seek to provide a broad range of social, athletic and educational experiences for your teenager.

If your child is already into drugs, alcohol or sex, there is a way out. But first let's talk about avoiding such problems in the first place.

The causes are many but most fall into the categories of peer pressure, insecurity, ignorance and lack of right values.

Peer pressure will always be with us, but it can be countered by "family pressure," when family ties are strong

and valued by the child.

It is the responsibility of parents to build relationships with children that can't be usurped by outsiders. This of course must begin at infancy and requires some understanding of the purpose God is working out in our lives.

Your child must be shown from earliest childhood the two contrasting ways of life. He must be given a glimpse of his potential — both physical and spiritual. He must be guided in developing a system of true values, a knowledge of right and wrong.

As a parent you need to acknowledge that all of the causes of teenage abuse of drugs, alcohol and sex stem ultimately from Satan's attitude and influence on humans. To ignore this fact and accept abuses in your child's life is to make Satan more powerful than God and admit defeat before the battle begins.

Suppose you discover that your child is already hooked on drugs or liquor or is having premarital sex? What do you do? Where do you go for help? How do you cope?

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Rely on local Church members

By Clayton Steep

In England, about one family in eight is a one-parent family. In the United States, because of the divorce rate alone, it is projected that nearly half of all children born this year will live in a single-parent household for some period of their lives before reaching 18.

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The overall statistics may be less dismal in your country, but that is little comfort to you if you are one of those statistics.

Not that a single-parent family in God's Church can't be a happy one. It can. But we all realize from the teachings and examples in the Scriptures that it is not the ideal situation.

Still, most of us who are called have one or more aspects of our lives that are not ideal.

That is permitted so we can build character and learn to be overcomers.

Several events can result in single parenthood: death of a spouse; divorce; desertion; being responsible for a child or children other than one's own; and having a child or children out of wedlock.

There are even special cases where both parents are present, but where one of them is so extremely incapacitated from disease or accident that the remaining parent must carry the load of a single parent.

It is a challenge to rear well-behaved and happy children in a normal family environment. Any of the above situations render the challenge that much greater.

In addition to having to fill the dual role of homemaker and breadwinner, as is often the case, single parents in some respects attempt to be both mother and father to their children. An impossible task. You can't be both.

Children need both male and female role models as they would have in a conventional family structure.

Male role models for sons of single mothers seem to be lacking more often than are female role models for daughters of single fathers.

This is because most children



LATCH-KEY KIDS — Working mothers and fathers mean increasing numbers of children in the United States, England and other countries come home to empty houses. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

have numerous women playing some part in their lives.

Professionals advise getting lots of other people involved with the children. Be careful. There is too frequently the possibility of bad influences and harmful or dangerous relationships.

An extended family would provide a child of a single parent with a host of uncles, aunts, grandparents and cousins all close by.

Single parents in the Church have a distinct advantage over those in the world, though. The Church provides a close-knit family-type environment, which people in the world rarely find.

Better yet, dealing with people attending services, there is less chance of encountering harmful influences than there would be out in the world.

Get your children involved with other children and adults of both sexes in the Church.

Take advantage of Youth Opportunities United [YOU] and Summer Educational Program [SEP] and other Church activities for young people.

This, of course, is in addition to the love and attention you must give your children. Children should not feel they are being foisted off on others or shunted out of the way. Give your child attention when he needs it — not just when it is convenient for you.

The social life of most single parents eventually includes dating. Don't make the children feel totally left out. Not that they have to be taken on every date, but don't give the impression you are keeping a major part of your life from them.

In any case, keep them informed about what you are doing. You're all they have. Many children with only one parent have nightmares about losing the one that is left.

Open communication is especially important in situations where divorce is a factor. Children often feel they are to blame.

Years after the break-up, some children are still haunted by the thought that they were somehow responsible.

They should be made to know it was beyond their control. Also, they should be kept informed as to any eventual changes that could affect them in relation to the absent parent.

Children in single-parent households should be given chores to do as they are able to handle them. Personal grooming, cleaning and other work around the house, even cooking, should be shared by them.

However, there must be a balance. Children living with only one parent tend to grow up and mature more quickly because of the extra emotional and physical pressures they feel.

Care must be taken to assure that they do not miss out entirely on their childhood. They need time to play. And to be children.

One of the major problems that working single parents face is what to do with the children while the parent is on the job. This is an enormous problem in the world.

It really should be less of a problem in the Church, though, since we are all to bear one another's burdens. A little checking around in the congregation may reveal brethren — most likely widows or childless women — who can care for children during the day, perhaps even to help with housework.

It's better than the day-care centers in the world.

Public attention is increasingly being focused on the plight of the "latch-key kids," who come home to an empty house and are subject to loneliness, time-wasting or, worse, destructive mischief or being victims of crime.

There is no way around the fact that caring parents, single or not, know where their children are and what they are doing.

If they have to be alone for a period of time, they should know that a trustworthy neighbor or nearby Church member is aware and available in case there is a need.

Several books on the market or in libraries deal with the subject of single-parent families from the viewpoint of both the children and the parents.

Some of them offer worthwhile tips, that, added to the strength God gives, make it easier to cope with what the Bible recognizes as a difficult situation.

James describes it as "affliction" or "trouble" (James 1:27).

At the same time, however, he makes it clear that other brethren who wish their religion to be acceptable in God's sight need to become helpfully involved.

Single-parent family requires concern for needs of children

By Z. Harlean Botha

Most single parents have to work as they are usually the sole financial support for their family. Therefore child care is of primary importance.

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You may be able to hire a student or ask a neighbor to come in and take care of your children. This should be someone you know well and who likes children.

If it is not possible you may have to take your child to a sitter. Check references carefully. Visit the home of a prospective sitter before you place your child.

Is the facility safe? What areas are there for play? Nap time, methods of discipline and diet should also be discussed.

Always have a back-up system, a friend or neighbor who wouldn't mind pinch-hitting, a YWCA day nursery, a professional babysitting service. The latter two may be expensive but can be a good temporary solution in an emergency.

If your children are above the babysitting age, make sure they call you when they get home from school. Have an adult in the neighborhood they can go to in an emergency.

Teens and older children should have a crystal-clear understanding of what they can and cannot do and where they can go until you come home from work.

Have them call you before leaving home. Don't let them invite friends over until you are there to supervise. Also make clear what the

consequences are if the rules are not adhered to.

Perhaps you can cut down on child-care costs by trading babysitting with a friend or relative, or by organizing a babysitting pool. If you live in the United States, request Publication 503, *Child and Disabled Dependent Care*, from the Internal Revenue Service so you can take full tax advantage of the child-care costs you incur.

Chores

It can be a real rat race to work and be solely responsible for the children and home. First of all, from a young age children should have chores to do at home — beginning with picking up their toys and putting away their clothes.

Home responsibilities should always be in line with the child's age and capabilities. Do not make the mistake of neglecting to assign chores — this only increases your already large burden and does nothing to train the child in responsibility.

The easiest thing to do to get started is to make a list of what chores must be done each day, each week and each month. Don't forget the lawn, garden and pets if you have them.

Then, cross out as many as possible or decide to do them less often (dusting and vacuuming for instance).

Perhaps ironing can be almost totally eliminated, especially with permanent press clothes and taking clothes out of the dryer the minute they are finished.

Maybe the sheets can go two weeks without being changed. Will buying a certain appliance (like a dishwasher) solve some problems?

your children be children.

In some instances, with older children, especially with sons, a woman may have to call upon her minister to aid in a disciplinary problem. Her children should be made aware that those problems that cannot be solved within the family unit will be brought up with the ministry. Show your children that you depend upon God and His Church, that God is their Father.

Misunderstandings, difficulties between human beings, will come up and a woman alone is an easy target. Most women are accustomed to having a man shield them from angry neighbors, unreasonable landlords, obnoxious work mates or employers; the list goes on and on.

But again, there's no time for self-pity. It's time to instill in your children faith in God. For God truly is a Champion to the "fatherless and widow."

Talk about your problems, pray about them together, do whatever you can to alleviate the problem and then wait for God to do the rest. He won't disappoint you ever.

Your children will see that there's a strong invisible shield protecting and standing up for them. This makes God real to your children as their Father and Protector.

After reading this far, you probably feel you would have to become some kind of superparent to accomplish all you need to do. And that's true to some extent.

If ever there was a time to become the Proverbs 31 woman, this is it for the woman who is a single parent.

Of course, you won't do a perfect job in rearing your children and managing your life, but no other parents have either. Give it all you've got. Learn from your triumphs and your tragedies, your wins and your losses, your ups and your downs.

Remember, in whatever circumstances you may find yourself as a Christian, you're in training for a high position in God's Kingdom.

Pare down your list as much as possible.

Then decide who does what and when. This could be a good time for a family conference on the matter. Some chores children should do for themselves anyway (depending on age): packing lunches, making beds, putting away personal laundry, cleaning the bathroom.

A chart will be helpful in reminding everyone of their duties. Also establish in advance what happens if chores are not done.

Leave time for yourself. You must find time to enjoy and participate in adult activities, socialize with friends, entertain and meet your own needs.

Consider it time spent on your own health and welfare, even if some things must remain undone. A child would far rather have a happy parent than an immaculate home.

Privacy

Your children should not sleep in the same bed with you, even if it does help to make it seem less empty. If you must sleep in the same

Single Parent Families

1970	UNITED STATES	1981
3.3 million	single parent homes	6.6 million
956,000	headed by divorced women	2.7 million
unavailable	headed by divorced men	355,000
unavailable	WEST GERMANY	
unavailable	single parent homes	905,000
unavailable	BRITAIN	
unavailable	single parent homes	900,000
460,000	CANADA	
	single parent homes	714,000

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Times of London; Koelner Stadt-Anzeiger; Statistics Canada, Canadian Information Centre.

room with your child you should have separate beds.

By the time a child starts school they should either have their own bed or share a bed with a sibling of the same sex. After adolescence boys and girls should not share the same room at all.

Privacy should be arranged for everyone for dressing and bathing.

Everyone should have their own drawers and closets. Other people's personal property should be understood to be off limits to others. Respect for private property can be taught at a young age.

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congregations to help brethren in His Church (Hebrews 13:17, II Corinthians 1:24). Seek out and consult with the ministry when problems get tough and help is needed. Also teach your children to seek wise counsel before making major decisions.

If you are experiencing discipline problems, observe families in the Church whose child-rearing practices are producing good fruit, and then ask them for help and suggestions. If you make friends with these members, your children can be influenced by the good example of their children.

Where possible, don't overlook counsel from your own family. Family members can know you better than anyone else, and may be able to help in a particular situation.

Chat with close friends who will simply lend an ear without forcing their advice or opinions on you. Occasionally difficulties can be resolved by simply airing your feelings.

Life sometimes may seem hopeless and bewildering for single parents. They are pulled in a dozen directions, all at the same time, with many roles to fulfill — homemaker, breadwinner, bookkeeper, nurse. By organizing, you will be more effective in fulfilling all your roles.

If you have not already done so, begin to set realistic goals in your life — and teach your children to do the same. Don't allow each day to just happen, without experiencing any progress or growth.

Make a daily list of things you need to accomplish and set priorities. But be flexible — don't allow yourself to become obsessed with an impossible schedule that's impossible to complete. Your schedule is only a guide to help you be more organized.

Have a calendar where the activi-

ties of every person in the family can be noted. This gives the family direction, goals and structure. You will be more in control and life will not tend to rush along, thus carrying you and your family wherever it will.

Build a close family

One of the best ways to offset the handicaps of a single-parent family is by building closeness and teamwork. Spending time with the children is the most essential, though perhaps the most difficult, task of a single parent.

Empathize with your children. The lack of one parent and the subsequent feelings of rejection and insecurity can make them crave the single parent's attention more than they normally would.

A strongly united family enables each family member to give and receive the emotional and moral support needed. When one is down, the others will be able to provide strength and encouragement.

Be open and honest with your children, and allow them the freedom to be open with you. Let your children share with you the things that interest them, be it science, homemaking or sports. Guide them to align their interests with God's law.

Set an example of care, concern and thoughtfulness. This will further build a warm, happy home for your children, providing them with needed support.

Set aside one or two evenings each week to spend as a family. Plan these evenings in advance, perhaps including a special dessert, so that everyone will be home. Often anticipation is half the fun.

Fellowship with brethren

Besides spending time as a family, include other Church members and their children in your activities. Invite brethren over for a meal, or have a potluck dinner at your home after Sabbath services. Invite both single

people and families.

This will not only help you and your children build friendships but also provide examples of the father or mother image for your children to imitate.

Encourage your children to participate in Church activities such as YOUTH [Youth Opportunities United], team sports or SEP [Summer Educational Program].

Whenever possible, volunteer to help in Church activities. If your children are old enough, they can be involved in this kind of service as well. As you help and think of others, your own problems will seem less difficult and severe.

How can we as members better serve those who are single parents? In what ways can we follow the example of Job and cause "the widow's heart to sing for joy" (Job 29:13)?

Here are some suggestions for brethren in God's Church:

Show the single parents in God's Church that you really are concerned for them. Make it a point to get acquainted with them and to fellowship at Church and Bible study. Invite them to your home for an evening meal and games with you and your children. Offer to babysit on occasion when there is a single's activity in your church area.

Befriend the children of single parents — invite them to share in the activities you plan for your own children such as camping, fishing and hunting. Offer rides to young mothers who may have difficulty driving to and from services because of the ages of their children.

God promises blessings to those who remember to help and serve the fatherless and widows: "Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy" (verses 12-13).

and approach are important.

True, sharing the load through hardships can bind a family together. But you, the parent, must realize that a young child is not mature enough to handle problems that seem to have no solution.

That doesn't mean you should shield your children from reality. Ask God in prayer for discernment about which subjects to discuss with the children.

Teenagers, especially, need to learn how to cope with situations that require courage and sacrifice. They

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Principles

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Most important is to put God first! Bare your heart, acknowledging that you probably made some mistakes. Ask God for help and expect to get it.

Don't be afraid to seek information and counsel from your minister or to read any books he might recommend. Through much hard experience the world has learned to deal with some of the effects. Just remember that you must also find and delete the cause.

In most cases you will find that

communication with your child has broken down. It must be restored. You must take the initiative.

Sharing worries

A single parent can get intensely lonely. There are heavy responsibilities and sometimes the pressures will get you down. In this case you need someone to talk to — someone to share the burden.

Not having a mate, it's easy to turn to the children, especially the older ones for advice. After all, you think, they're big enough to understand. Well, maybe they are, but your timing

Proper food preparation aids pressed-for-time single parents

By Sandi Borax

How important is proper nutrition if you are a single parent and pressed for time?

It is your duty not only to feed your family, but to promote and maintain their health. A proper diet is especially important for children. You can't afford to take shortcuts when their development and well-being are at stake.

According to Mary Hegvold, R.D., chairman of the Home Economics Department at Pasadena Ambassador College, wise planning is essential for providing proper nutrition.

Any meal is planned to some extent, but not necessarily well-planned. Take into account money, time and nutritive value for your money.

Plan your menu to suit your children, not only their tastes, but what they can easily eat. This will depend on their ages.

Don't limit their tastes by fixing the same meals day in and day out. Expose them to a variety of foods while still young. Introduce new foods slowly and one at a time. This is valuable education and teaches them to be willing to try something new.

Price the foods you eat to see if you are spending more than necessary to get the same amount of nutrients. Substitute less expensive items in the same food group.

Find out which foods are in season in your area. These will be cheaper, readily available and fresh. Buy fresh vegetables, but if they are too expensive get the best you can afford. In general, frozen vegetables are the next highest in nutritive value.

Read labels. Buy foods with the fewest preservatives and coloring added. Buy good quality, whole-grain bread. In some areas you can buy low-cost nutritious bread at a neighborhood bakery.

It is necessary in some countries to shop daily. Shop on the way home from work or picking up the children. If you have a freezer and ample storage space, buy in bulk and do major shopping once a week.

Have extra food on hand in case of sickness or an emergency,

when you would be unable to shop.

You don't have to be a gourmet chef to prepare nutritious meals. However you must know the basics of cooking, and which methods will allow for the most nutritive value.

If you don't like to spend a lot of time in the kitchen, take heart. Dishes that require the least preparation are often the ones that yield the highest amounts of nutrients.

Cooking vegetables whole, for example, takes more cooking time, but preparation time is practically nil. While they cook you can help the children with homework or do other household chores.

When cooking your protein dish, such as meat, make enough for more than one meal. The rest can be stored in a freezer. If you don't have a freezer, keep the second meal in the refrigerator and have it the next day.

Cook vegetables and fruits just before you eat them. Cooking them in advance destroys most of their nutritive value and won't save much time either.

Write for free government booklets on food preparation and nutrition to increase your cooking skill. Invest in a good cookbook that deals with basic principles of cooking, not with complicated recipes. It doesn't take long to become an efficient cook, and then you can try variations of basic recipes.

Eat your evening meals as early as possible, especially if you have young children. Hunger may make them irritable and difficult to discipline. Besides, who wants to clean a dirty kitchen late at night?

Ask for your children's help. Let them add ingredients to a dish or mix it. Give them duties within their abilities. Do not let young children use knives or stand too near the stove, and don't leave them unattended.

They will feel needed and be more eager to help when they are older, saving time in the future. This also makes for a happier mealtime when you compliment them on their cooking!

Some people are energetic most of the time, but there are

days you don't want to fuss with a fancy meal. Don't! If you overdo it, you may find yourself failing and getting discouraged.

Ask other single parents how they prepare meals. Talk to constructive thinkers, those with the attitude of finding out how they can cope with obstacles, not how they can't.

Remember that their situations and personalities are different from yours. You can't do exactly as they do in every case.

Your duty as a parent is to provide a well-balanced, happy atmosphere for your family. Plan your meals so that they contribute to family health and togetherness.



ELECTRONIC BABY-SITTER — When single parents must work, children often watch television as a pastime after school until the parent arrives home. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

Adults must set safety standards

By George Hague

"On the freeway the highway patrolman pays attention to safety. At home nobody pays attention. Mom and Dad are not aware of the problem," said a National Safety Council official.

Perhaps this is why 3.2 million accidents happened in the home in the United States in 1981.

Many victims were children, especially less than 5 years old. Are you alert enough to prevent accidents in your home?

To be safety conscious, you must understand accidents and their causes, said Marvin Lindsey, safety coordinator for the Ambassador College Security Department.

He said: "A home is a real obstacle course for a small child. Adults forget that a home is safe for them, but often not safe for children. With a child in the house, the environment must change to make it safe for him."

He continued: "If a person understands what is dangerous, he will avoid accidents. . . . Training has a lot to do with it. Parents need to teach themselves safety awareness and then teach their children."

Danger zones

A home has danger zones where accidents are most likely to happen — kitchens, bathrooms, . . . , garages, basements, patios and stairways.

Kitchen stoves are particularly dangerous. "Kids live in a different world. They can't see what is on a table or stove," Mr. Lindsey said.

Since a child is naturally inquisitive, he wants to discover what he can

not see. The best way to prevent burns is to use the back burners, which are more out of reach of a child. Pot handles should be turned toward the back of the stove.

Since many dishwashing detergents and floor cleaners have lemon scents, a child can easily mistake them for lemonade. The results could be disastrous — second-degree burns in the mouth and throat, and severe swelling of the face.

Lock cleaning solutions in cabinets. What you may think is out of a child's reach (such as the top of the refrigerator) is accessible with a stool or chair.

Teaching your child the potential danger of these products may be your major prevention of accidents, according to Mr. Lindsey.

A child faces similar dangers in the bathroom. Household cleaners and other substances, liquid or powder, should be locked up here also.

An added danger is that children can accidentally drown in toilets, according to Mr. Lindsey. A child less than 5 years old can easily fall head first into the bowl and not be able to save himself. The toilet seat cover should be kept closed.

In basements, garages and patios, the primary dangers are gasoline, chlorine and other equally dangerous chemicals. Similar precautions taken with other products should be enforced here also. Store flammable solutions in properly ventilated areas away from heat.

Store tools safely. Sharp edges can be deadly for children, as well as adults.

Stairways are another danger zone.

To keep children from falling down stairways, a barrier should be placed at the top of the stairs. Caution children about running up and down stairways.

If a child gets his head stuck between railing supports, he can seriously hurt himself trying to get free. Some children can fit their entire body between the rungs.

To prevent a child from falling off the side of the stairway, Mr. Lindsey suggested putting plywood along the railing supports. It only has to be about a foot high to prevent a child from falling.

Though the plywood may be unsightly, the added safety is worth the inconvenience, he said.

Other preventions

According to Mr. Lindsey, children should not be allowed to drink out of glass containers. He suggested that plastic cups be bought for children. Since children's hands are smaller than adults and their coordination is not fully developed, they can easily break glass and cut themselves on it.

Electrocution is another major cause of accidents. Socket covers should be placed over all unused electrical outlets.

Children can easily be electrocuted by handling wires in the back of televisions, washers or dryers. Fingers can easily be amputated by moving parts.

Mr. Lindsey continually stressed the importance of teaching children what is safe and what is not.

"You have got to get a balance. Instead of fear, people need a healthy respect for caution."



INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY — Mothers in single-parent homes face the responsibility of being both breadwinners and bread makers. Church members are admonished to volunteer assistance (James 1:27). (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

Answers

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Whatever the cause of single-parent families, the early shocks and later difficulties faced by the remaining parent and children can seem overwhelming. And if the one remaining parent is a woman she may face a drastic drop in income, problems of finding a job with limited skills to support her family and increased intimidation from men on the job.

After a marital breakup or death of a mate, there is frequent loneliness with periods of emotional stress. Fractured families may be forced for the first time to go on welfare. Reduced self-esteem and loss of identity can be problems.

In God's Church, single parents face the additional responsibility of keeping high moral and spiritual standards. They must strive to have a happy home for their children to appreciate God's ways.

For single parents, there is so much to do. It is easy to let something slip,

Or get discouraged and fall into self-pity. The pressure on time and dual-role responsibility can easily lead to slipshod meals. Or a letdown in the supervision, training and discipline of children.

Single mothers working outside their homes or moving about their neighborhood face harassment and intimidation — sexual and abusive — that a husband's presence would buffer.

God commands us to come to Him in time of need (Hebrews 4:16) and seek His wisdom (James 1:5).

Single parents and their children in God's Church should seek help from God's ministers when problems they can't handle arise. Don't let them overwhelm you. God's ministers are always ready to help. So should Church members.

Early periods of single parenting are particularly stressful and upsetting. If you are a single parent, take time to work through to sound decisions.

Don't expect all problems to resolve themselves painlessly. There

is no true or lasting solution in drugs, alcohol or frenzied living. Let your hurts turn into manageable memories before you make a big decision — especially remarriage.

In Deuteronomy 14:28, 29 and 26:12 we find where God places financial responsibility to help those in true need.

And the apostle James defined true religion in these terms: "To visit the fatherless and widows [and that most certainly includes fractured homes] in their affliction . . ." (James 1:27, King James Version).

The ultimate solution to today's problems is for Jesus Christ to restore the government of God. And to establish a society in which humans are taught the purpose of life and how to have happy, stable marriages. Then homes will not be fractured through divorce, separation or desertion.

If you are a victim of a fractured family or know of one that is — make sure you resolve not to repeat mistakes. And take time to make sound decisions in your life based on God's revealed laws.

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conducted by Wallace Lawton, and toastmaster Art Verschoor introduced speakers Eric Best, Bob Garrett, Dick Latimer and sergeant at arms Stanley Miller. Afterward the members and guests enjoyed a smorgasbord dinner. At the conclusion of the meeting director Karl Karlov outlined the objectives of the club and then presented certificates of merit to four members of the club and announced the officers for next year's club. Bill Duffy.

THE CORNING, N.Y., Women's Club met for a breakfast meeting Nov. 14 at the Rusty Nail in Big Flats, N.Y. Hostess and cohostess were Janet Trout and Lucille Smith. Ruth Trout was acting secretary, and Bonnie Cartwright will serve as treasurer for the current year. Coordinator Hazel Lambert conducted the business meeting, and Coleen Close led tabletopics. The theme for the year will be the uniqueness of women. Donna Taylor spoke about Rebekah, and the meeting concluded with a lecture by director Britton Taylor. Nancy Sylos.

The Graduate and Spokesman clubs of **DETROIT WEST AND ANN ARBOR, Mich.**, met together Dec. 12 at the Wayne Community Center. The theme for the meeting was "The Plain Truth About Christmas." Overall directors were pastor Ray Wooten and associate pastor Maceo Hampton. Mark Bukovincac presided over the meeting. Richard Cobble was toastmaster, while Ron Mullins served as topicmaster. The speakers were Steve Browning, Sundiata Karamo, Gerald Stepp and John Lloyd. Steve Holsey.

At a combined **DEVONPORT, Tasmania**, Spokesman and Women's Club dinner meeting Nov. 27, it was announced that \$240 was raised to help send YOU members to SEP. For the international theme the women prepared a wide range of international dishes, and the theme was continued in the decor. Speeches were presented by Conrad Hicks, Jane Clancy, Lotti Hoskins and John Muir, who received his graduation certificate. The YOU members served as waitresses and waiters. Max Hoskins.

THE EVANSVILLE, Ind., Ladies' Club met Dec. 5. The theme of the meeting was "Cents-able Fashion." Hostess Sandra Fentress began the meeting and introduced the first speaker, Dorothy Webb, who after presenting a skit spoke on how to find quality items at thrift shops and secondhand stores. The second phase of the theme was color coordination and color in regard to the complexion as illustrated by Brenda Eades. Donna Kramer concluded the second phase with information on the importance of comfort and proper fit.

Phase three was concerning accessories. Henrietta Kissel, who spoke on the balance in accessories, had help from Pat Frankum, Sheila Duncan, Lillie Debose and Janice Wright, who participated in a skit about improper use of accessories. Director Fred Bailey gave some additional information on the purpose and goal in dressing properly. After a break for refreshments the meeting resumed with Diane Bailey conducting the business portion. Wanda Harper led tabletopics. Brenda Eades.

Loretta Morel's home was the location of the first meeting of the **LAFAYETTE, La., Ladies' Club** Nov. 28. Della Zenon was toastmistress. Icebreakers were given by Nelda Adams, Marion Pierce, Bonnie Miller and Bridget Moore. Tabletopics were presented by Margie Lavine. The meeting was conducted by pastor Alton Billingsley. Glenda Crawford.

The first meeting of the **LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo., Women's Training Program** was Nov. 28. Director is Joe Dobson, and the coordinators are Pat Dobson, Mary House and Irene Northrip. Mr. Dobson spoke on the need to recapture the true values of womanhood and outlined the goals for the club. The motto for the club is Proverbs 31:30. A round of tabletopics was presented by Mrs. Dobson. Ros Freeman won the door prize of a set of glasses. Nancy Bricker.

The Dec. 5 meeting of the **LOUISVILLE, Ky., Spokesman Club** was the club's third annual all impromptu assignment heckle-the-speaker night at Chico's Mexican Restaurant. A light and lively emphasis was placed on the event, and all heckling was controlled and in good taste. Robert Adcock.

MIAMI, Fla., Women's Club members, along with pastor Al Kersha, toured the Vizcaya museum and gardens, a 30-acre residential palace on Biscayne Bay, Dec. 5. The group viewed 26 exhibits at the 17th century Italian Renaissance style villa constructed in 1916. Louetta Jones.

The **MONROE, La., Spokesman Club** had a breakfast meeting Dec. 5 with Benny Canales acting as chef for the south-of-the-border cuisine. Loy Carson served as topicmaster, with minister Nick Rogers evaluating the first half. Larry Morrow kicked off the second half as toastmaster. Speeches were given by Gary Hartley, Robert Emory, Gerald Fulford, Terry Dalton and Mr. Canales. Mr. Fulford and Mr. Canales shared the Most Effective Speech award. Mr. Fulford also won the Most Improved Speaker award. The Most Helpful Evaluation award went to Robert West. John Knaack served as guest director, giving the second half evaluation and concluding the meeting with a lecture on leadership. Hannah Knaack.

The final ladies' evening of the **PRETORIA, South Africa, Spokesman Club** was Nov. 27 at the Businessman's Club. After a meal director Dan Botha called the club to order and introduced President Keith Anderson, who thanked the officers for their service to the club during the past year. The topics session was led by John Clifford. Toastmaster Von Kasselmann introduced the five speakers, who were not evaluated. Roy McCarthy, director of the Work in South Africa, gave a lecture on the principles of service. Tine McCarthy presented graduation certificates to Johann de Jager, Philip Vosloo and Arno Horjus. The officers for the next club year were announced, and the club was dismissed. Bill Bailey.

The fourth meeting of the **ROANOKE, Va., Spokesman Club** was Dec. 6 at the Troutville Town Hall. After opening prayer and vocal exercises Vice President Calvin Webb took charge of the meeting. After the business session Benny Lance conducted the topics session, and following the refreshment break toastmaster Don Roschelli introduced the speakers: Danny Smith, Most Improved Speaker; Paul Lowman; Melvin Dillman, Most Effective Speech; Clyde Lance; and Clyde Lance Jr. The Most Helpful Evaluation award was presented to Guy Estes. Afterward director Robert Persky lectured on how to construct a speech.

The Roanoke Women's Club's second monthly meeting was 5. The theme of the meeting was housekeeping. After Mr. Persky opened the meeting with prayer, Annie Shaw conducted the topics session. Refreshments were served, and hostess Charlotte Cox introduced Dorothy Lewis, Susan Crissinger and Carolyn Engers, who gave icebreakers. Mr. Persky lectured on the spiritual side of housekeeping, and coordinator Kay Persky spoke on how to efficiently schedule housework. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bass Jr.

The final meeting of the **ROCKHAMPTON, Australia, Ladies' Club** took place Nov. 27. The women and their guests met for dinner at the Palm



DO-SI-DO — Sherri Rice dances to the calls at a Montgomery, Ala., square dance Dec. 4. (See "Church Activities," page 4.) [Photo by William Golsen]



YOU-PARENTS EVENING — Andrew Lees comments during tabletopics at the Johannesburg, South Africa, YOU's year-end banquet Dec. 4. (See "Youth Activities," page 11.)

Court Reception Lounge, with Fay Davidson serving as hostess. Pat Gambier decorated the lounge to bring the theme of travel to the guests' attention. After tabletopics conducted by Judith Benson, speeches were given by Marie DeMey, June Hinricks and Dawn Bennett. Graduation certificates were handed out by pastor Bruce Dean to Judith Benson, Norma Giese and Marilyn Byrne. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Davidson presented Mr. Dean with a bottle of wine to show the club's appreciation of his help during the year. Jeanette Dean.

The **SAN DIEGO, Calif., Women's Club (A.M.)** had its initial meeting of the season Dec. 7, with Maryann Aust presiding as hostess. Associate pastor Jerold Aust addressed the group and named four benefits from attending club: it provides an opportunity to give rather than get, spiritual fellowship, self-improvement and is a Bible boost. Suzanne Miller presented tabletopics, and Mrs. Aust and Charlene Smith each delivered an account of the circumstances of her conversion.

The San Diego Women's Club (P.M.) met Dec. 7 at San Marcos, Calif., for its first fall meeting. Vilma Shquist presided as hostess, and Mr. Aust discussed four benefits of club. Lila Stein conducted tabletopics, and Dottie Fick presented an art demonstration, using some of her own work. Susan Karoska.

At the **WINDSOR, Ont., Spokesman Club's** meeting Nov. 28 the YOU of the church attended and watched and listened as the topics were presented, speeches given and regular club business was carried out.

The Nov. 28 meeting of the Windsor Ladies' Club was a quilting session at the home of pastor and Mrs. Fran Richi. Mrs. Ollie Parks demonstrated quilting techniques and different patterns and examples. Some of the women displayed their own quilting accomplishments and continued working on some of their handwork. A snack was served before the club came to a close. Patricia Klem.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Young-at-Heart group of **BALTIMORE, Md.**, under the direction of associate pastor Tom Oakley, was host to an international social Dec. 11. The 225 brethren who attended brought a wide variety of international dishes, and coffee and apple cider were served with the meal. The Young-at-Heart presented a show featuring a dance/drama demonstration, soft-shoe number, singing, poetry reading, polka and hillbilly jig dance demonstrations and several instrumental numbers. Crocheted items and other crafts were on display and offered for sale. Jon and Gimie Cook.

ELKHART, Ind., Senior Ambassador Club members met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Skinner Dec. 12 for an afternoon of grab-bag bingo and a potluck dinner. After-dinner entertainment was provided by Linda Stiver playing the accordion and pastor Rand Millich playing the mandolin. Associate pastor Randy Stiver did some impressions and told a couple of stories. To end the afternoon Mr. Millich gave a Bible study. Hoover Woods won the door prize. Gail Trout.

Fifty-four **YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio,** and **MERCER, Pa., Ambassadors** viewed a slide presentation of Alaska Dec. 4 narrated by Sandy Crumbaker in a

private room at the Perkins Pancake House. Ronald and Sandy Crumbaker and their two children, Travis and Chris, attended the 1982 Feast at Anchorage, Alaska. The family also displayed some of their mementos of the trip. Dinner at the Pancake House preceded the viewing of the slides. Libby Kebrle.

SINGLES SCENE

The United Singles Club of **CLEVELAND, Ohio**, had its fifth annual Thanksgiving weekend Nov. 26 to 28. The singles attended a Friday night Bible study by club director Greg Thomas, and Saturday evening they enjoyed an evening of dining and dancing at the North Olmstead Party Center. The next morning the singles gathered at the Best Steakhouse for a farewell brunch before returning home. Jeff Smith.

Singles from seven church areas met in **DETROIT, Mich., WEST** Dec. 4 for a get-together at the home of Karl Harbeck. There was dancing, a sing-along, Chinese checkers and a mini piano concert. The evening concluded with a cheer for the host and another for the Church. Steve Holsey.

Eighteen singles from the **DUBLIN, Ireland,** and **BELFAST, Northern Ireland,** churches had a dinner in honor of pastor Mark Ellis and his wife Nov. 27 at the Guinea Pig restaurant. The occasion was to wish bon voyage to the Ellises, who are moving to Sydney, Australia, where Mr. Ellis will take up new ministerial responsibilities after serving in Ireland for the past 4½ years. Brendan Behan.

The **PASADENA DOTS (Dancers Over Thirty)** met Dec. 11 at the home of Louise Lindsey for a potluck dinner and an evening of fun and games. Special guests were minister Mordakhai Joseph, his wife and their two daughters. Mr. Joseph is a minister serving in the Auditorium P.M. church, and before the game events he spoke to the group on the family relationship, stressing the importance of feeling as brothers and sisters. Bill Pixley was cohost with Mrs. Lindsey for the evening. Mildred Smith.

The United Singles of **PEORIA, Ill.**, enjoyed a weekend of fellowship Dec. 11 and 12. Saturday evening the singles dined at a restaurant, with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith, overall directors of the single people, also in attendance. Afterward the group attended a musical play entitled *She Loves Me*. Events Sunday included a lunch and a rummy card game initiated by Penni Holt and Judy Bush. Joe Kreiter.

Some 70 singles from seven states attended a Thanksgiving ball Nov. 27 at **SOMERSET, Ky.** Some traveled nearly 500 miles to attend. Dance music was provided by disc jockey John Nelson Maggard. Decorations depicting harvest-time were illuminated by kerosene lanterns and candlelight. The gala event was the fourth annual dance sponsored by the Somerset singles. Max Phelps.

SPORTS

Seven teams of girls participated in the YOU District 42 volleyball tournament Dec. 5 at **CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa**. Each team played at least eight games in the round-robin event. The Mason City, Iowa, team didn't lose one point to a bad

serve and came out as the tournament winners. Peoria, Ill., was runner-up, with Davenport-Iowa City, Iowa, in third, also winning the sportsmanship award. The all-tournament team consisted of Mary Ewing, Julie Wernli, Michelle Salander, Theresa Abbas, Laura Bydion and Linda Shanks, who was awarded the Most Valuable Player award. Thanks were expressed to David Holmes for making all the arrangements. Keith F. Thomas.

The YOU District 82 volleyball tournament took place in **EUGENE, Ore.**, Dec. 5. Fourteen teams competed in the double-elimination tournament. First place was earned by Portland, Ore., East, with second place going to Portland West and third place to Medford, Ore. Fred Davis, pastor of the Medford church and YOU district coordinator, stated it was impossible to pick a team for the sportsmanship award because all the teams exhibited excellent sportsmanship. Other activities of the weekend included a Bible bowl and a dance Saturday evening. Tim and Lin Rhay.

The **ROLLA AND LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo., YOU** basketball and volleyball players and cheerleaders were involved in their first games of the season Dec. 5 at St. Louis, Mo., against the teams from Columbia, Mo., and St. Louis. Linda Loveland and Joan Luechfeld.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Some 358 members of the churches in Alaska gathered at **ANCHORAGE** Nov. 26 to 28 for a YOU district family weekend. Friday night a Bible study was conducted by pastor Earl Roemer, accompanied by Dennis Gentleman, a minister in the Fairbanks church. At Sabbath services the Anchorage-Palmer choir performed special music. A luncheon was served after services. In the afternoon families with YOU-age members got together teams and took part in a Bible bowl. Church scores were averaged, and Anchorage placed first, Fairbanks second, Palmer third and Soldotna fourth.

In the evening Wade Hart and Gloria Krueger were married, and following the reception members attended a record dance organized by John and Linda Orchard. Sunday morning the YOU volleyball teams participated in a tournament. Soldotna won, with the Palmer YOU coming in second and the Anchorage YOU third. The afternoon activities concluded with the annual Anchorage-Soldotna men's basketball competition, which Anchorage won 99-65. Mike Pickett.

The **CANTON, Ohio, congregation** (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 11)

NOTE TO 'LOCAL CHURCH NEWS' WRITERS

The *Worldwide News* requests that all articles submitted for the "Local Church News" section be signed by a local minister. Reports received after Jan. 10 without ministerial approval will not be published. Deadline is two weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BEAM, Chris and Diane (Schultz), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Elizabeth Collins, Nov. 28, 8:45 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BENSON, Peter and Joanne (Ochopit), of Boston, Mass., boy, Andrew Joseph, Oct. 19, 7:19 a.m., 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

BOOKMAN, Robert and Priscilla (Moore), of Gainesville, Fla., girl, Stephanie Shewell, Nov. 29, 7:45 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BUSHEY, Hal and Joy (Blennings), of North Bay, Ont., boy, Matthew Alexander, Dec. 2, 2:26 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

CANNING, Robert and Nadara (Ince), of North Platte, Neb., boy, Erik Dallas, Nov. 26, 5:26 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

CAPUTO, Michael and Leonida (Checca), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Julie Simone, Nov. 14, 3:13 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CARY, Bob and Debbie (Grandy), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Timothy Philip, Dec. 16, 8:50 p.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

CLEMENTSON, John and Charlotte (Meade), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Kelly Sue, Dec. 2, 5 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

D'ALESSANDRO, Randy and Lois (Mayes), of Detroit, Mich., boy, Brandon Lee, Dec. 11, 2:57 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

FURMAN, Edward and Laura (Sutir), of Mount Pocono, Pa., boy, Edward Lee, Nov. 28, 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HADDON, Herb and Marg (Cameron), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Adam William, Nov. 16, 5:33 p.m., 6 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HAWORTH, Larry and Mary (Entleman), of Hawkins, Tex., boy, Ryan William, Dec. 11, 5:45 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

HENRY, David and Toni (Armin), of Milwaukee, Wis., girl, Anne Margaret, Nov. 23, 10:44 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

HERALD, Rex and Barbara (Bailey), of Bluefield, W. Va., boy, Christopher Evan, Sept. 9, 3:25 p.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

HERRERA, Herman and Kathleen (Bierfeldt), of Pasadena, boy, Aaron Michael, Dec. 16, 1:50 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

HUDSON, James and Debbie (Milton), of Houston, Tex., girl, Nancy Latrice, Dec. 11, 5:53 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HUTCHESON, John and Mary (Decker), of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., girl, Susan Mary, Dec. 17, 11:30 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

KELLEY, Tim and Angie (Molter), of Big Sandy, boy, Jeremy Ryan, Nov. 3, 8:02 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

LIEBOLD, Gary and Karen (Korot), of St. Petersburg, Fla., boy, Jason Wayne, Dec. 1, 6:51 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

LUCAS, Raymond and Suzanne, of Browns Mills, N.J., boy, Brad Michael, Nov. 23, 3:57 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 6 boys, 2 girls.

MATNEY, Kenneth Sr. and Julie (Jackson), of Eugene, Ore., boy, Jeffrey Dustin, Dec. 6, 8:51 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 4 boys.

MAYTON, Michael J. and Candy (Yosh), of Pittsburgh, Pa., boy, Michael Stephen, Dec. 8, 4:51 p.m., 10 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

NELSON, Ken and Debbie (Montgomery), of Belmont, Mass., boy, Nicholas Allen, Dec. 12, 6:43 p.m., 7 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ODOM, Teddy and Kathy (Stittwell), of Charlotte, N.C., girl, Melanie Elizabeth, Dec. 16, 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

OWENS, Richard and Martha (Main), of Palm Springs, Calif., girl, Tracy Marie, Dec. 6, 7:22 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

PEDER, Larry and Soyle (Lopez), of Big Sandy, girl, Carly Cecile, Dec. 16, 11:17 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

PETTY, Robert and Linda (McCraw), of Rochester, N.Y., girl, Charlene Annette, Aug. 16, 10:23 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

PETERSEN, Douglas and Nancy (Smithson), of Red Deer, Alta., boy, Dean Leigh, Dec. 7, 1:30 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

PHARRIS, Bill and Lavenda (Campbell), of Little Rock, Ark., boy, Bradley Wade, Aug. 7, 11:08 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

PROVENCER, Raymond and Jane (Berg), of Granville, Mass., boy, Patrick James, Nov. 13, 12:17 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys.

PLIAFICO, Jim and Kathy (Donahue), of Denver, Colo., girl, Melissa Anne, Dec. 3, 3:04 a.m., 6 pounds, first child.

REIMER, Gary and Fife (Gehman), of Fresno, Calif., boy, Jason Conrad, Dec. 11, 5 p.m., 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

ROTH, Terry and Lin (Weese), of Prince Albert, Sask., boy, Sean David, Nov. 7, 8 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys.

SCHMILL, Richard and Glenna (Meyer), of Fayetteville, Ark., boy, James Adellbert, Sept. 28, 1:15 p.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

SORNBERGER, Arvid and Aggie (Vaske), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Brittany Lynn, Nov. 10, 9:33 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

SVARDAL, James and Susan (Leiter), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Sarah Irene, Dec. 6, 2:38 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

TERRY, Joe and Kathy (Batchelor), of St. Petersburg, Fla., boy, Eli Joseph, Dec. 4, 9:37 p.m., 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, first child.

TOPON, Lorenzo and Nieves (Nieves Hidalgo), of Pampanga, Philippines, girl, Mystilene Hidalgo, Dec. 15, 7 pounds, now 3 boys, 4 girls.

TURNER, Daniel and Connie (Newcomb), of Columbus, Ind., girl, Jennifer Lee, Dec. 14, 3:15 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

TURNER, Eric and Christie (Lynch), of Lafayette, La., girl, Diana Lynn, Oct. 9, 4:17 a.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

VIG, Marlin and Phyllis (Anderson), of Fargo, N.D., boy, Nathan Ray, Nov. 4, 1:29 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

WALSH, Mike and Janice (Todd), of Elkhart, Ohio, boy, Jonathan Michael, Dec. 8, 10:53 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

WATTERS, Roy and Peggy (Hartman), of Chillicothe,

Ohio, girl, Stephanie Marie, Sept. 27, 10:19 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

WEBER, David and Rose (Amis), of Wheatland, Wyo., boy, Roy Barret, Dec. 11, 7:10 p.m., 6 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

YOWELL, Jim and Linda (Fenton), of Winchester, Va., girl, Laura Beth, Dec. 18, 7:09 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stitzer of Longport, Calif., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Peggy La Stitzer to Kent L. Leding of Pasadena. A May 29 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. KENNETH HEAD

Deborah Denise Floyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Floyd of Forest Hill, La., and Kenneth Lee Head, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Head of Fort Worth, Tex., were married Oct. 30 at the Swing Time Center in Fort Worth. The bride wore her mother-in-law's original wedding gown. The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Ginger Jones, and the best man was the groom's brother, Carl Head. The ceremony was officiated by Robert Smith, pastor of the Fort Worth congregation.



MR. AND MRS. MARK GOFF

Phyllis Karen King and Mark Goff of the Asheville, N.C., church were united in marriage Sept. 19 at the bride's home in Flat Rock, N.C. Pastor Charles Grace performed the ceremony. Bonnie King, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Sandy McPherson was matron of honor, and William McPherson was best man. The couple reside in Roanoke, N.C.



MR. AND MRS. LARRY HINES

Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Kruger are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Pamela D. to Larry Dean Hines. The wedding took place Oct. 30 at the Marriott Inn in Dallas, Tex. The ceremony was performed by Wayne Durkin, a minister in the Dallas North church. Michele Coker was maid of honor. Tim Vaughan served as best man. The couple reside in Grapevine, Tex.

Jim Servidio, pastor of the New Orleans, La., church, joined Larry McCabe and Rita Edwards in marriage Nov. 28 at the Aurora Gardens Club in Algiers, La. Maid of honor was Melissa Edwards. Best man was Thomas McCabe. The bride was given away by her father, Jerry Edwards.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Eulogio Laxamana: Happy 18th anniversary Oct. 18 to you wonderful couple of San Vicente, Pampanga, Philippines. May you have more wedding anniversaries to come. Affectionately yours, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Topon and family.

Happy anniversary Mother and Daddy. Thank you for everything. We love you, Glenna, Dick, David and Jimmy.

To my koola bear baby: Jan. 21 marks our sixth year together. But this has been the best one yet. God has

certainly blessed our lives and He blessed mine with you. Happy anniversary! Your "Poogie."

Dec. 28 marked the silver anniversary for Tom and Carole Dade of the Cleveland, Ohio, West church. Happy 25th anniversary Mom and Dad. With overflowing hearts full of love from Eric, Ryan and Dee, Jarrel and Ronda and Ross.

Obituaries

BALTIMORE, Md. — Minnie Jane Stewart, 82, died here Nov. 11. She was baptized in 1964.

She is survived by her daughter Jackeline; two sons, Oscar and Matthew, a deacon; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by pastor Roy Demarest.

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio — Woodrow J. Eddy, 57, died Nov. 6 at home after a long illness of cancer. He was a member of God's Church since 1976.

Survivors include his wife Beulah; four daughters, Donna Butler of Pasadena, Linda Rominger, Julie Rominger and Dianne Theobald, all members; and two sons, Cloyd and Ernest.

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 8 by Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel, pastor of the Wheeling, W. Va., and Cambridge churches.

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Dorothy Trefl, 84, a member since July, 1958, died Nov. 23. Mrs. Trefl first attended services in Omaha, Neb., then moved to St. Louis, Mo., where she attended until 1972 when she moved to Columbia.

She is survived by two daughters and their husbands, and six grandchildren, all members of the Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Terry Swagerty, pastor of the Omaha church.

CORNWALL, Ont. — David Michael Shields, 4 months, son of Philip and Carole Shields, died of crib death Dec. 16. Funeral services were conducted by Laurie Nyhus, associate pastor of the Toronto, Ont., East church.

Final committal services were conducted by the boy's father, pastor of the Plattsburgh, N.Y., and Cornwall churches. David is survived by his parents and two sisters.

CROYDON, England — Alan Stilwell, 16, was killed in a motorcycle accident near his home in Cranford, England, Nov. 10.

Funeral services were conducted by John Meakin, pastor of the southeast England churches. In attendance were school friends, family and Church members.

Alan is survived by his parents and brother Paul who attend the Croydon church, his brother Geoff who attends services in Borehamwood, England, and three stepbrothers.

DURBAN, South Africa — George Renouf, 60, baptized into God's Church

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 Britton Ronald Guss, son of Alan and Shara Guss of Cedar Hill, Tex.

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in April, 1965, died Oct. 18 of an acute hemorrhage after suffering from cancer for 6 1/2 years.

Gravestone services were conducted by John Bartholomew, pastor of the Durban church.

Mr. Renouf is survived by his wife Sue, son Frank, daughter Dawn, son-in-law Chris and five grandchildren.

EDINBURGH, Ind. — Sandra Brown, 39, a member since 1965, of the Columbus, Ind., church, died Nov. 23.

Sandra is survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown of Mexico. Funeral services took place in Oklahoma City, Okla.



MARK ALAN WILKINS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Mark Alan Wilkins, 17, died Nov. 5 after an automobile accident.

Survivors include his father and mother, Jim and Anita Wilkins; four brothers; and two sisters.

Mark attended services with his parents in Fort Lauderdale.

His funeral was conducted Nov. 8 by Randall Kobarnat, pastor of the Fort Lauderdale church.

MOULTRIE, Ga. — Bertie Mae Morrison, 78, a Church member since September, 1972, died Oct. 15.

Mrs. Morrison is survived by a daughter, a member. Funeral services were conducted by Rick Beam, pastor of the Tallahassee, Fla., and Moultrie congregations.

MUNCIE, Ind. — Charles W. Mahoney, 72, of Shirley, Ind., died of cancer Dec. 4. He had been a member since 1966.

Funeral services were conducted by Garvin L. Greene, pastor of the Muncie and Richmond, Ind., churches.

NELSON, New Zealand — Violet A. Brothers, 79, died Nov. 17 following months of respiratory difficulties. Mrs. Brothers was baptized in March, 1966.

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 19 by Lyall Johnston, pastor of the Nelson and Wellington, New Zealand, churches.

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. — Edna E. Kennedy, 77, died Nov. 28. Mrs. Kennedy had been a member of God's Church since 1960.

Mrs. Kennedy was preceded in death by her husband, one son and two daughters. (See ANNOUNCEMENTS, page 11)

Weddings Made of Gold

CHICAGO, Ill. — Julian and Marion Oakley celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Dec. 12.

Mr. Oakley began listening to the broadcast in early 1955 and was baptized Jan. 5, 1957. He has been a member of the Chicago area choir for 24 years.

Although Mrs. Oakley is not a Church member she has accompanied her husband to 26 Feasts of Tabernacles and also attends church social activities.

The Oakleys are lifelong Chicago residents.



MR. AND MRS. JULIAN OAKLEY

dents. Mr. Oakley retired in 1977, ending a sales career that spanned more than five decades.



MR. AND MRS. PETER LESLIE

PENTICONT, B.C. — Peter and Dorothy Leslie were married in Nelson, B.C., Dec. 2, 1932.

They heard Herbert W. Armstrong in 1961 and were baptized in Spokane, Wash., in 1968 by James Lichtenstein. They attended the Spokane church until they moved to the Kelowna, B.C., area in

1969. They live in Penticont, B.C.

They were the surprised guests of honor at a combined church social Nov. 21 in Westbank, B.C.

The head table was set with golden cutlery and elegant china, lent by Verna Ewanowich, deaconess in the Kelowna church.

A three-tiered cake baked by Mrs. Lou Watson was cut and shared with the 170 members present.

The Leslies have three sons, two daughters and 13 grandchildren.

TONASKET, Wash. — Wesley and Edna Smith were surprised Dec. 4 with a three-tiered cake, a plaque, cards and a clock in a bellglass case from the combined churches of Quincy and Tonasket, Wash., in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married Dec. 7, 1932, in New Westminster, B.C.

Mr. Smith worked with airplane construction in British Columbia. He spent 45 years as a longshoreman before he and Mrs. Smith retired to their ranch in Princeton, B.C. They have one son, one daughter and five grandchildren.

The Smiths began listening to Herbert W. Armstrong on the radio 17 years ago. They attend the Tonasket church.

Single fathers

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stresses they cause. My heart goes out to those who face this. You deserve credit.

Money matters are often a problem during marriage, and for some the financial burden lasts longer by far than the marriage.

It is important not to put down a departed husband or wife in front of the children or really, to anyone in any way.

We all have problems and needs and no one should judge another. Being bitter or punishing could well destroy you. It is not worth the price.

Remember, you were once married and loved each other. The children need to love and respect each parent, regardless, and not be used as pawns in some kind of power struggle for the control of their emotions and affections. They love both;

they should.

Mine rarely see their mother, but love her deeply. In the end, this is best for me too.

Should you date? The first thought may be, "I'll show you!" An attempt to show something to someone when you feel rejected yourself. Resist the temptation. It takes time to heal inwardly and to begin a new direction for your life.

A newly single parent may enjoy sympathy, but it is not healthy. Being with others is important. Seek out those with a positive point of view, singles and married couples.

You may want to escape in some way from reality, but resist with all your being. It is only destructive.

Being a single parent is not bondage. It is an opportunity. Don't let guilt from a past mistake, self-pity or some desire to prove something to someone cloud your thinking.

What matters is God, eternal life, the Church and your children. Jesus said, seek first the Kingdom, and don't worry about tomorrow, take care of today.

A single parent learns what this means. The future is overwhelming, but today is possible. A good report

card, a child's smile and shared thoughts and "I love you, daddy" make the extra mile the single parent sometimes walks somehow not so long after all.

For the Record

PASADENA — Eric Vautour of the Moncton, N.B., church was incorrectly identified in the Dec. 13, 1982, *Worldwide News* as a local elder in the employ of the Church. Mr. Vautour is a local church elder, not employed by the Church.

CHURCH NEWS

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was host for a YOU family district weekend Dec. 4 and 5 for nine church areas in northern Ohio. The event took place at the Jackson Middle School in Massillon, Ohio. All activities were oriented toward the family, including the sermonette and sermon by Greg Thomas and James Haeffele. The evening's activities included a family dance, as well as a variety of contests. Each church area participated with two 16-member teams consisting of family groups. In the double-elimination volleyball tournament the next day each church area fielded a team for men, women and YOU girls. The winners were Cleveland East, men; Columbus A.M., women; and Canton, YOU girls. Dick Gay.

A car wash by the GARDEN GROVE, Calif., YOU Dec. 3 raised \$255 for the church fund. The youths, with the help of some adults, washed, dried and vacuumed about 100 cars and vans. Mark Davis.

The JOHANNESBURG, South Af-

rica, YOU program for 1982 closed with a YOU-parents banquet Dec. 4. Hosts for the evening were the Young Singles of the church. A three-course meal was followed by a topics session. Six speeches were delivered, covering subjects such as the benefits of YOU, friendship and the part YOU plays in the Church. Roy McCarthy, regional director of southern Africa, delved into the subject of parent-child relationships, covering such points as setting the right example and showing love and sincere affection for one another. Georgia Gabrielides and Avril Rabe.

The YOU of KITCHENER, Ont., met Nov. 14 for an afternoon of roller-skating. A games and party room was rented for those who got tired, and refreshments were provided at the snack bar. Paul de Vuigt.

The MACOMB, Ill., YOU members participated in an outing Dec. 4. After playing a Bible quiz called Bible golf, the youths gathered at a pizza parlor for dinner, followed by three hours of skating. Polly Royer.

Girls of the PALMER, Alaska, Candles and Lace Homemaking Club met Dec. 5 to plan for their coming dad's dinner. They planned the menu, made invitations and place cards and had auditions for the entertainment. Each girl's mother told the group of one quality she likes in her daughter. Jessica Emery was named treasurer and Lara Blake keeper of the scrapbook. Tara Orchard served refreshments.

The Palmer Busy Betsy members welcomed Elise Venie to their club Dec. 5. Listening and following directions was the theme of the meeting, and the girls played a game designed to give practice in that area. They also learned how to tie bows and how to fold towels. Elise served the refreshments. Linda Orchard.

THE TORONTO, Ont., EAST YOU sponsored a dance for the Ontario YOU members Nov. 20 at the Thornhill Community Center. The youths made desserts for dinner. A silver tea set was given to Mr. and Mrs. Clive Hylton in appreciation for Mr. Hylton's service as coach for the East track and volleyball teams. At the dance that followed, Steve Whitney and Wayne Woods acted as disc jockeys. The guests stayed in members' homes, and the next day the teens went bowling. Janet Parker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ters. She is survived by two daughters, Nadine Oke of Huntsville, Ont., and Maida Tuck of Prince George and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many of whom attend God's Church.

Until Mrs. Kennedy's death there were four generations of her family attending the Prince George congregation.

STORRS, Conn. — Ellen Goodburn, 91, a member of the Church since 1975, died Nov. 7.

She was born in Dorset, England, and had lived in Pittsburgh, Pa., for more than 25 years before moving to Storrs 10 years ago. She attended services in Meriden, Conn.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Ernest; a daughter, Elizabeth Hengstenberg of Storrs; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Larry Woodbridge, pastor of the Meriden church.

UNION, N.J. — Leonard H. Harris, 78, a member of God's Church since 1976, died of a heart attack Sept. 18.

Mr. Harris is survived by his wife Marion who is also a member of the Church. Graveside services were conducted at the Glendale Cemetery in Bloomfield, N.J., by James Jenkins, pastor of the Union and Brick Town, N.J., churches.

WACO, Tex. — Arnold J. Philipp, 66, a member of the Church here, died Oct. 4 after being ill with a heart condition.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita; three children, Bobby Joe of Houston, Tex., Sue Keeter of Olney, Tex., and Ann Norris of Wichita Falls, Tex.; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Philipp was born in Olney. He and his wife were baptized April 3, 1971. They have lived in Morgan, Tex., since 1969 when Mr. Philipp retired.

Harold Rhodes, pastor of the Waco and Austin, Tex., churches, conducted the funeral services.

Encountering Christmas

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Kathy Kranch

The school bus was humming with excited children when the two sisters climbed on. "Sit with me sis," Sherry whispered to Jill.

Jill gave her older sister a grateful smile and sat down beside her.

When they got to school Jill could hear the girls talking about new dolls, clothes, games and bikes. The boys were excited about games, cars and sports equipment. Three of her best friends bounced up to her. "Oh, Jill, what did you get for Christmas?"

She blushed and said: "Oh, nothing. My family doesn't keep it."

Her friends looked at each other in embarrassment. Finally one of them, Cindy, said: "Oh, I'm sorry. I forgot. Well, did you have fun over vacation? Did you go sledding?"

Silently, the other two girls walked away. Soon Cindy ran out of things to say, too, and said that she had to get a drink before school started.

Suddenly, Jill felt all alone. Quickly, she went to her desk and tried to look busy until school began.

Mrs. Jones entered the room with a big smile on her face. "Hello, boys and girls! I'm glad to see you all. Did you have a good vacation? I certainly did. My family came all the way from Ohio, and we had such a nice Christmas. I received so many beautiful gifts..."

Jill knew the worst part was about to begin. She squirmed in her seat and looked out the window. She almost wished she'd had a case of the flu so she could have stayed home today.

Mrs. Jones listened intently to the first couple of students talk about vid-

eo games and perfumed dolls and all the other popular gifts for this year.

But then she started to think about all the lunch money and milk money that she had to count and get to the office in 15 minutes.

Soon she only paid attention when she sensed that a student's list was almost finished and it was time to call on the next child.

Now it was Jill's turn. Mrs. Jones called upon her, "And what did you get for Christmas, Jill?"

"Nothing, ma'am. My family doesn't celebrate Christmas," she mumbled. It seemed to her that everyone was looking at her.

Mrs. Jones stared for just a second and then said: "Oh, yes, I'm sorry. I forgot."

Then she called on Greg, the boy that sat behind her. In a little while, Jill could feel that her face had cooled off and wasn't red any more.

Lunchtime arrived and the gift comparing began again. Sherry spotted Jill in the lunchroom and passed by her on the way out.

"Hi, Jill, the worst is over. Tomorrow won't be so bad," Sherry whispered.

She smiled and said: "Thanks. We can talk about it on the bus tonight?"

"Sure, Jill, see you later," answered Sherry.

Their mother was in the kitchen baking bread when they got home that afternoon.

"Hi, girls, how about a slice of hot bread with butter?" she called.

"Sure!" Sherry answered.

"No thanks, Mom. I don't feel so good," Jill said on her way through the kitchen. "I think I'll lie down for awhile."

When she was gone her mother gave Sherry a frown. "Do you know what is wrong with Jill?"

Sherry pulled a bar stool up to the kitchen counter to butter her bread. "She's sad about school today. This is the day everyone gets to tell about their Christmas presents."

"Oh, yes. I remember that when I was in school. I was always embarrassed because everyone seemed to get better and more expensive gifts than I did. It's harder to say you didn't get anything. Maybe we can do some special things for her tonight. What do you think that she would like?" asked Mom.

"She'd probably like a pizza," offered Sherry.

"Yes, she would like that. What else could we do?" inquired Mom.

"We could play some of her games and make popcorn," said Sherry.

"Those sound like good ideas. Well, I'd better get started on the pizza. Why don't you help me after you change?" asked Mom.

"OK, if I can sample it," grinned Sherry.

By the time Dad arrived home from work the pizza was ready. Jill was still up in her room. Sherry explained what had happened to her at school, so Dad went up to talk to her.

"Hi, Jill. Sherry tells me that you had a hard time in school today."

"Yes, Daddy," replied Jill.

"You know, when I was in school I hated the first day back to school, too. I was always jealous of the other kids. No matter what presents I received, someone else always got more or better ones. Once almost all I got was clothes. How dull, compared to trucks and guns and airplanes. I'm sure that there are lots of kids in your class that are sad tonight. All because they didn't get enough to suit them," said Dad.

"You think so, Dad? It sounded like they all got lots of gifts," Jill said.

"Yes, I'm sure. All they are thinking about is what gifts they got. God doesn't want us to think like that. He wants us to think about giving to other people, not about gathering up a lot of things for ourselves. One of the reasons we send tithes and offerings to the Church is to help people learn about God so that they can be happy."

"Spending money for Christmas presents only makes one person happy, the one who gets it. And many times it doesn't make that person happy. Maybe it's the wrong color or size or just the last thing that they would want to have. Helping God's Work will eventually make everyone happy," he said.

"Someday people won't even keep Christmas. They will keep the Sabbath and Holy Days instead, won't they?" Jill asked.

"Yes, they will. They will probably come up to you and ask you how to do it, too. You will be able to tell them how to get ready for the Sabbath and what unleavened bread is for and all about the Feast," Dad said.

"That will be great when everyone keeps the Holy Days. The kids will like the Feast. I had a lot of fun this year. Mr. Armstrong talked about having the Kingdom of God on earth, didn't he? I wish it were here now," Jill mused.

"So do I. You know that you and all the children in the Church are very special to God. He lets you know things that presidents, kings and even teachers don't understand yet. He loves you very much. And so do I," he said and gave her a hug. "Let's go eat pizza."

"OK, I'm hungry! We really have a lot of good things to look forward to, don't we?" said Jill.

"Yes, honey, the best times for the whole world are yet to come," he said.

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

PASADENA — Applications for the 1983 Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn., were mailed to church pastors in the United States, according to the Youth Opportunities United Office.

Prospective campers and high school workers should ask for applications from their ministers. Employment applications must be postmarked by Feb. 14, and camper applications must be postmarked by March 14.

Because of budgetary cutbacks, SEP in Big Sandy has been canceled for this year. Portions of the applications referring to the Big Sandy camp should be disregarded.

Applications for Canadian campers or high school workers were sent to the Vancouver, B.C., Office. Interested youths should write or call the Vancouver Office for applications.

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MONROE, La. — No brethren were hurt or suffered property damage here in flooding caused by torrential rain, Dec. 27 to 30, according to **Briscoe Ellett**, pastor of the Monroe and Alexandria, La., churches.

Had rains fallen as predicted Jan. 1 and 2 two Church families could have suffered severe damage. "We deeply appreciate the concern and all the prayers that the brethren offered. Believe me, it did make a difference," said Mr. Ellett.

"One family had water come up to about a quarter inch of the top of the foundation. Their home looked like an island," he said. Every house in that area was damaged except that home.

Despite the Ouachita River at Monroe cresting to 46 feet, which is 6 to 8 feet above floodstage, the 200 Monroe members still made it to services Jan. 1.

Mr. Ellett mentioned that Monroe citizens helped build sandbag dikes that kept the floodwaters from destroying many houses.

"It was quite an inspiring community project to see," he said.

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PASADENA — Seventeen Spanish-speaking ministers, two ministerial trainees and one deacon attended an administrative meeting here Jan. 6, according to evangelist **Leon Walker**, director of the Spanish Department. The men came here for the Ministerial Refreshing Program beginning Jan. 10 (see "International Desk," this page).

"We need to discuss a number of things concerning promotion and circulation of *La Pura Verdad*, church matters and various types of reports and forms that the ministers routinely send into us," said Mr. Walker.

He continued: "On Friday [Jan. 7] the men had the opportunity to come by the office to ask myself or other members of the department any questions that relate specifically to their individual areas."

The countries represented are Argentina, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru and the United States.

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PASADENA — Evangelist **Joseph Tkach Sr.**, director of Ministerial Services, released the following ordinations.

Local church elders ordained are **Charles Bell** of Baltimore, Md., and **Michael Horschak** of Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 11, and **Joseph Handley** of Laurel, Del., and **Alton Smith** of Wilmington, Del., Dec. 4.

George Hyde of Bowling Green, Ky., was ordained a local church elder Sept. 25.

PASADENA — The New King James Version of the Bible will sometimes be used in the Work's publications, according to evangelist **Herman Hoeh**, *Plain Truth* editor.

In the publications the translation will be called by its international name, the Revised Authorized Version (RAV), said Dr. Hoeh.

The official name for the King James Version is the Authorized Version (AV).

"In addition to other modern translations... we sometimes substitute the RAV for an old reading of the KJV [King James Version], where the KJV is sufficiently archaic," said Dr. Hoeh.

According to Dr. Hoeh, "The Church has no official stance on any version in terms of whether one should be used as an official version or another."



NEW GRAD — Wilhelm Hackenschmidt, 33, received a bachelor of arts degree from Pasadena Ambassador College Jan. 5. The ceremony took place in Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair's Hall of Administration office. (Photo by Hal Finch)



PASADENA — The Ministerial Refreshing Program has proven to be a vital tool in revitalizing the ministry and churches worldwide.

Last year, 12 sessions were conducted with 116 full-time ministers attending from countries outside the United States.

Twenty-one ministers from eight countries and their wives serving Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking areas are attending the Jan. 10 to 20 session. Simultaneous translations into Spanish will be provided. Leon Walker, regional director, conducted administrative meetings before the session began.

In February most ministers serving French-language areas will attend a session.

'La Pura Verdad'

A record number of subscribers, 16,795, was added in November to the subscription list of the Spanish edition of *The Plain Truth*, *La Pura Verdad*. About 5,000 each came from Mexico and the United States and 2,400 from Argentina.

The number of subscribers is now 188,000. A total of 103,000 were added this year.

The November increases are the result of earlier promotional activities in a number of areas. This activity was reduced to meet budget restraints.

Cameroon

In early December further efforts



SINGING AMBASSADORS — The Young Ambassadors perform for the Pasadena branch of the National Exchange Club, a community service organization, Dec. 29, 1982. The Pasadena-based group performs for other community organizations, including Tournament of Roses functions, according to the Music Services Department. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

Principles

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need to understand what it takes to run a home — that adult living isn't just peaches and cream.

Select items you think are within their tolerance and take your children into your confidence. Construct a plan to solve the problem together. They will appreciate your honesty and your respect in their ability to help.

But don't let your children become your crying towel. They will only soak up an attitude of hopelessness and despair.

Sharing the load with the children can have negative consequences. Many single parents worry about

forcing a child to grow up too fast. Others may hurry them along to adult independence in an effort to ease stress in the home.

Even in your special circumstances you should avoid forcing your children to grow up too fast. Even though they are able to carry more responsibility than most parents require of them, too much too soon can give children a negative outlook on life (1 Corinthians 13:11).

Children need time to be children, otherwise they may feel they missed out on childhood and this in turn prevents their ever becoming truly mature adults.

Be sure you give them time to play, time to cultivate friendships with children their own age, time to burn off a little of the foolishness of youth

and with it the pressure of extra responsibility.

Moaning and groaning about being a single parent won't help. See it rather as something God knows and weighs as He judges your spiritual progress. He understands.

The apostle Paul said, "When I am weak, then I am strong" (1 Corinthians 12:10), because he knew he needed more of God's help. And as Peter said, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

Being a single parent is not easy. Most of your responsibilities are heavier than normal. But none is more important than your God-given role in child rearing. For you, no physical endeavor is more challenging — or more rewarding.

Malawi, Feb. 6; and Nairobi, Kenya, Feb. 8.

Mr. Waterhouse will address members in Malawi for the first time. It is an event they are eagerly anticipating.

Australia

Although many areas of Australia have experienced what is considered one of the worse droughts in memory, and unemployment continues to rise, the income for November increased 30 percent over last year, bringing the year-to-date increase to 15.9 percent.

More than 23,000 letters were received in November (up 48 percent over November, 1981). In response 24,000 booklets were mailed out. The most requested booklet over the past several years is *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

A public Bible lecture for *Plain Truth* subscribers in Adelaide was most successful. One hundred *Plain Truth* subscribers attended — 2.3 percent of the subscription list — an excellent result.

Interest in the Work was quite high and minister Kerry Gubb was kept busy answering questions for sometime afterwards.

More than half of those in attendance requested a copy of Mr. Armstrong's book, *The Incredible Human Potential*, and a number have requested visits from the minister.

German-speaking area

The bulk of fall advertising responses hit the Bonn, West Germany, Office in November. These came from 72,000 flyers placed in the Austrian magazine *Profil*, 80,000 in the Vienna, Austria, newspaper *Die Presse*, 470,000 in *Schweizer Beobachter* of Switzer-

land, and 310,000 placed in West Germany's leading national newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*.

These flyers offer *The Plain Truth* in five languages (six this year to date. Income received in the West German Office is up 30.4 percent over 1981.

Mail of all types received in November jumped 97 percent over November, 1981, up 53 percent for the year to date. Income received in the West German Office is up 30.4 percent over 1981.

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