



FESTIVAL PLANNING — Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services, outlines Feast activity guidelines during a Festival coordinators meeting Jan. 27. [Photo by Michael Snyder]

Pastor general returns to Asia, receives royal Thai decoration

By Aaron Dean
BANGKOK, Thailand — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong received the royal Thai decoration of "Commander of Our Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand" Feb. 3 from Maj. Gen. Pramarn Adireksarn, one of Thailand's five deputy prime ministers.

Aaron Dean, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide, transmitted this trip diary from Bangkok, Thailand, Feb. 3.

The decoration was presented to Mr. Armstrong on behalf of Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, in recognition of the pastor general's continuing efforts toward world peace.

Mr. Armstrong was in Thailand as part of an Asian tour through the Phil-

ippines, the People's Republic of China, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand and Malaysia.

During the ceremony Feb. 3, the deputy prime minister proposed a toast in honor of Mr. Armstrong, noting the efforts of Ambassador College and the Ambassador Foundation in helping the Thai people.

In return, Mr. Armstrong proposed a toast to King Bhumibol, stating: "The king has lived up to his coronation statement: 'We shall reign with righteousness for the happiness and welfare of the people.'"

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda congratulated Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong later met with King Bhumibol at Chitralada Palace to discuss the Ambassador Foundation's humanitarian projects in Thailand and around the globe.

"Because we are a private foundation and small, our contributions cannot be as large as many government contributions," the pastor general told the king, "but we do what we can to help."

The king replied, "What you are doing to help is very good."

The Ambassador Foundation has sponsored an education project to help Thailand's hill tribe people to grow commercial crops other than opium, and has assisted Ambassador College students in teaching English and Western culture to refugees in Thailand.

Mr. Armstrong also discussed Queen Sirikit's humanitarian projects. The queen is involved in similar self-help programs to help develop Thailand's human resources.

Mr. Armstrong kept his meeting with the king short because of a blood disorder the king contracted while working with a refugee project on the Thai border. Mr. Armstrong wanted to be considerate and allow the king to conserve his strength for his other

duties.

The pastor general began his trip at the Burbank, Calif., airport Jan. 24. Aboard the Work's G-11 jet with him were David Hulme, media liaison for the Church; Kevin Dean, Youth Opportunities United (YOU) director; Mr. Armstrong's personal aide Aaron Dean and Mr. Dean's wife Michelle; and the G-11 crew.

The G-11 touched down in Hawaii at 5 p.m. local time, an hour behind schedule because of strong headwinds.

Mr. Armstrong and his group were met at the airport by Honolulu, Hawaii, pastor Dave Fraser and his wife. They also joined Mr. Armstrong for dinner that evening.

Although Jan. 25 was originally scheduled as a time adjustment day for the group, Mr. Armstrong spent much of the day typing articles.

The G-11 left Hawaii at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 26, stopping at Wake Island to refuel en route to the Philippines.

A sign on the side of the airport terminal read: "Where America's day really begins." Wake Island, a U.S. protectorate, lies on the other side of the international date line. Wednesday had now become Thursday.

After another fuel stop on the island of Guam, Mr. Armstrong and his party landed at the international airport at Manila, Philippines.

Guy Ames, regional director of God's Work in the Philippines, some of the ministry and members of the regional office staff, met Mr. Armstrong at the airport.

Larry Omasta, director of the Work's Media Services Department, and members of the Work's television crew filmed the landing.

The television crew had flown ahead of Mr. Armstrong and will document portions of the pastor general's Asian trip for *The World Tomorrow* and other Church media productions.

At noon, Jan. 28, Mr. Armstrong had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Adamson and two of their four children. Mr. Adamson, along with his brother, was founder of Adamson University in the Philippines.

At 5 p.m. Blas Ople, the Philippine minister of labor, met with Mr. Armstrong in the pastor general's hotel suite.

The Ambassador Foundation, in a combined effort with the Philippine Ministry of Labor, has supported a rural workers project there. This project was recognized by the United Nations as an example for Third World nations to follow.

During the day, Mr. Armstrong conducted a meeting with Mr. Hulme and Mr. Ames to discuss the Church's media coverage.

Sabbath, Jan. 29, Mr. Armstrong completed his notes for a 4 p.m. address he delivered to *Plain Truth* readers in the grand ballroom of the Manila Midtown Hotel.

The 2,800 chairs were filled and another 150 to 200 people stood at the rear of the hall. About 1,200 of those attending were Church members.

For one and a half hours Mr. Armstrong thundered his most powerful message ever in the Philippines. No one there can say he was left without a witness of the troubles of this world and the coming solution of God's reestablished government on earth.

The group flew to Thailand Jan. 31, and continued on to Malaysia Feb. 5.

1983 Feast planning under way

PASADENA — Thirty-eight U.S. Festival coordinators, business managers and other personnel met here Jan. 25 and 26 for meetings conducted by evangelists Joseph Tkach Sr., Ellis LaRavia and Leroy Neff.

Mr. Tkach, director of Ministerial Services, Mr. Neff, the Work's treasurer, and Mr. LaRavia, director of Facilities Management, comprise a U.S. Festival coordinating team under Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

"We administer the Festival policies for the United States as set by Mr. Armstrong," Mr. LaRavia said. "Mr. Armstrong himself will announce the approved Feast sites... in March."

The two-day meetings were also attended by evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of the Work in Spanish-speaking areas, and Colin Adair, regional director for the Work in English-speaking Canada.

During the meetings the Festival coordinating team and support staff delivered guidelines for the U.S. Festival as set by Mr. Armstrong.

"We are continuing to grow more unified in our administration of the Feast," Mr. LaRavia said. "Mr. Armstrong has set high standards for the Feast and wants every site to reflect those standards."

Ministerial Services is responsible for scheduling the sermons and activity planning during the Festival.

"After the sermon schedule is set up, Mr. Armstrong goes over the list to approve it," Mr. Tkach said. "This year each U.S. Feast site will have only two traveling speakers, instead of three as some sites had in the past. This will enable each traveling speaker to spend half of the Feast at one site, and the other half at another, instead of traveling on a staggered schedule."

"Ministerial Services also coordinates activity planning, using the guidelines approved by Mr. Armstrong. Festival activities this year will have two general, overall purposes: to provide godly fellowship and fun together, and at the same time, set an example and standard that can be reflected in the churches worldwide for the rest of the year."

Mr. Tkach said: "The activities will point brethren toward the fami-

ly unit and experiencing a millennial setting. The Festival coordinators were directed to keep this in mind."

Mr. Neff coordinates the selection of business managers for the Festival, and keeps an overview of budget planning for each U.S. site.

Under Mr. Neff's supervision, relations with area banks must be developed to allow for transfer of Holy Day offerings to the Work's Accounting and Mail Processing departments, plus covering of such on-site expenses as hall rental, transportation costs and activity fees.

Business managers are selected from the Work's Accounting Department and employees of the Work trained in fiscal administration.

Mr. LaRavia's area concerns the physical administration of each site, providing the meeting halls, seating

arrangements and Festival setup.

He noted that each site has different requirements for Festival planning, owing to the different geographical and cultural features.

"Each site is different, but we continue to work toward the goal of fostering more of the true meaning of the Feast — to receive a foretaste of the coming Kingdom of God," Mr. LaRavia said.

He added that the unity shown by the coordinators and managers during the meetings was "inspiring, and shows the promise that 1983 will be another fulfilling year for the Feast."

To give brethren an equal chance for Feast housing, the supplement that formerly appeared in *The Worldwide News* will be simultaneously distributed throughout the United States.

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Literature requests top records

PASADENA — Literature requests for 1982 broke all-time records, according to Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC), Feb. 2.

"It was just one eventful year from every conceivable angle," said Mr. Rice. "It was a phenomenal year of trying to keep pace, to work more and to catch up."

Ten records were set in 1982:

- Circulation of *The Plain Truth* topped five million, 22 percent over the previous record set in 1981.

- The *World Tomorrow* telecast appeared on 184 television stations in the United States as of December, 1982. The previous high was 107 stations in 1981.

- About 70 million pieces of literature were distributed worldwide.

- The Postal Center in Pasadena mailed 22,095,950 pieces of literature, 10 percent more than in 1974, the former record year. (Most *Plain Truths* are not mailed from Pasadena.)

- Tucson, Ariz., and Pasadena received 3,812,467 pieces of mail, a 6

percent increase over the previous record set in 1975.

- The Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) area received 611,033 telephone calls. Two thirds were responses to the *World Tomorrow* telecast. The previous high was 565,319 in 1975.

- U.S. *Plain Truth* subscribers requested 4,346,381 booklets, books and reprint articles. This exceeds by 3 percent a 1973 record.

- A total of 1.21 million new people were added to the U.S. *Plain Truth* subscription list — a gain of 35 percent over 1981's record 896,000.

- Total television response, including phone calls and letters, was 484,526 responses — a 9 percent increase above the record set in 1975.

- New students enrolled in the *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course* totaled 134,643, which eclipsed the 1973 record by 1,578.

Wayne Pyle, an assistant to Mr. Rice, noted that increased stations, both radio and television, and more *Plain Truths*, both subscription and

newsstand, were partly responsible for the literature request increases.

Plain Truth renewals and Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's semiannual letters contributed to the year's record as well, he said.

Mr. Pyle noted that in the early '70s, the Work mailed more home subscription *Plain Truths* than it does now, but responses for literature offered in the magazine were less.

Mr. Rice said: "Much overtime was spent just trying to keep pace. We had to hire new people and to devise new programs to better use our manpower."

"We had to launch an Ambassador College student program to do night work to keep pace with the tremendous amount of mail."

"People are being double trained to be able to help in other areas in case of a crunch. This helps to economize our manpower and expenses."

"The team that we have here has been a remarkable example of sacrifice to God's Work. It was most inspiring... Everyone was eager to help in any way that he could and really had his heart in the Work."

America forewarned: Watch out for 1983!

PASADENA — Like an individual, what a nation sows, it also reaps. And America will soon reap the whirlwind — a lesson for all the world to see.

As Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has warned continually, America is heading for a calamitous fall, because of mounting national sins.

Momentous Decision

January, 1983, is extremely significant when looking back at two almost back-to-back milestone events that occurred a decade ago.

Jan. 22, 1973, in the case of *Roe vs. Wade*, the United States Supreme Court by a 7-2 vote legalized abortion nationwide.

The court based its ruling on the concept of a "woman's right to privacy." Thus, this new right (which was described by others as a "woman's right to control her own body") followed logically in the stream of the nationwide "rights consciousness" begun in the mid-'60s.

As a result of this and subsequent rulings, abortions increased. In 1980, a record 1.55 million legal abortions were performed in the United States terminating about one of every four pregnancies. The 1980 figure was more than double the 774,000 legal abortions per-

formed on demand in 1973, the first year of legalized abortions in the nation.

Of course in some states and localities the figure is even higher. For example, 31 percent (nearly one of three) pregnancies now ends in abortion — make that murder! — in Florida.

Last year, the editor in chief of *The American Spectator*, R. Emmett Tyrrell, took note of this irony: Some people are greatly fearful for the future of humanity ("Think of the children," they seem to say) due to the threat of nuclear warfare. At the same time the terrible toll in human life caused by legalized abortion on demand is overlooked.

"Maybe... we in the West are not as fervid for human life as the demonstrators would have it," said Mr. Tyrrell in the April 20, 1982, issue of the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*. "Some rather gruesome practices have become the norm..."

"One and a half million abortions are now practiced annually. So what? In February [1982] the newspapers carried pictures of men disposing of a mound of fetuses, possibly as many as 2,000, found in formaldehyde in California. Their presence there remains a mystery, but, though they were being hauled

off like trash, they looked strikingly like babies to me."

Vietnam peace?

Jan. 27, 1973, only five days after the momentous Supreme Court decision, the United States and North Vietnam reached accord on the Paris peace agreements. But there was to be no peace.

The pact merely secured America's ungrateful tuck-tail exit. The South Vietnamese and other Indochinese were consigned to their brutal fate at the hands of a determined aggressor. The U.S. Congress shortly pared back its promised U.S. military aid to the Saigon government, eventually — and shamefully — cutting it off altogether.

Some Americans think their nation can simply walk away from assumed obligations to allies such as the Vietnamese, and the Shah of Iran (and as probably will happen to nations in Central America) without eventually paying a horrible price themselves!

The Soviets and Cubans shrewdly took advantage of U.S. timidity, commonly described as the "Vietnam Syndrome" — meaning prophetically America's loss in the pride of its power (Leviticus 26:19). The United States has been afraid to act in the only way that can really halt a further expansion of Commu-

nist inroads.

Author Max Singer observes this development in the December issue of *Commentary*:

"People around the world, friends and enemies, used to assume almost as a law of nature that, although the U.S. might make mistakes, we could not be defeated and would not let ourselves be humiliated or shown to be negligent or incapable of defending our interests

...cession followed bomb No. 2 on Nagasaki (Aug. 9), the Japanese offer of surrender (Aug. 10), the U.S. acceptance (Aug. 14) and the formal surrender (Sept. 2).

America was the world's uncontested No. 1 power, and remained so for nearly two decades. During the missile crisis of October, 1962, the Soviets, despite their growth in military power, were forced to back down (unlike today in the propaganda battle over nuclear missiles in Europe.)

But times were changing. On Aug. 5, 1964, 19 years after Hiroshima, almost to the day, the U.S.

WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG



or our word.

"Certainly we would not let Communism expand in our own neighborhood [Central America]. But how many, even in our own country... are confident of this today?"

America's decline as world power

Looking back at fairly recent history we can see just how far down the United States has fallen in the 37½ years since the end of World War II.

The years 1945-1964 marked the high-water mark of U.S. power and prestige in the world. On Aug. 6, 1945, the American B-29 Superfortress dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

Japan's fate was sealed. In quick

Congress overwhelmingly approved, at President Lyndon B. Johnson's request, the Tonkin Gulf Resolution. (On Aug. 2 and 4 North Vietnamese naval craft attacked U.S. vessels in international waters off the Vietnamese coast.)

The resolution authorized the President to "take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression."

Congress also approved the use of American military forces to come to the aid of allied states in Southeast Asia requesting assistance.

Thus the way was paved for an ultimately disastrous military involvement on the part of the United States in Southeast Asia. The years (See **FOREWARNED**, page 3)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Children and the Sabbath

Every parent has problems controlling his or her children occasionally. One member quite seriously told her minister, "I know I'll miss the next two years of services now that I have a new baby."

Is this the fate of parents with young children? Are new mothers and fathers doomed to embarrassment and, worse still, missing services for months because of untrained children?

The good news is that children can be trained to behave well during services.

I want to share with you this time valuable principles of one of our ministers, Alan Redmond of the Calgary, Alta., church, sent to me to aid members in training their children for Sabbath services. By the way, these principles can help you have happier, better-mannered children every other day of the week as well.

I Corinthians 7:14 shows that the children of Church members, apart from all other people in the world, are in a special category when it comes to receiving God's instruction.

What a great responsibility falls on parents!

How a person rules what God gives him to handle now, after all, will determine what he is given to handle — cities, people, spiritual responsibilities — in the world tomorrow (Luke 16:10).

Child-rearing principles

• **Start early.** Many parents reason that their children are too young to understand certain principles. Not so! Parents can't start training their children too early.

Though a child's mind is neutral — disposed neither to good nor evil — at birth, Satan immediately goes to work injecting carnal, selfish, evil attitudes (Psalm 58:3). Even if you neglect to teach your child, Satan will not! Without proper teaching

and discipline, that sweet, lovable baby you now hold in your arms will soon become spoiled and nearly uncontrollable.

• **Be diligent.** Deuteronomy 6:6, 7 tells us that children must be taught diligently by their parents.

Discipline alone — without teaching, affection, encouragement and reward for doing well — will only create resentment (Ephesians 6:4). Too many parents punish only after their children have already been warned several times, or only when the parents are angry!

There is little consistency or instruction. The child is left confused and, later, bitter. Correcting your son or daughter only on the Sabbath, or only in front of the minister, just breeds hostility. Teach first, then punish consistently for disobedience.

On the Sabbath, if your child knows you will not take him out for a spanking during services, then you have undermined your teaching from the rest of the week.

Be vigilant. Watch how your children act. Teach and correct when needed. At Sabbath services, are your children within your sight or running unsupervised through the building?

• **Reward and punishment.** God deals with us through reward and punishment (Deuteronomy 30:19). Wise parents will use this method of reward and punishment to teach children the principle of cause and effect. Children will repeat pleasurable experiences and avoid painful ones.

Do not hesitate to spank when needed, but let the punishment fit the crime.

Remember to show mercy and take into account the child's individual temperament and special needs. Discipline in love and show tender concern.

• **See the big picture.** God's law

gives us the perspective we need in child rearing. The weightier matters of that law are "justice and mercy and faith" (Matthew 23:23).

Teach your child as he or she grows up to think according to the spirit of God's law: love to God and love to neighbor.

Remember your child is a child and should not be expected to act like an adult (Psalm 103:13, 14). Being kind and fair only enhances your office as parent (Proverbs 20:28).

Encouragement and praise change children, too (Proverbs 27:21). Be softhearted, but not soft-headed.

Training in action

Often the problem in child rearing lies in not knowing how to apply the principles to real-life situations. How can the foregoing advice apply to make next Sabbath much more enjoyable for all? Here are some examples:

Children need to be taught to sit still. Perhaps they could play church at home each day, sitting quietly and looking at books or pictures for an hour. A sermon tape could be played, or you could do your Bible study at the same time.

Explain Ecclesiastes 5:1 to your family, stressing good behavior in services. Put your instruction in language the children can understand. About 10 minutes before services start, take the children to the washroom, feed the baby and settle them in their seats before services begin.

A firm "No!" in response to misbehavior during services should suffice. If it doesn't, take the child out, explain where he has disobeyed, and spank. Next Sabbath "No!" will probably carry more weight.

Older children can be taught to take an active part in services. If they are old enough to read comics, they are old enough to take notes or to follow the sermon in their own Bibles.

A little planning and diligence can make the Sabbath a lot more profitable for everyone! Children don't have to keep you from fully hearing God's Word expounded. They can be taught to behave during services and Bible studies. It takes consistent effort, but the results are well worth it. Faithfully applying these principles will make both the Sabbath and children more of a delight to us and to God.

Single parents

I am responding to the *Worldwide News* issue on single parents [Jan. 10]. It made me think how women married to husbands in the military, at times, are single parents.

A few of us in the Jacksonville, Fla., congregation are in this situation. We are not only spiritual widows, but sometimes for months on end physical widows.

We do need the support and fellowship of the Church. Military life can be trying since a tour of sea duty can have husbands in shore for a few weeks, then out to sea for a few weeks, then in for a few months and out again for a few months. Sometimes cruises are for six months to a year depending on the world situation.

We are forced to become more independent and handle both mother and father roles, trials that arise, payment of all bills, etc.

When our husbands return many of these responsibilities revert back to him, and we become more dependent again. A few weeks or months later the role switches again.

I look forward to the day when "swords will be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruninghooks..." so husbands won't be separated from their families because of military duty.

Patricia Moody
Jacksonville, Fla.

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Lifeline to headquarters

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the informative and interesting newspaper you publish. It fills us in on details of the Work and serves as a sort of lifeline with headquarters in Pasadena. Gene Hogberg's "Worldwatch" I devour, and Dexter Faulkner's column is very helpful and great food for thought.

With the many publications and literature and services, feasts and of course our own Bibles, we have many inspired sources of information that deal with all aspects of our lives and ensure we are constantly corrected. Please keep up the great job and our prayers are with this growing Work of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oliver
General Officers Club
APO, N.Y.

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Surprise response

One evening, while listening to Mr.

[Herbert] Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* broadcast, I was working on our car frantically trying to get it back together so my wife would not miss her doctor's appointment the next day.

I was leaning over the fender with my arms and head in the engine compartment tightening a bolt, when the socket I was using fell off of the ratchet and rolled under the car. At this point, I was already very tired, having been up since 5 a.m., and had been working all day and most of the night.

With a sort of halfway exasperated "Why, Why?" to myself, I noticed a pause in the broadcast; the very next words of Mr. Armstrong were: "Because we're going to be in a period of captivity... that's why!"

I had to laugh at myself, and thought about the time coming when we won't be frustrated with physical things.

Bill Montgomery
Beaverton, Ore.

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Director deals with differences between nations in Caribbean

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — God's Work in the Caribbean is "administered linguistically," to the 25 million plus, predominantly Spanish-speaking inhabitants, according to Stan Bass, regional director in the English-speaking areas of the Caribbean, during an interview here Jan. 26.

That means that although most persons interested in the Church speak English, the French and Spanish Departments also deal with French- and Spanish-speaking persons in the area.

Mr. Bass, who was baptized in 1954, moved to San Juan, Puerto Rico, in February, 1974, and has served as office manager since.

Lincoln Jailal, a local elder and 1982 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, also serves in the San Juan office.

Mr. Bass pastors biweekly Sabbath services in Dominica and St. Lucia, in addition to conducting monthly Bible studies in Antigua and St. Croix.

"The problem is we are accumulating an embarrassing amount of money," said Mr. Bass.

He added: "Of course that's just in one area of the Caribbean. Other areas are suffering from lack of funds."

"And the island governments do not allow transferring funds or converting currencies from one island to another," Mr. Bass continued. "How to get the money out of one area to make it usable in another" is the problem.

The reason for such a disparity in incomes from island to island traces to the 1974 oil crisis, he explained. Fluctuating oil prices spur economic prosperity for some, yet mean disaster for others.

In a sermon in the Ambassador Auditorium Jan. 22, Mr. Bass urged Pasadena brethren to pray for a balance in income and for constructive ways to spend the moneys in those areas containing excess funds.

Variance seems to be the factor determining the status of the Church on certain islands, as well. Some island governments recognize the Church as a nonprofit organization, for instance, and grant a tax-exempt status.

A nonprofit organization, however, cannot always be registered as such, Mr. Bass remarked. "So in some areas we're pushing, pushing, pushing for registration with the Department of Inland Revenue, so brethren can deduct their contributions."

Work being blessed

Though Mr. Bass pointed to some problem areas, "They are nothing like Mr. [Herbert] Cisneros' ['Members Deal with Terrorism,' W/N, Jan.

24]. Mr. Bass said God is definitely blessing the Work in the Caribbean.

The islands and countries under Mr. Bass' jurisdiction are the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Jamaica, Guyana, Grenada, Grand Cayman, Turks and Caicos, the Virgin Islands, St. Kitts, Antigua, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad and



STAN BASS

Tobago, St. Martin, Montserrat and other islands.

Members view videotapes of the *World Tomorrow* television program and hear tapes by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and evangelist Gerald Waterhouse.

Literature is airmailed in bulk from Pasadena to one address in each Caribbean island and Guyana, where a full- or part-time employee mails the literature to brethren by local post or delivers it by hand at Sabbath services.

Brethren on some isolated islands receive literature directly from Pasadena.

The largest church in the Caribbean is Port of Spain, Trinidad, with an attendance of 420, more than half the 829 baptized members in the Caribbean. Fifty-one of those 829 were added just last year.

In an effort to have more personal contact with the Caribbean brethren, the regional director plans more travel for 1983.

More than 22,000 *Plain Truth* newsstand copies account a "strong 30,000" regular subscribers, according to Ron Urwiller of the International Mail section of the Work's Mail Processing Center in Pasadena. Fifteen people receive *The Plain Truth* in Cuba.

In November Mr. Bass completed four public Bible lectures in Guyana, where about 50 attended. "Sometimes up to 25 percent of those who come to the lectures end up being baptized. That's overall," he said.

"We've received letters from Puer-

to Rico, Ghana and Nigeria asking us to help people go to the United States," Mr. Bass said.

Mr. Bass believes difficult economic conditions cause some to request sponsorship to the United States. A Filipino leper has even requested the aid of the Caribbean Office.

"We get mail returns from all places too," he said. "I paid 85 cents for a piece of mail once and it was from Wisconsin!"

Letters from professionals seem to be increasing, Mr. Bass remarked. Most are in response to *The World Tomorrow*.

Mr. Armstrong's television programs air once weekly in Bermuda and Jamaica, with the Bahamas soon to be added. Viewers can watch the telecast by cable three times a week in San Juan, said Mr. Bass.

"Radio station managers appreciate the *World Tomorrow* tape because it's technically a very good program — whether they agree with it or not."

"And because it's 28 minutes 14 seconds or 40 seconds, stations can add over a minute of advertising to fill a 30-minute time slot and they like to do that," Mr. Bass added, referring specifically to WOSO-radio in San Juan.

Most islands carry the radio broadcast — some even seven days a week like Radio Antilles in Montserrat, a 200,000-watt station heard throughout the Caribbean.

Rocky roads

Mr. Bass braves rugged conditions in some areas.

Plane schedules are the worst, according to Mr. Bass. Since U.S. President Jimmy Carter deregulated airlines in 1978, schedules in the Caribbean have been greatly affected, he said.

For example, when Mr. Bass conducts Sabbath services in Dominica, he must leave San Juan by Thursday afternoon at the latest and fly to Antigua. There he stays overnight and flies out of Antigua Friday morning, arriving in Dominica that afternoon.

During crowded tourist seasons, Mr. Bass may not get back to San Juan until Monday or later — he may have to take the long way: by way of the United States' Air carriers cater to tourists traveling to the Caribbean (See CARIBBEAN, page 12)



GET READY FOR SEP!

PASADENA — The deadline fast approaches for applying to the 1983 Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn.

Feb. 14 is the last day staff applications may be postmarked. Camper applications must be mailed by March 14.

Activities such as skiing, swimming, canoeing and a water show accent education classes and camp-outs — all designed to provide campers and staff with three weeks of learning experiences and fun on the shores of Pelican Lake.

The three SEP sessions take place June 7 through June 27; June 29 through July 18; and July 22 through Aug. 10.

Ask your minister for an application and mail it right away to Youth Opportunities United, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Forewarned

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1964 to the present have witnessed the steady erosion in U.S. power and prestige.

Politically, the 1972 Watergate scandal sapped the power of the U.S. presidency, forcing out a strong head of state, Richard Nixon, in 1974 and ushering in, in 1977, the disastrous (in terms of foreign prestige) four-year tenure of Jimmy Carter.

Power shift in United Nations

The year 1964 was also significant in other regards. It was a turning point for the United States in the United Nations.

America's ambassador to the United Nations, Jeane K. Kirkpatrick, took note of this power shift — and the watershed year of 1964, as

she called it — in a speech she delivered before the Heritage Foundation Conference in New York City June 7, 1982:

"Eighteen months is long enough for me to have observed at firsthand the relative powerlessness of the United States at the United Nations."

"Today there are some 157 members of the United Nations... The big influx of the former colonies into the UN occurred alongside the beginning of the decline of U.S. influence."

"Someone noted that 1964 was a watershed year. During that year 17 new nations were admitted to membership."

Rights instead of responsibilities

The year 1964 was also a critical one for the United States on the home front as well. On July 2 of that year President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, which greatly increased the federal government's power to combat racial discrimination.

Despite its clearly defined intent and purpose, however, the legislation unfortunately gave ideas to certain self-proclaimed nonracial "minorities" seeking relief from what they claimed was discrimination.

Causes such as gay rights, the fem-lib movement, the right of abortion on demand, even "kids' rights," began to show strength. In universities, students clamored for the right of "free speech."

The fabric of society was being torn to shreds. Individuals began to think primarily in terms of their rights (licit or immoral) rather than responsibilities.

One wonders what 1983 will bring to an America in accelerating decline, heading for the time when God says He "will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing" (Deuteronomy 28:63).

For the Record

PASADENA — Donations postmarked by Dec. 31, 1982, were credited for 1982. In *The Worldwide News*, Jan. 24, the final postmark date for donations was incorrectly listed as Dec. 21.

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Worldwide Church of God
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Pasadena, Calif., 91129

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(*WITHOUT GIVING ONE DIME MORE)

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If your company does have such a program, please be certain to write and inform us immediately. To aid in the processing of your letter, please write to: Ralph K. Helge, Legal Department, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Don't put it off. Contact your employer today.



AND THIS GOSPEL SHALL BE PREACHED — Clockwise from top: Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and regional director Frank Brown (left) examine a *Plain Truth* newsstand during Mr. Armstrong's July, 1982, visit to the Borehamwood, England, Regional Office; Ron Padgham stuffs *Worldwide News* copies for distribution in the mail room; members of the Mail Processing Department work on literature requests; and programmer Bill Mudford and the office's computer. (Photos by Nathan Faulkner, Phil Stevens and the British Regional Office)



British Regional Office relies on Plain Truth to help carry Gospel

By Michael A. Snyder
BOREHAMWOOD, England — Less than a mile from the movie studios that helped produce *Star Wars* stands Elstree House, site of the English Regional Offices of the Worldwide Church of God.

Including serving the English-speaking peoples of the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom, the Borehamwood Office has a potential audience for God's truth of more than 412 million people, spread over 12.3 million square miles on two continents, an area three times the size of the United States.

Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for God's Work in the United Kingdom, Ireland, the Middle East, East and West Africa and Scandinavia, heads the regional office under Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

"It might, at first glance, seem odd that we cover such a broad area," Mr. Brown said. "But at closer inspection you can see that many of these areas were once part of the British Empire. What means is that many of the communication links from Britain's former colonies to London are still in place.

"Thus, we often find it easier to contact the Borehamwood Offices from Africa, rather than call from one country in Africa to another."

Sharing responsibility

In Africa, the regional office often shares responsibility for a country such as Cameroon with another regional office, in this case, the French.

"We have areas where the major language is English, and some where the major language is French, or some other language," Mr. Brown said.

"We cover the areas where English is mainly spoken."

The English Office also covers the Middle East. "We basically only have members there who have been assigned an engineering or other position by their company, and temporarily moved there.

"At one time we had several members living in Israel. Only two English-speaking members and one French-speaking member live there now. We counseled with the others and recommended that they move due to the military situation. All Israeli citizens must serve in the army, unless specifically exempted for religious reasons.

"Even then, it's difficult to obtain [the exemption], and not worth the trouble, since none of the members

involved were native Israelis and possessed citizenship from other countries," he said.

Spreading the Gospel

"Because of governmental constraints on electronic media, we have to rely on *The Plain Truth* to carry the Gospel to most of the countries we administer," Mr. Brown continued.

"In the '60s, the Work broadcast *The World Tomorrow* through pirate radio stations aboard sailing vessels moored just outside the territorial boundaries of England.

"Many of our present members came in through those broadcasts, but we now have no way to continue any electronic involvement.

"In England we also have the dual problems that the Worldwide Church of God is looked upon as an American religion.

"As Mr. Armstrong has pointed out, God's Church is not an American religion, but . . . [that concept] is something that we have to overcome here in England.

"The other thing we face here," Mr. Brown said, "is that the Bible is not regarded with having the same authority as it does generally in America.

"Most Britons are not as familiar with the Bible as Americans, and either regard it as a collection of ancient myths or know little about it.

"When ministers visit people for

the first time, that is often the first thing they must establish: the authority of the Bible. Also, many Britons view the American born-again trend as illogical fanaticism. If they have any religion at all, they want it to be proper, low-key and private."

"Britons also have the heritage of full centuries where politics and religion were one and the same. Even today the titular head of the Church of England is the Queen.

"That heritage makes them suspicious of any new type of religion," Mr. Brown continued.

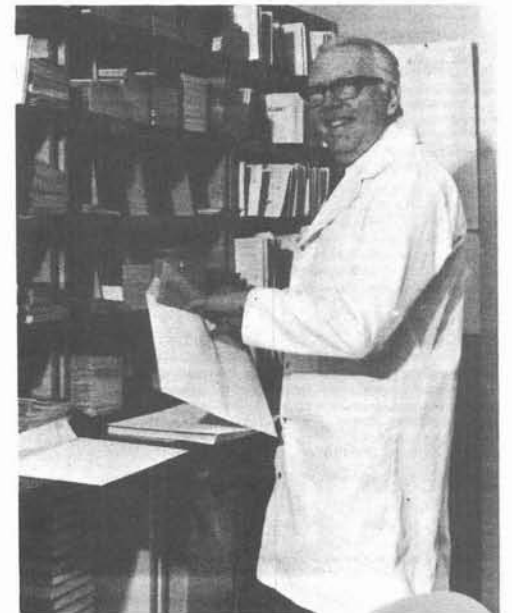
Ongoing circulation programs help develop what Mr. Brown termed a "quality audience for *The Plain Truth*."

"In Africa we could have a circulation in the millions almost overnight. As a free, four-color, glossy publication, it overshadows many of the magazines produced in Africa. Thousands would request it merely to practice their English," Mr. Brown said.

"So we have to be careful and send it to the people who are really interested in the message it contains."

He added that he has seen *The Plain Truth* being sold in used bookstores while on trips there. "There is a certain prestige about having such a quality magazine in your home," he said.

What is the future for the Work done through the Borehamwood (See BRITISH, page 5)



Vital Statistics of God's Work Administered Through the British Regional Office

Countries with members living in them:	24
Members served through the regional office:	2,660
Churches and Bible studies:	61
Full-time ministers:	24
Local Church elders not employed by the Work:	25
Total circulation of British <i>Plain Truths</i> :	225,000



GOD'S WORK IN ENGLAND — Clockwise from above: evangelist Frank Brown, regional director, in his office in Borehamwood, England; office personnel from left: Paul Suckling, director of Ministerial Services, Francis Bergin, business manager, Robert Boraker, personal correspondence, and Mr. Brown; John Ross Schroeder, *Plain Truth* senior writer and British regional editor; Elstree House in Borehamwood (the British Office occupies the entire third floor); David Gunn, *Plain Truth* circulation manager. [Photos by Warren Watson and the British Regional Office]

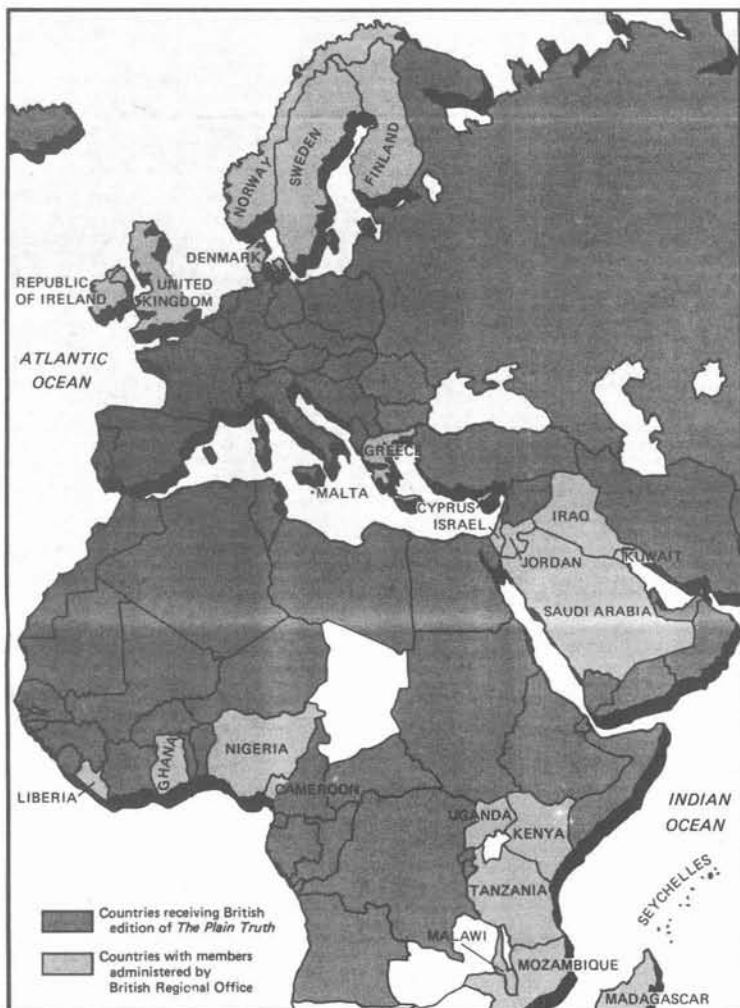
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Office? "Obviously, there is much yet to be done. Ancient Israel's

prophets said that a great work would be done in Ephraim before the close of the age, but we also have many more people to reach with Christ's message carried through Mr. Armstrong.

"We will continue to walk through open doors as Christ opens them," Mr. Brown said. "Until then, we will keep praying and working — as I hope the brethren are praying for us."



'GO YE THEREFORE' — Countries named on the above map show where members that are served by the British Regional Office live. The white area in the center is Chad, which allows no outside mail. The bottom white area is administered by the South African Regional Office. [Map by Ron Grove]



FOCUS ON YOUTH

YOUTHS HONORED

EDEN, N.Y. — Betty Bragg, 18, won two first place and three second place arts and crafts awards in the Erie County Fair and Exhibition, Aug. 13 to 22.

One of her first place awards was for a sketch of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. Her other first place award was for a sketch of a horse's head.



BETTY BRAGG

Betty, who has been drawing for three years, won her school's Distinguished Artist of the Year Award.

Besides art, Betty enjoys horseback riding, volleyball and canoeing. She attends the Buffalo church with her parents Leo and Virginia Bragg and sisters Jane Bragg and Debbie Horvath.

TAMPA, Fla. — Michael Billo, 13, placed ninth and his brother James, 15, placed 19th in the National Roller Skating Championships in Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 1 and 2.



MICHAEL AND JAMES BILLO

Mike placed third in the Elementary Boys Singles division and James placed second in the Freshman Boys Singles division at the Southern Regional Championship in Louisville, Ky., June 21 to 23 to qualify for the national competition.

James and Michael attend the Tampa church with their parents.

SYDNEY, Australia — Sisters Danielle and Joanne Pemberton both placed highest in their classes for their respective grades.

Danielle, who attends Beacon Hill High School, gained firsts in English, mathematics, science, social science, music and language (French and German). For her study in

German she received the German consulate's certificate for high achievement in German language studies. She also received the Award for Consistent Academic Achievement.

Joanne, who attends the Beacon Hill Primary School, topped her grade by achieving 589 points out of a possible 600 as a total for all subjects.

Both girls attend the Ryde, Australia, church with their parents.

SYDNEY, Australia — John Pike of Asquith Boys High School received the Dux for 1982 award (valedictorian). John also topped his class in the Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations.

In school he gained firsts in chemistry and engineering science. He also was presented the Caltex Best All-Rounder medal for participation in all school activities.

John attends the Ryde, Australia, church with his father.

LONDON, Ont. — Susan Faw, 17, of Lord Dorchester Secondary School in Dorchester, Ont., received two awards for efforts in school Oct. 15.



SUSAN FAW

She received honors for highest marks for the year in English and mathematics for the four-year program. The presentation took place during an assembly at Sue's school.

GIG HARBOR, Wash. — Joel Hilliker, 10, was chosen as Purdy Elementary's student of the month for November. His teachers say he is an outstanding student and an "all-around nice guy."

An article about Joel appeared in the *Peninsula Gateway*, the community paper.



JOEL HILLIKER

Joel attends the Tacoma, Wash., church with his parents

Carl and Maggie Hilliker and his younger sister Amy.

OSCODA, Mich. — Robert N. Diehl, 17, was selected as a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition Sept. 9. He was one of 15,000 students across the nation selected as semifinalists.

Besides being an Eagle scout and a member of the National Honor Society, he is on his high school's swim, track and tennis teams.

Robert attends the Gaylord, Mich., congregation with his parents James and Karla Diehl.

MAZOMANIE, Wis. — Dana Resler, 18, of Wisconsin



DANA RESLER

Heights High School, was selected for the National Honor Society Dec. 8.

Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service and character. Dana is active in the YOU and church music program.

She attends the Madison, Wis., church with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Resler and brothers Greg and Dan.

LORN, Australia — Jonathan Shone, 12, of Botwarra Public School, received five awards at the school's year-end presentation Dec. 8.



JONATHAN SHONE

He received awards for industry and effort, school achievement and chess. He also received a certificate of distinction and a Parent and Citizens Association book award.

This year Jonathan was vice-captain of his school. He was also on the swimming team and a member of the school choir.

Jonathan is the son of Greg and Laurel Shone and attends the Newcastle, Australia, church with his family.

AURORA, Ill. — Laura Hall, 13, of Simmons Junior High School, was nominated as a United States National Leadership Merit Award winner Nov. 12.



LAURA HALL

The nomination qualifies Laura to apply for a regional scholarship given by the organization. Her biography will also appear in the 1983 United States Achievement Academy National Awards Yearbook.

Laura is a straight A student. She also plays the flute and the piano.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Hall of Aurora.

COLFAX, Iowa — Lorretta Diane Main, 18, a student at Central College in Pella, Iowa, was graduated as valedictorian of her class at Colfax High School in May.

On the honor roll for four years, she was a member of the National Honor Society and



LORRETTA MAIN

was nominated to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She also received the State of Iowa Governor's Honor, and awards for music, English achievement, Spanish and scholastic achievement.

Lorretta attends the Des Moines, Iowa, church with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Main and two sisters. She accompanies on the piano for the congregation.

Lorretta is studying foreign language and music at Central College.

WASHINGTON, Pa. — Melanie Fozard, 17, received the honor of having her biography published in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for 1981-82.

A member of the National Honor Society, she has performed in school musicals and plays. Melanie also plays

piano accompaniment for the church choir and plays special music.

A YOU member, she participates in cheerleading, volleyball, Bible bowl and the teen choir.

Melanie attends the Washington church with her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Fozard and her younger brother.



MELANIE FOZARD

Her brother Jeff is a sophomore at Big Sandy Ambassador College.

The Tate Family

Around the world you may find Youth Opportunities United [YOU] members who belong to the Tate family. Let me introduce you to some of the Tates.

First, let's meet Dic Tate, who wants to run everything. He wants to make all the decisions and have all the authority.

Dic has a brother named Ro Tate. Ro Tate is constantly trying to change YOU activities and policies to suit himself.

Their little sister, Imi Tate, wants her local chapter to be just like the one she visited last summer in New City.

You may have met Hesi Tate and Vege Tate — they're cousins. They usually want to wait until next year to try out any new activities. One of their distant relatives is Medi Tate, who spends so much time thinking about whether or not to join an activity, that the opportunity has passed before the decision is made.

Is there a Commen Tate in your YOU? She wants to do all the talking during meetings. Gravi Tate thinks the entire YOU should center on him. His sister, Levi Tate, thinks her input is more important than that of the other members.

The twins, Agi Tate and Iri Tate, often attend YOU trips. They stir up trouble by not following instructions and refusing to cooperate.

The last member of the family is Ampu Tate. Ampu Tate doesn't want to participate in meetings or activities. He cuts himself off completely from YOU.

You may have met several of the Tate family before. They are not pleasant company. However, they needn't be members of your YOU chapter.

Attend meetings and activities, participate, listen to adult advisers, cooperate and be responsible. Be 100 percent committed — that's the only way to rid YOU of Tate family attitudes. The quality of your chapter depends on YOU! Pam Andrichow, Westlock, Alta.



AUSTRALIAN SEP — A camper grooms her mount during the Dec. 28 to Jan. 13 Summer Educational Program (SEP) at Lake Moogerah, Australia. [Photo by Colin Kelly]

Activities span spiritual, physical at SEP camps in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The Work here conducted three Summer Educational Program (SEP) camps for 151 teenagers of God's Church in December.

Roy McCarthy, regional director of God's Work in southern Africa, said Jan. 28 that the three camps were at Wagendrift Dam in Estcourt, South Africa, and at Elgin Orchards Farm in Elgin, South Africa.

One hundred twenty-seven teenagers from Swaziland, Transkei and South Africa participated in the two camps at Estcourt, with Russell Duke, pastor of the Kansas City, Mo., East church, and Pasadena Ambassador College students Nathan Berg and Bertha Brandon serving on the staff during the second camp there Dec. 13 to 30. The first camp was Dec. 7 to 23.

Those camps marked the ninth year that SEPs have been conducted in South Africa, Dr. McCarthy said.

The Estcourt camp was directed by John Bartholomew, pastor of the Durban, South Africa, church.

A 10-day camp at Elgin was directed by Pieter van der Byl, a local church elder from Cape Town, South Africa.

"SEP improves every year," Dr. McCarthy said. "Campers [were] much more enthusiastic about God's Work and the Church. There is a genuine interest and desire to be part of the Work, hence an excellent approach to SEP."

Continuing, he said: "The three staff members who came halfway around the world to assist, served the camp and campers very well and made SEP South Africa feel part of an important aspect of God's Work. Our camp director's visit to Orr, Minn., in 1982, helped in refining activities and the general organization of the camp."

Activities at the Estcourt camp included canoeing, riflery, swimming, waterskiing, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball, rock climbing, an obstacle course and ballroom dancing classes.

The three camps also had educational classes using Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's booklets.

Robert Klynsmith, pastor of the Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, church, taught the educational

classes at the Estcourt camp, focusing on principles of leadership and the *Seven Laws of Success* and *Ten Commandments* booklets.

Owen Visagie, a local church elder serving in the Retreat church in Cape Town, conducted educational classes at Elgin. Topics covered included music, health and dating.

Mr. van der Byl discussed the seven laws of success and John White, pastor of the Cape Town church, spoke on the human potential, the world tomorrow and emotional maturity.

Sabbath sermons at Estcourt included "How Youths Can Honor God," by Mr. Klynsmith; "You Are Special to God" by Dr. McCarthy; "Unification of Europe" by Mr. Armstrong on tape; "How to Serve Your Parents" by Mr. Duke; and "Contentment" by Mr. Bartholomew. Campers there also viewed the *Behind the Work* — 1982 16-mm. film.

Mr. Visagie spoke at Elgin on character development.

SEPs 'rewarding,' say students

By Gary Fakhoury
PASADENA — "Rewarding," "Beneficial," "Overwhelmingly positive." These were just some of the words used by returning Pasadena Ambassador College students to describe international Summer Educational Programs (SEP) in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Gary Fakhoury is a Pasadena Ambassador College freshman.

Twelve students from the Pasadena campus flew in mid-December to the three sites to be counselors and instructors at the camps.

The Lake Moogerah, Australia, camp took place at Church-owned property in southeast Queensland, a two-hour drive from the Work's regional office at Burleigh Heads.

During the Dec. 28 to Jan. 13 camp, 260 Australian teens took part in more than 20 activities, including rock climbing, photography, lapidary, water sports and horseback riding.

Set in a semimountainous area by a lake, the campsite was suited for camp activities, and offered the campers a sense of being in the wilderness, according to junior Russ O'Quinn.

"Most of the brethren that we worked with had traveled hundreds of miles spending much of their own money to help out the campers," he said. "We were all impressed by their attitude."

Weather at the camp was reported as exceptional, except for three days of downpours that made tent living challenging — as water soaked through waterproof cloth because of the severity and consistency of the rains, Mr. O'Quinn said.

From Dec. 24 to Jan. 7 more than 160 teenagers from New Zealand took part in an SEP camp on the island of Motutapu, about two miles off the coast of North Island, six miles from downtown Auckland. The island was leased to the Church by the New Zealand school system.

Activities included a 40-mile ocean sailing trip and an obstacle course built by the New Zealand army.

"There was a real family atmosphere there," said junior Donna Ramon, "and the entire camp was unified. We all ate, played and worked together."

Senior Maria Kosior agreed, adding: "The facilities were closely situated, so it helped unify the group. Everyone was very eager, genuine and helpful."

In the province of Natal, South Africa, 110 miles from Durban, teens enjoyed similar activities to their counterparts in New Zealand.

The South African camps,

attended by about 127 campers, were served primarily by brethren taking time off from duties at home to help out.

"It was a real labor of love for those people," said senior Nathan Berg, "and it was quite a sacrifice for them. Many of them brought their whole families along, and each member of the family would help work."

The camp featured many of the same activities as the other two, and took place from Dec. 14 through 30. A third camp took place in Elgin, South Africa.

New Zealand SEP draws teens from three nations

By Rex Morgan
AUCKLAND, New Zealand — More than 160 campers and staff from New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga assembled on Motutapu Island in the Hauraki Gulf here Dec. 24 to Jan. 7 for the New Zealand Summer Educational Program (SEP).

Rex Morgan is a local elder serving as the Plain Truth circulation manager in New Zealand.

The 1983 camp marked the second time the island facility, a converted army camp 6 miles (9.6 kilometers) from downtown Auckland, was used.

Activities during the two-week program included canoeing, sailing, waterskiing, swimming, rock climbing, archery, bushcraft, dancing and volleyball.

Youth Opportunities United (YOU) members and staff tested their skills on an obstacle course constructed by New Zealand army engineers.

New Zealand regional director Peter Nathan served as the camp's director and taught SEP education classes. Donald J. Engle, a preaching elder serving in New Zealand,

assisted Mr. Nathan.

All campers completed an essay on the seven laws of success and took a test on the Ten Commandments.

Overnight camps complete with camp-fire sing-alongs were popular, as was an overnight canoe trip to another island.

Some campers also took a day trip on a 45-foot oceangoing sailing vessel (ketch), complete with sophisticated radar and satellite tracking facilities, provided by a businessman.

Five Pasadena Ambassador College students: Stuart Huse, Jay Brothers, Scott Gjesvold, Maria Kosior and Donna Ramon served as counselors during the camp. Mr. Huse worked the first week on the waterskiing crew before flying to Australia to assist with the SEP there.

Peter Thomas and Jan Dowell, 1982 Ambassador graduates, also served as counselors.

Contact with the graduates and Ambassador students stimulated interest in attending Ambassador College, and a meeting was conducted for 20 YOU members interested in applying.

A farewell talent show, dance and presentation of merit awards concluded the camp.



INTERNATIONAL SEPS — Campers play soccer at the Summer Educational Program camp in Estcourt, South Africa. This was the ninth year that SEP has taken place in South Africa. Bottom photo shows a basketball game at the Church-owned camp in Lake Moogerah, Australia. (Photos by Nathan Berg and Robert Taylor)



LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

AKRON, Ohio, members Dec. 25 attended their annual spaghetti dinner with Canton, Ohio, members as guests. Various table games, including a euchre tournament, followed the dinner. The event helped raise funds for the *YOU*. Lori M. Orszag.

The ALBANY, N.Y., church's annual Bible bowl social Dec. 25 started off with a buffet meal, followed by Bible baseball for the children 12 and under. In the main Bible bowl, in which 19 teams with four members each participated, the team of Lorraine Englehardt, Gabby Grau, Claude Armstrong Jr. and Margie Welty was the winner. Greg Delty.

The third annual game social for the **BAKERSFIELD, Calif.**, congregation occurred Dec. 25. Group games included Simon Says led by Jeff Jones, a cakewalk with Allan Hamblen as master of ceremonies and Tic-Tac-Know organized by Craig Jackson. Pastor Al Mischnick was umpire for three games of Bible baseball. Gloria Frederick, Ruthie Johnson, Cyndi Jackson and others provided games and prizes for the children. Brad Rosenquist presented some humorous awards at the close of the evening. Craig Jackson.

The theme of the **BEAVER VALLEY, Pa.**, church's family night social Dec. 25 was "The Feast of Tabernacles." More than 400 brethren, including guests from the Pittsburgh, Pa., churches, enjoyed a meal of covered dishes and desserts. Feast sites brethren attended this past year were represented in displays including information, brochures and photo albums. In a *YOU* boys' basketball game Pittsburgh defeated Beaver Valley, but the Beaver Valley YES-age boys were victorious in a competition during halftime. A play was presented by the children, after which table games were played. Recorded music and dancing rounded out the evening. Bonnie Yeager.

The **BOISE, Idaho**, church had a potluck social Dec. 25. An auction sponsored by the Girls' Club took place after the meal. Women and girls of the church decorated boxes containing a dessert, which were auctioned off by Larry Lindsey. The girls plan to use the money for corsages for the older women during the Spring Holy Days and for the seniors at the spring senior banquet. Later in the evening a movie and cartoons plus a film on the Holy Land were shown. Irene Zeppenfeld.

A potluck supper followed the Dec. 25 services of the **BOONE and LENOIR, N.C.**, churches. Later the brethren were entertained by the combined *YOU*, directed by pastor Ken Smylie, with Linda Webb at the piano and Tom Fox and Wesley Medford with lights and sound. Music for the dance that followed was provided by the Lenoir church band, composed of Ronnie Harrington, Amos White, Melvin Clark, Steve Miller and Bud Clark. Starr L. Reynolds.

Brethren of the **BOSTON, Mass.**, church attended their second family night of the season Dec. 25. Following a meal and dessert, activities included soccer for the children, a volleyball tournament and a basketball game. Mark Palmerino.

The **CALGARY, Alta.**, *SOUTH* church played host to a sports social for the North and South brethren Dec. 26 at the Dr. E.P. Scarlett Senior High School. The events got underway in the afternoon with volleyball, basketball, board games, cards and supervised activities for those under 6 years of age. After a break for a potluck dinner the movie *Hawps* was shown. The evening wound up with a sock hop in the gymnasium. Emily Lukack.

The **CAMBRIDGE, England**, church's annual winter social was Dec. 18. Punch, various cheese flans and an assortment of cakes were provided. Entertainment included skits performed by John and Sylvia Lowe, music by the Travelers Folk Group, the children directed by Fiona Peacock, pianist Anna Nichols, a trumpet solo by Duncan Maclean, a comedy magic act by Richard Peacock and a selection of poems written by Canadian member Eva Sonnenberg. The evening's master of ceremonies was Alan Taylor, who also introduced the children's and adults' games. G.R. Tehols.

The yearly country fair of the **CHARLESTON, S.C.**, church Dec. 26 offered games, food, cakewalks, a country kitchen, arts and crafts and plays. Jo Morris.

The **CHICAGO, Ill.**, *SOUTHSIDE* church presented its annual talent show Dec. 19. There were musical selections, singing, dancing and acrobatic acts by participants ranging in ages from 4 to senior citizen. The Chicago Cosmopolitan band also performed. Refreshments provided by the brethren were sold. Willie Turner was master of ceremonies, and Douglas Bragg was the band leader. Barbara Williamson.

CUMBERLAND, Md., brethren stayed after services Dec. 25 for a potluck. Many continued the fellowship through the afternoon and into the evening as they watched those who practiced their parts for the coming variety night show. Leftovers were served for the evening meal. Samuel Metz.

The **FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.**, church's second social of the winter season was Dec. 18. The young at heart and young of age formed a progressive circle and square danced to recorded calls. Charles May and Jim Northup organized the evening's dance. Refreshments were served at intermission. Leslie Alan Baker.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Wright Baird was the site of a **FLORENCE, S.C.**, church social Dec. 26. The afternoon was spent in relay races and games of tag. Afterward the brethren enjoyed a meal of barbecued turkey and venison. Entertainment was provided by the Davis family, which consisted of guitar playing by Winston and Cheryl and performances on the violin by D. Gordon Davis. A sing-along featured country and western music. Charles B. Edwards.

Dec. 4 **GLOUCESTER, England**, brethren presented pastor David Bedford and his wife Carol with a case of cut-glass goblets in appreciation of their four years' service. A cake was made for the occasion by Sheila Pritchard. The church will now be part of the Midlands church area. Olive Willis.

The annual progressive dinner of the **GRAND FORKS, N.D.**, church took place Dec. 18. Gary and Carol Kapity were hosts for the hors d'oeuvres and wine. The 29 adults then journeyed to Terry and Vicki Berg's home for the main course. The last stop for dessert, coffee and hot spicy cider was at Dave and Cindy Wambeck's home, where many people stayed and played cards. Polly Edington.

Eighteen widows of the **HOUSTON, Tex.**, *NORTH* church attended a luncheon Jan. 2. Each widow was presented a cookie jar with her initials engraved on the front. The gifts were presented by Jessie Turner, who along with his wife Merdell planned and coordinated the luncheon. Afterward three of the widows, Elwyn Brockway, Lorraine Smith and Doris Carter, spoke to the group. Rick Baumgartner.

"The Good Old Days" was the theme of the **HULL, England**, church social Dec. 11. Baked potatoes were served with 12 fillings, followed by homemade cakes and desserts. In a decorated hat contest the most beautiful creations were judged to be worn by Josie Womack, ladies; Joanne Powell, teens; and Heather Brompton, children. A moustache contest was won by Joanne Benn and David Brown. Special mention was given to pastor David Magowan's whiskers. Children's games were followed by miming charades with two teams led by Malcolm Taylor and Stuart Powell. The subjects were people, events and songs connected with the turn of the century. The evening was rounded off with hot chestnuts and a sing-along accompanied by Josie Womack on guitar. Stuart M. Powell.

Brethren of the **JACKSONVILLE, Fla.**, church surprised Mr. and Mrs. Ross Merriman and their son Robert with a going-away party after services Dec. 25. Pastor Allen Bullock presented a gift of crystal wine glasses to the Merrimans. A women's sextet sang a song to them, and a decorated cake, sandwiches and soft drinks were served. The Merrimans are moving to Big Sandy, where Mr. Merriman will be employed in the cabinet shop at Ambassador College. Sharon Shiver.

The **LAS VEGAS, Nev.**, church invited the Pasadena singles to a camp-out the weekend of Dec. 19 at Lee's Canyon, where the group was surprised to find 2 feet of newly fallen snow. Sabbath services were conducted by pastor Bernie Schnipperi. Saturday night the brethren were involved in a penny roll, cards, games, a talent show and a sing-along. Hiking, sledding, skiing and snowball fights were the other activities of the weekend. Terry Hoover.

"Roots Night" was the theme of a potluck dinner for the **LONG BEACH, Calif.**, brethren Jan. 2. Members dressed in native costumes of their forefathers,

and prizes were awarded.

Entertainment was provided by brethren who performed a variety of songs and dances representative of their ancestral homeland. Some of the acts included Mr. and Mrs. Matt Picinic, who performed a Yugoslav courting dance; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hartman, an Armenian handkerchief dance; and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Choleron, who performed a bamboo dance of the Philippines. Two special guests included Donald Duck (Alex Wilson) and a Scottish harmonica-playing comedian (pastor Les McColl). Roland Clark was master of ceremonies for the program. Lateef Edalare and Josef Forson and their families, international students of Ambassador College, from Nigeria were guests. Raymond Newby.

The **LONG ISLAND, N.Y.**, *EAST* and *WEST* churches joined for a combined Sabbath service Dec. 25. After pastor Frank McCrady's sermon, the brethren enjoyed a potluck lunch, followed by the showing of the film *Behind the Work*. Larry E. Rawson.

More than 100 people from **MELBOURNE, Australia**, joined in the family camp Dec. 24 at Lake Eppalock for five days. Despite the devastating drought, with its moonscape effect and the few scrawny, starving animals, there was plenty of water for skiing, canoeing and sailing. Gavin Cullen, pastor of the Melbourne North church, was pleased with the bond of unity generated during the activities. Sabbath services and daily morning studies helped to orient brethren. Mr. and Mrs. Dieter Bosnjakovic stretched the kitchen and their resources to the limit with great skill in feeding so many with plenty of nutritious food. Geoff O'Neill.

The first picnic of the year for the **MIAMI, Fla.**, brethren took place Jan. 3. The variety of games included volleyball, horseshoes and darts. The *YOU* kicked off its annual fund raising by selling sodas and candy, as well as collecting empty aluminum cans to be sold for recycling. Shirley Segall.

The Dec. 25 social of the **NORFOLK, Va.**, church included a potluck dinner, a fashion show featuring Italian designer Sandra Alsuph and Muri Austin and the film *Galliver's Travels*. Mr. and Mrs. William C. Pryke.

The eighth anniversary of the **NOTTINGHAM, England**, church was celebrated with a social, dance and auction Dec. 18. After a dancing session, an auction to raise funds for YES activities raised \$160. Wine and other beverages, a choice of cheeses and a cake gave the members energy to carry on dancing. Ron McLaren.

Basketball, volleyball and board games were the activities at a family weekend at **OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.**, Jan. 2 at the El Reno Junior College. Teams representing men, women, *YOU* boys, *YOU* girls, pewee and mixed played basketball and volleyball games in the morning, followed by a potluck at noon. After lunch the student center was cleared for board games for all ages, while basketball and volleyball resumed at the gymnasium. The day concluded with a dance at the student center. Michael D. Crist.

Members and families of the **PALMERSTON NORTH, New Zealand**, church traveled to the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacDonald Dec. 12 to enjoy the country life and a seven-course international dinner organized by June



BASKETBALL ACTION — The Appleton and Milwaukee, Wis., men's basketball teams play the championship game during the Minneapolis, Minn., invitational tournament Jan. 1 and 2, which Appleton won 65-63. (See "Sports," page 9.) (Photo by David Malcomson)

Camplin and the women of the church. Arthur Greenwood introduced each dish and explained its origin. During each course traditional music of the country of the dish was played by Ross Andrew on the piano and Russell Hayhurst on the guitar. The excess money collected for the dinner was donated to those going to SEP. David Klenner.

About 700 members of the **PASADENA Auditorium A.M.** church enjoyed a winter social at the Ambassador College student center Jan. 15. The social's theme was "Behold How Good and Pleasant For Brethren to Dwell Together in Unity." Activities started off with fellowship and a hunt by the church's youths for members whose name tags they had prepared. Then brethren were served a potluck. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Jim Roberts. Games were led by Mark McCulley, and prizes were awarded for a youth poster contest on "My Friends, My Pets and I in the Millennium." Dancing to Mark Kersh's modern country and bluegrass band concluded the evening. Donald D. Schroeder.

About 150 **RED DEER and WETASKIWIN, Alta.**, brethren took part in a winter activity Dec. 19 at the Earl St. Denis farm in Winfield, Alta. An afternoon of skating, hockey and cross-country skiing was followed by a bonfire and a supper of roasted hot dogs. The activities were supervised by pastor Will Wooster. M.E. Morrison.

RENO and SACRAMENTO, Calif., members romped in the snow on the slopes above Lake Tahoe Dec. 26 at the church's annual snow party. The brethren went sliding down the hills on inner tubes, while Chuck Calloway defended himself against a barrage of snowballs. Hot drinks, chili and hot dogs added to the

success of the outing. Naomi Yatzey.

More than 200 **RICHMOND, Va.**, brethren attended a potluck and games night Dec. 25. The most popular game was bingo. Prizes brought by the brethren were given to the winners. Children played with toys and participated in a version of the game Simon Says. Other games included chess, checkers and Monopoly. Chip Brockmeier.

The last activity of the year for the **ROCKHAMPTON, Australia**, church took place Dec. 27. Brethren met at a park near the beach of Coocoo Bay, where the activities available were tennis, cricket and swimming. The children enjoyed exploring the rock pools near the ocean. Morning tea and a barbecue lunch were provided. Katherine Jones.

The **SAN JOSE, Calif.**, church had a frontier days social and square dance Jan. 2. After a dinner of chuck wagon stew, salad and pie, brethren enjoyed a skit put on by the *YOU* and three hours of square dancing to a professional caller. There were movies and balloons for the children, and the evening ended with a sing-along. Bonnie Ferranti.

After Sabbath services Dec. 17 the **VANCOUVER, B.C.**, church had its second movie night this season. The cafeteria of the Thompson School was opened for dinner, and a clothing exchange took place with separate tables for men's, women's and children's wear. Cartoons and the feature comedy *Cold Turkey* were projected in the auditorium. Fred Whitehead.

A semiformal dance for the **WASHINGTON and BELLE VERNON, Pa.**, and **CLARKSBURG, W. Va.**, brethren took place Jan. 2 in Washington. A donation of \$2 per person was requested to help defray the cost of the hall, the four-piece Joe Tazoo band and a variety of hors d'oeuvres. Dale M. Crouch.

Jan. 5 the **WASHINGTON, D.C.**, church concluded a citrus fruit sale that raised \$5,000. Gary Weckerly, who organized the sale, contracted with a Florida grove to buy 2,000 20-pound cases of juice oranges and red grapefruit. Pastor Richard Frankel and his assistant, Steven Elliott, directed the unloading of the shipment Dec. 12. Mr. Frankel plans to use the funds to sponsor church activities and also to play host to more regional activities. Daniel Peacock.

More than 100 **WINDSOR, Ont.**, brethren attended a church social Dec. 25. Each family brought a pot of homemade chili, a salad and some dessert goodies, and it was all served buffet-style. After the meal table games were played. Patricia Klem.

CLUB MEETINGS

The **ADA, Okla.**, Ladies' Club had its first meeting of the season Dec. 12. (See CHURCH NEWS, page 9.)



VOCAL ENTERTAINMENT — From left A.D. Ruark, Carol Galloway and Mark Kersh and his band entertain at the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. winter social Jan. 15. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Hal Finch)

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ficers were appointed by pastor David Carley: Pat Watson, president; Annette Roark, vice president; Ginger Wingo, secretary; Pauline Edward, treasurer; Jan Walker, sergeant at arms. After a salad luncheon break Pat Watson led the topics discussion. In closing Mr. Carley outlined the club program.

At the Jan. 3 meeting Jimmie Gregory led the topics session. Giving speeches for the first time were Annette Roark, Pat Watson, Barbara Russell, Mickie Russell and Jan Walker, who were introduced by toastmistress Betty Lee. The Most Effective Speech trophy went to Pat Watson. Jan Walker.

The **BRISTOL**, England, Spokesman Club had its first ladies' night of the season Dec. 29. Members and guests enjoyed a wine and cheese supper, after which tabletopics were presented by Eric Wood. Toastmaster David Cox introduced the speakers, Paul Millman and Bruce Litten. Overall evaluation was given by guest director John Sholliff. David Cox.

The theme for the Jan. 5 meeting of the **BUFFALO**, N.Y., Women's Club was education. Bobbie Kowalczyk served as hostess. Decorations were arranged by Joanne Ciccierega and Debbie Horvath. Tabletopics were presented by Cheryl Davis. Theme speeches were given by Joanna Ilanek, Barbara Thompson and Kathy Dziwulski. First-time speakers included Mae Bennett and Jo Melchiorre. Pastor David Pack closed the meeting with a lecture on child rearing. Gail Ann Biegalski.

About 100 members of the **CHICAGO**, Ill., **WEST LADIES' CLUB**, along with their husbands or guests, met for their monthly meeting Jan. 2. Tabletopics were given by Berna Long, followed by an icebreaker by Doris Beechum. After a refreshment break the main speaker, Allan Bart, gave a lecture on the education of children up to the age of 12. Dolores Coco.

Members of the **CUMBERLAND**, Md., Spokesman and Ladies' clubs made a full day of it Jan. 2 by reconvening after club at the Bowler, a bowling alley, where they demonstrated their bowling skills. Samuel Metz.

The first scheduled meeting of the **HARRISON AND MOUNTAIN VIEW**, Ark., Ladies' Speech Club Dec. 26 was attended by 37 women. Hostess for the evening was Judy Wilburn, while Rhonda Holmes was in charge of tabletopics. Anita Pearson, Shirley Capps, Renee White and Debby Cozart spoke on the theme of "Temples of the Bible." Rhonda Holmes was appointed secretary, and Evelyn Westcott treasurer. An overall evaluation was given by director Tom Blackwell. Evelyn Westcott.

Director Vernon Hargrove opened the Dec. 20 meeting of the **INDIANAPOLIS**, Ind., Women's Club with prayer. Alvina Dellinger presented the idea of one meeting being a meal in a restaurant. The topics session was led by Jayne Schumaker, and speeches were given by Edith Geron and Joyce Moore. Mr. Hargrove conducted a topics session. Mrs. Dellinger and Mary Mason served refreshments. Emily Beaver was a guest. Jayne Schumaker.

The Women's Club of the **MONTREAL**, Que., English church met for its monthly meeting Dec. 22. Senior citizens of the church were invited to attend the meeting, which centered on the theme of leadership. Hostess for the day was Nancy Wojciechowski. Tabletopics were presented by Grazella Sabatini, and close-up and personal speeches were given by Joan Murch and Beatrice Latham. Theme speeches were given by Eleanor Beaubien and Helen Nemeth. A lunch was served, after which the club ended with overall comments by director Cecil Maranville. Dorel Matulais.

The final session of the **NEWCASTLE**, Australia, Spokesman Club was a ladies' night Dec. 19. Members and guests enjoyed a three-course meal served by YOU members. The tabletopics session was conducted by Michael Augitis, and speeches were given by Gordon Godfrey, John Daniell, Bob Daniell, John Ellich and Graeme Mills. The overall evaluation was given by pastor Gary Harvey. Graeme Mills.

After Sabbath services Dec. 11 brethren of the **OSLO**, Norway, church stayed for a potluck and Spokesman Club meeting. Because there are only about 20 people, including children, in the church, it was decided to have a reduced format for the club. Tabletopics led by Einar Faaberg were evaluated by pastor Peter Shenton. Toastmaster Roy Ostensen introduced speakers Frits Dahlyb, Otto

Johansen, Thorbjorn Skaug and Bjorn Inge Holand. Mr. Shenton concluded the meeting with an evaluation of each speaker and a lesson on how to plan a speech. Roy Ostensen.

The **SAN JOSE**, Calif., Women's Club had an international family dinner night Dec. 29. The dinner consisted of international foods prepared by the women of the club. During dinner the members and guests enjoyed songs and dances from other countries, tabletopics and an international fashion show. Bonnie Ferranti.

The Millennium was the theme of the Jan. 5 meeting of the **TORONTO**, Ont., **EAST Women's Club**. Following tabletopics by Mary Wright, hostess Marilyn Wallbridge introduced the speakers, Mabel Parsons and Ann Stephens, who gave their icebreakers; and Jennifer Thomson and Wanda Ryan, who spoke on the Millennium. The decorations were created by Jill Lee and Yvonne Briden. Special guests for the meeting were the daughters of the club members. Director Laurie Nyhus gave closing comments. Wanda Ryan.

Members of the **WHEELING**, W. Va., Spokesman Club were hosts to 38 youths, ages 4 and up, at a meeting Dec. 28. Vice President Tim Houston served as topicsmaster and asked the guests to give their names. Jewell Burnett was awarded the Most Improved Speaker cup. After pastor Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessell's evaluation guests were given gifts prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Houston. Don Pickenpaugh.

The Jan. 9 meeting of the **WINDSOR**, Ont., Ladies' Club took place at the home of pastor and Mrs. Fran Ricci. Diana Morris and Marianne Ropp demonstrated blender coleslaws and uses of tofu in drinks and into ice cream. A potluck consisted of various sprouts, rice, soups, quiches and breads. Patricia Klem.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Dec. 19 the **KANSAS CITY**, Mo., **EAST Silver Ambassadors** were entertained by the DeSoto, Kan., Harmonics, a group that plays and sings old-time music. President Barney Webster conducted the meeting, which was followed by a potluck. Jerry Pro.

SINGLES SCENE

Dec. 26 marked the first black singles' social at **ATLANTA**, Ga. Singles from New York, Bermuda and California joined to form the group of 397. The weekend began with Sabbath services at the Atlanta West church. Evangelist Harold Jackson gave the sermon, and later that evening a Bible study for the singles was given by Abner Washington, pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., church. The dinner and dance began Sunday at



SKI AUSTRALIA — Neil Boyd skis at the Dec. 24 to 29 Melbourne, Australia, camp at Lake Eppalock. More than 100 brethren water-skied, canoed and sailed at the camp. (See "Church Activities," page 8.) (Photo by Rob Verity)

noon. After the meal the big band sounds of the Philadelphia's filled the hall. Cecil Green and Doug McCoy.

About 130 people from 10 states attended the **COLUMBUS**, Ohio, singles' fifth annual dance Dec. 25 entitled the Snow Ball. A dance contest, a vocal presentation and a line dance were featured at the semiformal affair. The dance was preceded by a supper, and the next morning the overnight guests enjoyed a brunch. Bev Earls.

Dec. 11 was the date the **MANCHESTER**, England, singles sponsored a church social organized by the area singles' representative, David Catlow. The single women provided sandwiches and cakes. Slides were shown of Nepal and the Sorek Caves in Israel. The evening was rounded off with country dancing, organized by Nigel O'Sullivan. David Townsend.

Singles of the **MONTREAL**, Que., English church played host to the singles of the French church for an evening of square dancing Dec. 18. The cafeteria at the Lucien Page high school was decorated in a barn-like setting. The single men provided cold cuts, and the young women prepared salads and desserts. Dorel Matulais.

Twenty-three singles of the **PERTH**, Australia, church went on a canoeing and camping trip Dec. 25 to 28 organized by Keith Green. Associate pastor Ross Beath and his wife accompanied the group. On the first evening they camped on Culeenup Island, at the mouth of the Murray River. Sunday morning they broke camp and were taken in vehicles upriver to their starting point. After negotiating their canoes through many obstacles, they camped at Pinjarra, where Mr. Beath conducted an informal group discussion. Monday the group canoed back to Culeenup Island. A sing-along that night and a sheep-on-the-spit meal the following day ended the outing. Peter and Wanda Longley and Aub and Karen Warren were the backup crew transporting the camping equipment and stores. Barry Caro.

Under the direction of pastor David Magowan about 30 United Singles members met at **SHEFFIELD**, England, for a residential weekend of social activities Dec. 24 through 27. The singles partici-

pated in a foot rally, indoor hockey, cricket, walks in the parks and woods surrounding the city and an evening of informal entertainment, followed by the viewing of films. Sabbath services were followed by lunch with the brethren and the viewing of videotapes of Herbert W. Armstrong's telecasts. Sunday activities continued with an open forum on the subject of depression and a computer demonstration by Mr. Magowan and minister Alan Tattersall of the Liverpool, England, church. Stewart Tweedle.

SPORTS

The ninth annual **AMARILLO**, Tex., invitational basketball and volleyball tournaments took place Dec. 24 through 26. The district family weekend included a marriage seminar for the adults, YOU Bible studies and YES classes. At Sabbath services, Keith Walden, YOU district coordinator, led songs and gave the announcements. Richard Ames, Big Sandy Ambassador College speech instructor, was the guest speaker. His wife Kathryn performed a violin solo for special music. The games began after the Sabbath. Mr. Walden supervised a family dance that evening.

The finals in all divisions occurred Sunday morning. In the YOU boys' basketball the Wichita, Kan., team finished first, with Fort Worth, Tex., second. Fort Worth won first in the YOU girls' games, and Lawton-Ada, Okla., was second. The Oklahoma City, Okla., team placed first in the men's Division I, with Tulsa, Okla., coming in second. The winner in the men's Division II was Midland, Tex., with the Oklahoma City II team second. Lawton-Ada won first in the pee-wee boys' division, and Lubbock, Tex., finished second. Lawton-Ada was also first in pee-wee girls' basketball, with Midland second. The Wichita I team of cheerleaders won first place, with the Dallas, Tex., cheerleaders second.

The YOU girls' volleyball championship went to Denver, Colo., I, with Wichita as runner-up. Denver I scored top honors in the women's volleyball, while Amarillo placed second. Denver I won in mixed volleyball action, and Amarillo took second. The overall team spirit trophy was awarded to the Amarillo YOU girls' volleyball team. The overall church trophy was presented to Wichita. Sammy O'Dell.

The Ontario YOU volleyball tournament took place at **HAMILTON** Dec. 18 and 19. Youth-oriented Sabbath services were conducted by minister Dan Fuller and pastor Tony Wasilkoff. A spaghetti dinner was served afterward, followed by a movie. The games began Sunday morning. Following five straight victories the Windsor seniors lost out in the semifinals to the Toronto West seniors 15-13. The Windsor juniors did their utmost in their games but did not fare as well. Patricia Klem.

The **MINNEAPOLIS**, Minn., churches sponsored an invitational tournament Jan. 1 and 2 for 39 upper Midwest basketball teams, representing 16 churches. George Affeldt, pastor of the Sioux Falls, S.D., church, gave a Bible study Sabbath, and for services Carl McNair, pastor of the Milwaukee, Wis., churches, spoke to the combined churches. Games began Saturday night after a potluck was served. The teams were divided into seven divisions: three men's, two YOU and two women's. In the men's grand finale Appleton, Wis., outlasted Milwaukee 65-63. Chicago, Ill., won the YOU A division, and Des Moines, Iowa, took the women's A divi-

sion. After the Saturday night games there was a family dance with music provided by the church band Silver Chariot. Victor Kuhl.

More than 125 people attended the YOU basketball games at Hopewell, Va., Jan. 2 at which the **RICHMOND**, Va., YOU played host. The Norfolk, Va., Knights began the games with a victory over the Hagerstown, Md., Royals. In the second game Raleigh, N.C., defeated the Richmond Royals 62-32. Raleigh also defeated Hagerstown, 47-46. In the final game Richmond won over Norfolk 36-24. Chip Brockmeier.

The annual Ontario-Quebec church hockey tournament was played Dec. 25 and 26 at **TORONTO**, Ont. The 70 participants' names were drawn from a hat and assembled into six teams. The officiating was done by Roy Cunningham and a team of assistants. A meal of chili was prepared by the wives of the Toronto players. Ken Parker.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The **BINGHAMTON AND CORNING**, N.Y., YOU played host to 120 people at the winter retreat at Watson Homestead Dec. 26 to 30. Members and chaperons from Winchester, W. Va., Hagerstown and Cumberland, Md., and Erie, Pa., were invited to share in the fun-filled days. Pastor Britton Taylor and minister John Lambert planned each day. The group enjoyed activities including a bonfire sing-along, volleyball, basketball, swimming, roller-skating, several dances and a talent show. A concert was given by member Charlie Starr, who is a professional singer and musician. Morning Bible studies were conducted by Bill Jacobs, pastor of the Erie church; Mr. Starr; Grant Spong, associate pastor of the Winchester, Hagerstown and Cumberland churches; and Mr. Taylor. Colleen Close.

Three adult advisers accompanied 25 **BRIDGETOWN**, Barbados, YOU members on a hike from Hackleton's Cliff to Bath Beach Dec. 26. On reaching the foot of the 1,000-foot cliff the party hiked to Bathsheba some 2 miles away. From there the hikers pushed on some 3½ more miles to Bath Beach, where they ate packed lunches and enjoyed sea bathing. Sherilyn E. Straughan.

BUFFALO, N.Y., YES children and their families participated in a gym-and-swim night Dec. 25 at the Expressway YMCA. The youths took part in dodge ball, soccer and swim meets. The event was coordinated by Ants Nomm. Orange juice and popcorn were provided for refreshments. Richard Biegalski and Val Matulais.

A **GARDEN GROVE**, Calif., YOU party Dec. 25 started with a dinner of sloppy joes, salads and desserts. Games were newspaper races, wheelbarrow races and balloon shot put. The evening concluded with a dance. Mark Davis.

The **GLOUCESTER**, England, YOU organized a country and western social Dec. 11. A cowboy drive was won by George and Audrey Webb, while the children played games. The prizewinners of two wall game competitions were Debbie Bunting, Mary Parry, George Webb and Mark Smith. Beverley Clark and Adrian Johnson received prizes for the best costumes, with Dorothy Jarvis, Charlie Johnson and Tim Bunting as runners-up. Two skits were presented by the YOU members, and a hot meal was provided. The evening concluded with dancing and

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CHECKLIST FOR CHURCH NEWS WRITERS

Since "Local Church News" is such a great way for you to let others know what's happening in your area, here are a few helpful suggestions in telling your story. You can use this as a checklist whenever you are the reporter for a big happening in your area.

1. Include your complete name, address and phone number on the article itself (not just on the envelope or accompanying letter).
2. Include date and location of the event in the article. Reports lacking the date of the event cannot be run.
3. Give complete, accurately spelled names of all people mentioned. Include first and last names.
4. Label pictures. Identify people in the photo, tell what's happening and give the photographer's name.
5. Write in the third person; use *he, she, they*, not *we* or *I*.
6. Type article or print legibly. Always double-space.
7. Reports must be postmarked no later than 14 days after the event takes place.
8. Be creative, but brief! Tell the story in 250 words or less.
9. Ask a minister to sign your article.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALISTON, Michael and Marian (Henderson), of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, Jan. 12, 1:30 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

BAILEY, Mike and Marilee (Cunningham), of Tyler, Tex., boy, Benjamin Lee, Dec. 25, 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

BEAN, Ralph and Cheryl (Lasher), of Nashville, Tenn., girl, Rebecca Faith, Jan. 13, 2:37 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

BEVIL, Jessie and Nettie (Adams), of Newton, Tex., girl, Shanelle Renee, Dec. 16, 3:20 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

BOYER, Alan and Carol (Wooten), of Saginaw, Mich., girl, Sara Elizabeth, Jan. 12, 12:49 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

CARPER, Ted and Debra (Wallace), of Omaha, Neb., girl, Tami Marie, Dec. 26, 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 girl.

CIOFANI, Rosario and Katherine (Guenter), of Saskatoon, Sask., boy, Marco Nolan, Jan. 1, 2:04 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 boys.

DANFORD, Robert and William (Ditchett), of Big Sandy, boy, Robert Campbell Scott, Dec. 27, 11:17 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

DOERR, Henry and Colleen (Rogers), of Union City, Calif., girl, Christine Lela, Dec. 15, 1:32 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

DOERR, Thomas and Kathy (Kitt), of Gaylord, Mich., boy, Scott Alan, Dec. 25, 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

DREWS, Gerald and Doris (Garey), of Reedsburg, Wis., boy, Daniel Gerard, Jan. 5, 5:18 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

DUKE, Dennis and Linda (Yock), of Rochester, N.Y., girl, Tami Lynn, Dec. 15, 4:40 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

DUPRAIN, Richard and Norma (Richardson), of Fredericktown, N.B., girl, Sarah Jean, Jan. 1, 5:21 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

FLYNN, Mark and Miranda (Whitaker), of Pasadena, girl, Danielle Eris, Dec. 31, 6:11 a.m., 7 pounds, first child.

FRANKE, Jim and Janet (Lonsberry), of West Bend, Wis., girl, Kaitia Annette, Oct. 8, 4:42 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

GALEY, George and Betty (Williams), of Norfolk, Va., girl, Jennifer Marie, Nov. 22, 1:08 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

GERRAUD, Steve and Leanne (Mama), of Trenton, N.J., boy, Peter Martin Bruce, Jan. 1, 1:23 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

GOLDEN, Steven and Lynette (Kasecker), of Hagerstown, Md., boy, Dustin Jay, Dec. 21, 2:12 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GRESSLY, Bill and Kathleen (Ogovan), of Beaver Valley, Pa., boy, Bryan Keith, Jan. 14, 4:02 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

GUSTAFSON, David and Sherry (Epping), of Vancouver, Wash., girl, Brandy Lee, Dec. 9, 3:40 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

HARRIS, Paul and Ella (Marshall), of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Jacob Paul Harris, Aug. 26, 10:53 a.m., 8 pounds, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

HASLER, David and Wendy (Baylton), of Southampton, England, boy, Brandon Peter Blake, Nov. 14, 8:57 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HUGHES, Sonny and Annellee (Dosh), of Pasadena, girl, Aileen Lee, Dec. 7, 12:58 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

HUSTON, Kevin and Cynthia (Smallwood), of Moultrie, Ga., girl, Cristina Marie, Dec. 26, 8:11 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JOHNSON, Dale and Sharon (Kelsey), of Okanagan, Wash., girl, Amber Dawn, Nov. 21, 11:27 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

JUSTICE, Ralph and Diane (Ducker), of Burlington, N.C., girl, Kathy Lynn, Sept. 6, 5:40 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KEENER, Bruce and Wendy (Smith), of Richmond, Va., boy, Daniel Jonathan, Jan. 7, 10:16 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

KEITH, Don and Ruth (Cox), of Richmond, Ind., boy, James Aaron, Nov. 17, 3:05 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

LABISSOIERE, John and Linda (Beach), of Pasadena, girl, Joy Elizabeth, Jan. 8, 8:14 p.m., 10 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

LAGARES, Peter and Paula (Smith), of Queens, N.Y., boy, Matthew David, Dec. 30, 11:30 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

LANCE, Acklor Edy and Alice (Kudwile), of Keta, Ghana, girl, Ari Friday Patience, June 19, 11:05 p.m., now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MADUKWE, Thomas G. and Joanne (Ogovan), of Oguta, Nigeria, boy, Chukwura (Ogovan), Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MARQUEZ, Miguel and Terry (Fridgen), of Raleigh, N.C., boy, Martin Armando, Dec. 13, 1:08 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

MATSON, Loren and Susan (Roysh), of Duluth, Minn., girl, Rebecca Suzanne, Dec. 34, 10:19 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

MCANALLY, David and Susan (Mumman), of Mount Pocono, Pa., girl, Tanya Susan, Dec. 20, 1:58 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

MCFARLANE, Gene and Elaine, of Reseda, Calif., girl, Victoria Elizabeth, Dec. 24, 2 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

MEGGERS, David and Kathy (Williams), of Amarillo, Tex., boy, Daniel Allen, Dec. 26, 1:30 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys.

MORRIS, Robert and Suzanne (Toothman), of Atlanta, Ga., girl, Sabrina Rachel, Jan. 9, 3:08 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MULINS, Bobby and Sherry (Tackett), of Beckley, W. Va., boy, Todd Byron, Oct. 18, 3:41 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MYERS, David and Pamela (Dewey), of Springfield, Mass., girl, Melissa Renee, Jan. 1, 11:34 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

POTTER, Raymond and Marilyn (Williamson), of Edmonton, Alta., boy, Quentin James, Nov. 11, 10:12 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

ROBERTSON, Mark and Beanna (Henderson), of Brisbane, Australia, girl, Jaana Jane, Dec. 18, 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

RONCHE, Arturo and Barbara (Gama), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Jacquelyn Racquelle, Dec. 10, 6:22 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 girls.

ROUNDS, Stuart and Andrea (Jume), of Syracuse, N.Y., girl, Kathryn Elizabeth, Jan. 8, 10:52 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SAPOS, Dennis and Deborah (Donofrio), of Pittsburgh, Pa., girl, Sara Renee, Jan. 5, 3:34 p.m., 9 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

SOLANO, Miguel and Mayra (Chacon), of San Jose, Costa Rica, boy, Adrian Alberto, Sept. 27, 8 pounds, now 2 boys.

SULEMANJEE, David and Shyma (Ramdoun), of Bealton, England, boy, Jared, Dec. 2, 2 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

TRACY, Martin and Rosanne (Lew), of Hopkins, Minn., girl, Anna Maria, Jan. 14, 2:53 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

TREIBER, Jerry and Sherry (Kraus), of Racine, Wis., girl, Jessica Margaret, Dec. 16, 9:05 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

VIALA, Daniel and Lois (Fortune), of Victoria, B.C., boy, Michael Leland, Dec. 20, 3:13 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WALZ, Gerry and Shirley (Pottor), of Caboolture, Australia, boy, Philip Arthur William, Dec. 19, 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

WASYK, Danny and Karen (Graham), of Richmond, Va., girl, Amy Elizabeth, Sept. 14, 2:58 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

WEBSTER, Ken and Kim (Griswold), of Lethbridge, Alta., girl, Chelsea Chyanne, Jan. 11, 1:50 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WICKMAN, Cliff and Cindy (Turnblad), of St. Paul, Minn., boy, Darren Adam, Dec. 24, 5 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

WILLIAMS, Jerry and Beth (Evels), of Houston, Tex., girl, Angela Mae, July 18, 5:55 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

WOS, Joseph and Marie (Hs), of Union, N.J., girl, Rebecca Lynn, Dec. 31, 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

YOUNG, Ron and Libb (Dellon), of Nashville, Tenn., boy, Michael David, Nov. 25, 4:42 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Reynolds of Cove, Ark., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Beth Reynolds to Peter Ditzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Ditzel of Lakewood, N.J. An April 10 wedding is planned on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus.



VENITA KIM MOORE

Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Moore of Raytown, Mo., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Venita Kim to Robert Joseph Routh, son of Beverly Routh of St. Joseph, Mo. A March 18 wedding is planned in Kansas City, Mo.



S. JAEGER AND M. CARLILE

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carlile of Indianapolis, Ind., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Michelle to Scott Jaeger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jaeger of Melton, Wis. A June 5 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

Anita Irene Davis and Paul William Robertson were united in marriage Jan. 9 in Richmond, Va. The private ceremony was performed by Kenneth Giese, pastor of the Richmond church. Following the ceremony a reception took place at a friend's home. The couple honeymooned in Key West, Fla.

The wedding of Jacquelyn Warfield and William Wood took place following Sabbath services Dec. 4 in Arlington Heights, Ill. Rev. Holladay, pastor of the Chicago, Ill., West and Northwest churches, performed the ceremony. Matron of honor was Mary-Pat Whitfield of Rawlins, Wyo., sister of the bride, and best man was Harold Stocker of Palestine, Ill. The couple reside in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Cathy Elaine McConnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton McConnell of Grandfield, Mo., and Michael B. McWilliams, son of the late Juanita Dooley of Booneville, Mo., were united in marriage Nov. 24. The ceremony was performed by Joe Dobson, pastor of



MR. AND MRS. M. C. WILLIAMS

the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., church. Sue McConnell was maid of honor, and Carl Meyer was best man. The couple reside in Jefferson City, Mo.



MR. AND MRS. CAMILO SANTOS

Camilo Delos Santos and Arlene Jean Baguio were married May 23 in Quezon City, Philippines. A reception followed the ceremony, which was performed by Jose Radaban, pastor of the Manila, Philippines, North Church.



MR. AND MRS. ANDY DELORME

Andy Delorme and Susane Riel were joined in marriage Sept. 12. The ceremony was performed by Philip Shanks, the minister of the Cornwall, Ont., church. The maid of honor was Denise Blanchette. The couple reside at 434 Eleventh West, Cornwall, Ont. CMBJ386.

Gail Chestnut and Pat Freeman Sr. were united in marriage Dec. 28. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rob Searcy, pastor of the Orlando Fla., church. Tammy and John Johnson were matron



MR. AND MRS. G. LAWRENCE

NEW YORK, N.Y. — George and Wilhelmina Lawrence, who were childhood sweethearts, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Sept. 24.

They became interested in the Church in 1973 after hearing Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on the radio in New York. They were baptized in 1975 and are members of the Manhattan, N.Y., congregation.

EUREKA, Calif. — The church here gave a party at the Eureka Women's

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 Seth Koch, son of Dyle and Julie Koch of Pasadena.

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* Including newborn

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MR. AND MRS. PAT FREEMAN SR.

of honor and best man. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman live in Daytona Beach, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. HAROLD WOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burnham of Westminster, Colo., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa Deanne to Harold Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wood of Columbus, Ohio. The double-ring ceremony took place Aug. 22 and was performed by James Rieyer, pastor of the Denver, Colo., church. Best man was brother of the groom, Ron Wood, and maid of honor was sister of the bride, Michele Burnham. The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas and reside in Aurora, Colo.

ANNIVERSARIES

To Ian and Ruth Bell of the Toronto, Ont., East church. We want to return the love that you have so abundantly given to us over the years. Happy 25th anniversary Dec. 20, Garth, Ian, Marilyn and Leanne.

Janice and Buddy. All the best on March 10 and always. You are a very kind, generous and talented couple. Love, Loma.

Obituaries

ALBANY, Ore. — E. Tibbie Sparks, 66, of Marion, Ore., died Dec. 20 after a long illness.

Born in Fayette, Ala., she came to the Jefferson, Ore., area in 1944. She became a member of the Sardis era of God's Church in her 20s and could remember attending services conducted by Herbert W. Armstrong in Jefferson in the 1940s.

She is survived by four sisters who are members of God's Church in the Albany and Salem, Ore., areas: Virginia Bidwell, Alta Combs, Ena Sanner and Effie Stevens.

Funeral services were conducted by David Mills, pastor of the Albany and Salem churches.

AUSTIN, Tex. — Robin Gail (Copenhaver) Teller, 25, died Dec. 19 when an electrical fire swept through her mobile home in Leander, Tex. She and her husband Arthur moved to Leander two years ago.

Mrs. Teller was born in Indianapolis, Ind., and was adopted by her grandparents when she was 6 years old.

Survivors include her husband and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe "Bill" Copenhaver, members of the Austin church.

Graveside services were conducted by Harold Rhodes, pastor of the Austin church.

BALLARAT, Australia — George (See OBITUARIES, page 11)

CHURCH NEWS

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a sing-along. *Olive Willis.*

The **KINGSFORD**, Tenn., church was host for the YOU district volleyball and basketball tournaments Dec. 18 and 19. A Bible bowl and services Sabbath were followed by a slide show of the area around Petra presented by Ken Smylie, pastor of the Lenoir and Boone, N.C., churches. After the basketball games Saturday evening, the brethren enjoyed a square dance. A concession stand raised funds for the YOU activities. The next day the girls' volleyball tournament was played.

Kingsport YES children and their parents enjoyed a fun-filled evening Jan. 1. In a costume contest Steve King won first place for the most original costume. Second prize was awarded to Elizabeth Elkins, and third place went to Martha Garrettson. Games were played, and prizes were distributed to the winners. Snacks were provided by brethren of the church. Ribbons were awarded for the best drawing of Noah's ark. *Lola Parham.*

The Saskatchewan YOU district family weekend took place in **NORTH BATTLEFORD** Dec. 24 through 26. Teens arrived Friday evening and attended a Bible study conducted by pastor Owen Murphy and Kim Wenzel, minister in the Prince Albert, Tisdale and Big River churches. Saturday morning started with brunch and a hymnal sing-along led by Terry Roth, pastor of the Prince Albert, Tisdale and Big River churches. Sabbath services by minister Jonathan Buck and Mr. Roth were followed by a chicken buffet and a dance, where a slide show of the year's events was shown. A Sunday morning pancake breakfast

ushered in the day's activities, which included downhill skiing, skating, curling and a hot dog meal before departure for home. *Hali Bourrelle.*

The **OLYMPIA**, Wash., church sponsored a preteen party Dec. 30. Some 59 children climbed aboard for a train-ride theme at the Black Lake Fire Department hall, where they played games stationed about the hall. Games included a Frisbee fling to recite one of the Ten Commandments, being blindfolded to pin the loose caboose on a train and coloring a picture drawn by the father and son team of Ben and Leo Nichols. After the games the children enjoyed popcorn while watching movies. The party concluded after a tour of the fire engines and equipment. Decorations were prepared by Mrs. Randy Finden. *Nickie Johnson.*

Girls of the **PALMER**, Alaska, Candles and Lace Homemaking Club put on a Mexican dinner for their dads Jan. 2 at the John Orchard home. The menu, decorations and music were in keeping with the Mexican theme. Melissa Griswold introduced the entertainment by Teresa Wilcox, giving humorous readings about fathers; vocalist Lara Blake; Tara Orchard with a clarinet solo; Wendy and Mandy Eckman, Jessica Emery and Brenda Registe, who played flute solos; and Mandy and Tara in a skit.

The Palmer Busy Betsy members learned about the basic food groups at their meeting Jan. 2. The girls and their mothers cut out magazine pictures and constructed collages for each food group. A demonstration was given on how to fold and store grocery sacks neatly. Amy Whitte served some vegetable snacks. *Linda Orchard.*

The **RYCROFT**, Alta., YOU sponsored a midwinter moose barbecue Dec.

26. The day began with hockey and broomball. After lunch the activities continued with a carnival, balloon stomp and musical chairs. The supper of barbecued moose, lamb and turkey followed. The day concluded with musical entertainment and a sing-along. *Gerhard Richter.*

The **COMA**, Wash., church children ages 5 to 12 attended a costume party at Carl and Maggie Hilliker's home Dec. 28. Mrs. Laurel Baker organized a skit from *Annie*, which involved several of the children. The fun started with a costume parade, followed by games and rides on an outdoor cable. Cupcakes and punch topped off the day. *Maggie Hilliker.*

Obituaries

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Arthur LeCouteur, 62, of the Ballarat church, died Nov. 22. He had been a member of God's Church for seven years.

Mr. LeCouteur is survived by his wife Anne and sons Geoffrey and Allan.

Funeral services were conducted by Rodney McQueen, pastor of the Ballarat, Bendigo and Penola, Australia, churches.

BEE BRANCH, Arkansas — A.O. Johnson, 64, died Dec. 12 after a long-time battle with cancer.

He and his wife Willie Mae, who died 2½ years ago, had attended God's Church since 1962, and were in the Little Rock, Ark., area since 1969.

Funeral services were conducted by Frederick Kellers, pastor of the Little Rock church.

Mr. Johnson is survived by six daughters: Anita Long of Atlanta, Ga.; Sarah Heskett of Pasadena; Judy Morrison of Albuquerque, N.M.; Betty Corbett of Shreveport, La.; Teresa Bowling of

Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Lynne Henderson of Fairbanks, Alaska.

DES MOINES, Iowa — Michael Stephen Wendleboe, 24, died Dec. 20 when he fell about 11 stories from the roof of a Des Moines Holiday Inn while he was washing windows.

Mr. Wendleboe was a member of the Des Moines congregation since 1981 and is survived by his father, Jerald, also a member; his mother Marjorie; a brother and a sister. He attended Pasadena Ambassador College from the fall of 1976 to the spring of 1978.

Services were conducted by George Boothe, a minister in the Des Moines church.

EUGENE, Ore. — Albert Rimmer McNatt, 91, a member of God's Church since 1972, died Jan. 6.

Mr. McNatt is survived by his wife Retta, five sons, two daughters, 20 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. McNatt attended the Eugene congregation along with his wife, his daughter Louise Perdue and his son-in-law Leslie Perdue.

Services were conducted by Ernest Hoyt, a minister in the Eugene church.

MACON, Ga. — Kate F. Sheppard, 81, died Jan. 12. She had been a member since 1964.

Mrs. Sheppard is survived by a daughter Irma Anthony and two grandsons, Bert and Stuart Anthony.

Funeral services were conducted by Otto Lochner and Edwin Pope, ministers in the Macon and Columbus, Ga., churches.

OMAHA, Neb. — Evelyn Nelsen, 68, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, died at home Dec. 25. She had been a member since 1973.

She is survived by her husband Carl;

daughter Joan Taylor of Waterloo, Neb.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Terry Swagerly, pastor of the Omaha church, conducted the memorial service.

SALEM, Ore. — George C. Allison, 88, a member of God's Church since 1960, died Jan. 17 at home.

He was born near Eugene, Ore., and had lived here since 1967. As a young man, he was a farmer in Canada and later worked for the San Diego [Calif.] naval station. He is survived by two sons.

Funeral services for Mr. Allison were conducted by David Mills, pastor of the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches.

SALEM, Ore. — Odella Yegge, 63, a member of God's Church since 1978, died here Dec. 18. Mrs. Yegge is survived by her husband Thomas, two sons and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by David Mills, pastor of the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches.

SOMERDALE, N.J. — George Greenwald, 60, a member of God's Church since 1961, died of cancer Dec. 23.

Mr. Greenwald is survived by his wife Emma; mother Marion R. Marion; brother Warren; and sister Florence Burgess.

Funeral services were conducted by Carlos Perkins, pastor of the Philadelphia, Pa., church.

WAYNESBORO, Miss. — Gladys Overstreet, 73, a member of God's Church since 1981, died Dec. 31.

She is survived by a son David; daughters Alice Starkey of Waynesboro, and Margie Roberts of Houston, Tex.; brother T.W. Paul of Collins, Miss.; sister Eva Paul of Waynesboro; 21 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Children's Corner A Soft Answer

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Did!"

"Did not!"

"Debbie, you did!"

"I did not, Chris!"

"You did, too!"

"No, I didn't!"

"Children!" Mother exclaimed, interrupting the argument and frowning as she hurried into Chris' bedroom. "Lower your voices and tell me what's wrong, Chris?"

"Debbie took the new catnip mouse I bought for Chessie and hid it and won't give it back! I wanted to watch Chessie play with it before I go to bed."

Chessie, a half-grown kitten, startled by the loud voices, had hidden under Chris' bed. Now she peeked out, wanting to play.

"No, I didn't, Mr. Smarty Pants," Debbie argued, with her eyebrows drawn closely together. "I just picked it up to look at it, and it dropped on the floor. It must have rolled or bounced somewhere."

Just then Dad walked into the room. "What's all the ruckus?" he asked.

Mother explained, and then she suggested: "All right now, let's look around and see if we can find the mouse. I'm sure Debbie was telling the truth."

Daddy felt around under the dresser. Mother looked inside the open closet. Debbie looked under a pair of blue socks on the floor.

Suddenly Chris exclaimed, "Look at who found the mouse — Chessie!" He scooped the kitten up in his arms and laughed as the small cat's teeth hung onto the toy.

"Oh, oh, Chris," Dad said, "it looks like you owe your sister an apology for accusing her of something she didn't do."

"I guess so," Chris admitted, looking a little embarrassed. "I — I'm sor-

ry, Debbie. I should have just asked if you knew where the mouse was, or asked you to help me look for it."

Dad put an arm around each child and led the family into the living room, where they sat together on the sofa.

"This is a good time," Dad said, "to talk about the verse in Proverbs 15:1 that you children were supposed to learn today. What was that verse?"

"Verse? Oh yes," Chris said. As he repeated the words slowly, Debbie joined in: "A soft answer turns away wrath. But a harsh word stirs up anger."

After a pause, Chris continued, "I guess we learned the words but didn't learn the lesson, huh?"

"That's right," Dad agreed. "Now, how about acting out that verse right now to show what it means? You need to really understand it so you can put it into practice. Chris, you think of a real situation that could happen. Act angry and see if Debbie can give a soft answer to turn away your wrath."

After thinking a minute, Chris stood. "Debbie," he said, pretending to be angry, "here we are at school and you want me to wait 15 minutes for you after school is out while you clean chalkboard erasers! What bad thing did you do so that the teacher made you stay after school? Come on, tell me. I don't like to have to wait on you!"

"Why, you meanie!" Debbie began angrily. Then she paused, laughed at herself, and spoke in a calm voice. "I want to stay a few minutes and help Mrs. Schultz because she doesn't feel very well. Would you be real nice and help so the job can get done faster?"

Debbie looked inquiringly at her parents and asked, "All right?"

"That was fine, Debbie," Mother answered as Chris sat down. "Now you think of a situation where a soft

answer would make things better, and Chris is to give the soft answer. When you're ready, begin."

"All right," Debbie said. She stood, pretended to pout, and in a whining voice said: "Chris, you won't let me go up into your tree house in the backyard. You call it your clubhouse and say that it's just for boys! You make me so mad!"

"Well," Chris said impatiently, "no silly girl..." He caught himself and stopped. Then he smiled and said: "The only reason the tree house is just for boys is that I'm afraid you'd get hurt if you tried to climb up the rope ladder Tommy and I made. But tomorrow I'll try to make the ladder stronger, and I'll help you climb it if you want me to. Okay, sis?"

Dad laughed. "You both have done fine — that is, after you remembered to stop and think before you blurted out something that would make the other person angrier. This is an important lesson we all need to learn. Lots of fights might be stopped if we would all learn to give the soft answer."

Suddenly Dad quit smiling. Then he frowned and raised his voice impatiently. "Now you children get to bed this very minute. Don't you talk back. Just do as I say!"

Both children looked startled, but rose immediately to obey, saying quietly, "Yes, sir."

Dad stopped frowning, then laughed and hugged the children. Mother looked relieved.

Dad said: "It's all right. I was just taking my turn acting out a situation that could cause anger. But you children, just by obeying without argument, gave me a good soft answer. Actually you both may have 15 minutes to play with Chessie before bedtime. OK?"

Back in Chris' bedroom Debbie

picked up Chessie and tenderly stroked the soft gray fur.

Chris held the catnip mouse up to the kitten, asking, "Want this, Chessie?"

The kitten took the toy in her mouth and purred softly. Debbie laughed quietly and said, "Now that is a very soft answer!"

ANSWER SOFTLY

Find the words from Proverbs 15:1 in the list below. Decide where a word fits in the puzzle. Then print it there and mark it off the list — softly.



Verse word list:

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| ✓ A | ✓ A |
| ✓ SOFT | ✓ HARSH |
| ✓ ANSWER | WORD |
| ✓ TURNS | STIRS |
| ✓ AWAY | UP |
| ✓ WRATH | ANGER |
| ✓ BUT | |

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

PASADENA — Thirteen French-speaking ministers are attending the Ministerial Refreshing Program from Feb. 7 to 17, according to evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, regional director of the Work in French-speaking areas.

The ministers will also attend administrative meetings to discuss *La Pure Verite* (French PT) circulation and "the synchronization of the mailing and accounting systems," according to Mr. Apartian.

French Department staff will translate the program and Sabbath services for the ministers and wives.

Countries represented are Canada, France, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Switzerland and the United States.

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PASADENA — Evangelist **Gerard Waterhouse** spoke to the Auditorium AM church and the Auditorium PM church with the Imperial and Spanish churches watching on closed-circuit television, Jan. 29.

Ministerial Services released the following dates and cities as Mr. Waterhouse begins his eighth worldwide speaking tour.

Feb. 12, Fort Worth, Tex., Sabbath services; Feb. 13, Lawton, Okla.; Feb. 14, Ada, Okla.; Feb. 15, Fort Smith, Ark.; Feb. 16, Fayetteville, Ark.; Feb. 17, Tulsa, Okla.; Feb. 19, Wichita, Kan., Sabbath services; Feb. 20, Hays, Kan.; Feb. 21, Salina, Kan.; Feb. 22, Topeka, Kan.; Feb. 23, St. Joseph, Mo.; Feb. 24, Columbia, Mo.; Feb. 26, Kansas City, Mo., Sabbath services; Feb. 27, St. Louis, Mo., and Belleville, Ill., combined Bible study; and Feb. 28, Mount Vernon, Ill.

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PASADENA — A concert by tenor **Roger Bryant**, pianist **Ruth Walter** and the Los Angeles, Calif., Chamber Orchestra in the Ambassador Auditorium Jan. 23, was characterized as "certainly an outstanding performance" by **Ellis LaRavia**,



RUTH WALTER



ROGER BRYANT

vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

Mr. LaRavia said Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** "saw the potential of their musical skills and decided to schedule a performance by them."

"**Gerard Schwarz** [conductor] said he recently interviewed 40 tenors for an opera in Washington, D.C.," Mr. LaRavia said. "He told me Mr. Bryant's performance was superior to them all."

Mr. Bryant, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees, directs the 40-voice Ambassador Chorale in Big Sandy and teaches voice and speech classes at the college. His wife **Lyna Jane** often accompanies him on the piano and teaches piano at Big Sandy Ambassador College.

Mrs. Walter, who also attained a master's degree, has studied under **Alexander Uninsky** at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and **Carlo Zecchi** in Salzburg, Austria. Her husband **Eugene**, an East Texas businessman, was chairman of the Music Department in Big Sandy from 1967 to 1977.

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PASADENA — The Ambassador College project in Amman, Jordan, is proceeding as scheduled, according to **Joe Locke**, principal of Imperial Schools here and director



INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — It is sometimes difficult to recall all the progress God's Work made in areas around the world last year. But additional year-end reports recall both the activities that filled the year and the scope of the Work.

Southern Africa

Roy McCarthy, regional director for the Work in southern Africa, reported: "With the doors of television and radio still closed, we depended solely upon the *Plain Truth* magazine to reach the people in this region."

"Presently our subscribers total 102,000 with an additional 41,000 magazines being distributed via newstands. Our subscriptions have in the main come from the advertisements in the national magazines and newspapers, newstand cards, blow-in cards and by word of mouth."

"In 1982 we added 61,000 new subscribers — up 61 percent, and now have 24 percent more subscribers than in December, 1981."

An ongoing renewal program keeps an active and interested list of subscribers. *The Good News* is sent to 4,217 subscribers (up 9.3 percent), and will now be offered to another 6,000 Bible Correspondence Course students. Mail received was up 23.3 percent over 1981. The mail readers processed 206,180 items (more than 800 every working day).

Membership is now 1,431, made up of 1,084 in South Africa, 227 in Zimbabwe, 40 in Mauritius, 30 in Zambia, 14 in Transkei, 14 in Botswana, 12 in Lesotho, eight in Swaziland and two in Namibia. Baptisms were up 16.8 percent in 1982.

Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** visit to South Africa Nov. 5 to 9 was certainly the most inspiring event of the year. Mr. Armstrong spoke in Johannesburg to 1,246 and

of the project, Feb. 1.

Dick and Pat Weber, the couple who are preparing the project in Jordan, are also doing well, according to Mr. Locke, who is in regular telephone contact with them.

Mr. Weber is an Ambassador College senior. The Webers' daughter **Stacy** is also with them in Jordan.

Tim Lindholm, 23, a plumbing contractor from the Minneapolis, Minn., congregation, is in Jordan assisting the Webers, according to Mr. Locke.

They are remodeling part of the Bunyat Special Education Center, a school for mentally retarded children, in Amman. In August eight Ambassador College students will leave for Amman to help teach at the center ("Jordan Project Moving Ahead," W/N, Sept. 13).

Mr. Locke said: "The potential for this project is awesome. I request the prayers of the brethren for it."

Feast

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"Rather than include the supplement in the W/N as we did in the past, this year we're planning to bulk ship the supplement to the pastors. On a yet-to-be-specified Sabbath in April, the supplement will then be distributed to every member," he said.

International Festival information, including applications for the Feast in Jerusalem, will appear in an April edition of *The Worldwide News*.



JORDAN PROJECT — Dick Weber, his wife Pat and daughter Stacy have been in Amman, Jordan, since Sept. 8. The Webers teach mentally disabled children at the Bunyat Special Education Center, where they plan to work for one year. (Photo by Ken Tate)

"We're looking forward to an inspiring, family oriented Festival," Mr. LaRavia concluded. "We're off to a good start."

Caribbean

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from the United States.

Poor interisland connections often require Mr. Bass to wait in airports. "My wife has taken up crocheting," he said.

Mr. Bass says he's greatly helped

by his Jamaican wife **Millicent**, who "has a knowledge of the Caribbean way of thinking."

Married since 1967, the couple traveled to four Festival sites together last October.

"That's too many," he says. "This year we're planning to visit two or three sites instead."

Last year 2,687 brethren attended the Feast at seven English-speaking sites in the Caribbean: Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Barbados, Tobago and St. Lucia, in addition to Guyana, South America.

New Zealand's two top daily newspapers, plus a series of full-page *Plain Truth* promotional ads in the country's highest circulation magazine.

In October, four stations began airing *The World Tomorrow* every Sunday evening — the first time Mr. Armstrong has been heard on New Zealand radio since 1978.

The *Plain Truth* newsstand program distributed just less than 500,000 magazines during the year, an increase of 331 percent over 1981. About 5,500 newsstand response cards were returned to the office, up 364 percent over 1981, with 50 percent of these people requesting *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* along with a regular subscription to *The Plain Truth*.

In addition, an average of 42,350 copies of *The Plain Truth* were mailed to subscribers each month. As of December, it is calculated that one in every 13.7 New Zealand households received the magazine.

Tough economic conditions and a government-imposed yearlong wage and price freeze began to affect the income as the year progressed.

Mail income ended the year at an increase of 13.7 percent over 1981. This lagged a little behind the inflation rate, and new growth will be prevented next year unless the income picks up.

Numerous opportunities are available, and the possibility of private television opening its door to the Work next October is an exciting prospect.

During 1982 the New Zealand Office received 78,491 letters, 76 percent coming from New Zealand and 24 percent from the Pacific islands — a slight reduction from the 1981 total.

An encouraging indicator of potential Church growth next year was an increase of 51 percent in the number of new visits conducted by ministers in 1982.

Last year was a notable year for overseas visitors. *Plain Truth* editor **Herman Hoeh** and his wife **Isabell** were in Tonga, New Zealand and Fiji for Passover and Unleavened Bread. Dr. Hoeh spoke in four locations, reaching some 85 percent of the brethren in New Zealand and

the Pacific islands.

Richard Rice and **Ron Urwiller** of the Mail Processing Center and **Sam Lennon** of the Data Processing Center in Pasadena, visited the Auckland Office in June.

Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Work's publications, and **George Patrickson** of the Vancouver Office, visited for the Feast of Tabernacles. Mr. Armstrong was with New Zealanders too — by means of live video satellite link. November saw a visit by evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse**, who spoke in every Church area in New Zealand.

The Church in New Zealand and the Pacific islands ended the year with 665 members, 600 co-workers and 1,658 donors. The Church meets in 14 locations, with an average monthly attendance of more than 1,000. *Good News* circulation increased 18.6 percent to 1,423, and *Youth 82* circulation of 1,638 was seven times greater than that of *Youth 81*.

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