

Pastor general tapes program on Church history for Festival

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — Festival films scheduled to be shown at the 1983 Feast of Tabernacles are in production, according to Larry Omasta, director of Media Services here, July 1.

Films include an opening night message from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, a Young Ambassadors film and a new *Behind the Work* film.

"In this year's *Behind the Work* film, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong brings a vital message of encouragement to the brethren worldwide," Mr. Omast said.

Taping session

Mr. Armstrong taped the 80-minute segment in the Work's studios here June 21.

"The taping was a very powerful experience for those on the other side of the cameras,"

Mr. Omasta said. "This message is more of Mr. Armstrong sitting down and conversing one on one with the brethren."

"In this 50th anniversary year of the Philadelphia era of God's Church, Mr. Armstrong recounts the history of the Church's transition from the Sardis era. He also explains the purpose of the true Church and why the Church is a necessary instrument in fulfilling God's plan on earth today," he continued.

"This is going to be a very inspiring film," said John Halford, a pastor-rank minister working in Media Services here. "Mr. Armstrong recounts a story that only he can tell," he said.

Background footage

Mr. Halford went to Newport, R.I., on the east coast of the United States to film footage to illustrate the

history of the Church.

"We researched and filmed footage of the first Sabbath-keeping churches in the United States from the late 1700s," Mr. Halford said.

"A surprising amount of material remains to tell the story of brethren keeping the Sabbath day in the midst of persecution," he continued.

"For the Festival entertainment film for 1983, the Young Ambassadors will take you on a 'Sentimental Journey' — presenting many of the best songs of (See HISTORY, page 4)



READER'S DIGEST ADS — Selected international editions of the June Reader's Digest carry Plain Truth advertisements written by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and translated into French, Italian and Spanish. About 11 million readers worldwide received copies. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Church advertises Plain Truth in international Reader's Digest

PASADENA — God's Church is again running advertisements for *The Plain Truth* in international editions of *Reader's Digest*, according to David Hulme, director of media purchasing for the Church.

"So far we have received a fine response in several editions," he said. The first ad written by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong offering *The Plain Truth* appeared in the June edition of *Reader's Digest*. It was distributed to about 11 million readers in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Norway, Denmark and Sweden.

"This represents a tremendous open door for the international areas to increase the circulation of *The Plain Truth*, Mr. Hulme said. "Arcae overseas don't usually have the openings for electronic media that the United States enjoys, so opportunities like this are very valuable."

Mr. Hulme added that *Reader's*

Digest is important in other ways: "The *Reader's Digest* audience is family oriented, conservative and can appreciate the content of *The Plain Truth*. Mr. Armstrong is concerned about the quality of magazine that the Church advertises in, and *Reader's Digest* generally meets his very high standards."

Reader's Digest has 40 editions published in 16 languages and is distributed monthly to more than 31 million worldwide.

The Church first began advertising in *Reader's Digest* in 1968, according to Roger Lippross, production director for Publishing Services here.

"It was tremendously successful worldwide," he said. "Millions of people, and copies of the booklets *Why Were You Born?*, *Hippies, Hypocrisy and Happiness* [a discontinued booklet], and *The Seven Laws of Success* were sent to people responding."

Response was so great in India in

the original campaign that Mr. Armstrong wrote another *Reader's Digest* advertisement entitled "You Swamped Us!" Mr. Lippross added that "we were nearly overwhelmed by their response and Mr. Armstrong urged them to be patient until we could catch up with the demand for the publications."

"Even today offices of the Work receive responses from the original *Reader's Digest* ads, as people will go through the magazine and discover the coupon," he continued.

"We expect a similar response this time," Mr. Hulme said. *Plain Truth* ads will also appear in the Mexico and South Africa editions in July.

The Church ceased advertising in *Reader's Digest* in 1972. The advertising agency Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn (BBDO) laid the groundwork for the 1983 campaign, Mr. Hulme said. BBDO has been retained by the Church for media buying since 1980.

Work upgrades coverage in electronic media area

PASADENA — God's Church continues to add and upgrade television and radio coverage for *The World Tomorrow* featuring Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, according to David Hulme, director of media purchasing for the Church.

The following stations were added since January:



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- ALABAMA
- WHNT, Huntsville — 19, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
- ARKANSAS
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- KTVU, Oakland — 2, 10 a.m., Sun. (time change).
- COLORADO
- KQAA, Colorado Springs — 5, 6:30 a.m., Sun.
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- WDVM, Washington, D.C. — 9, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
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- WPEC, West Palm Beach — 12, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
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- INDIANA
- WTWO, Terre Haute — 2, 10:30 a.m., Sun.
- KANSAS
- KAKE, Wichita — 10, 10 a.m., Sun.
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- KENTUCKY
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- KRCG, Jefferson City — 13, 10:30 a.m., Sun.
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- KDUH, Scottsbluff — 4, 8 a.m., Sun.
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- KGBT, Harlingen — 4, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
- KRIS, Corpus Christi — 6, 7 a.m., Sun.
- KTPX, Midland — 9, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
- KWAB, Big Springs — 9, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
- KTSM, El Paso — 9, 7 a.m., Sun.
- WISCONSIN
- WAEO, Rhinelander — 12, 10:30 a.m., Sun.
- WYOMING
- KSGW, Sheridan — 12, 8 a.m., Sun.
- RADIO
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- CALIFORNIA
- KSDD, San Diego — 1130, 11:30 p.m., daily.
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- WLGQ, Fort Lauderdale — 1320, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.
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- WGSO, New Orleans — 1280, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7:30 a.m., Sun.
- MISSOURI
- WRTH, St. Louis — 590, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m., Sun.
- NEW YORK
- WHAM, Rochester — 1180, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m., Sun. (time change).
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SATAN HASN'T GIVEN UP ON MAKEUP

By Herbert W. Armstrong
In November, 1981 — a year and a half ago — I wrote an article with the heading: "How Subtly Satan Used Makeup to Start the Church Off the Track."

Ministers preached on it from pulpits over the world. Most women in the Church did "come out from among them" of the world, and ceased painting colored dirt on their faces.

But not all. Some youths at summer camps have told us their mothers wear cosmetics during the week, when seen by the world, but take it off on Sabbaths when they attend church services.

In this article I intend to make it PLAIN once and for all!

Brethren, WHAT is the Church? WHY is it? Do we not understand that we are the "Called-Out ones?" This world is NOT God's world. It is SATAN's world started by the first man, Adam. But the one true Church is the embryo of GOD's world, started by the second Adam, Jesus Christ.

Jesus did not come to reform, change or convert Satan's world. He said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which sent me draw him" (John 6:44). He said to those of us God has called, "Come out from among them (of the world) and be ye separate."

This world started in SIN. Sin is the transgression of the law, and the law is God's spiritual law. It is summed up in the one word, LOVE.

It is expanded into the great commandments, love to GOD, and love to neighbor. These in turn were expanded into the Ten Commandments — the first four expressing the principle of love toward God, the last six the principle of love toward neighbor.

Jesus magnified the law — expanded it further, in principle. Under the Old Testament, a man had not committed adultery until the actual literal act. But in the New, Jesus said a man who even lusted after a woman had committed adultery in his heart!

In II Corinthians 3:6, it is written that we must obey the law according to the SPIRIT — that is, the principle or intent of the law — not according to the specific letter.

Today, I'm afraid, some look at SIN through Old Testament eyes. Unless there is a literal, specific, "Thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt NOT," then they say, "Isn't it OK?"

If you look at it that way, you really mean that you want to do Satan's way, and follow the world — that you only want to follow God's way so far as you are compelled.

WHY does God's true Church regard smoking tobacco as a SIN? No specific scripture says "Thou shalt not smoke."

When I was converted and baptized, and first received God's Holy Spirit, I asked

myself, "Is smoking wrong?" The Bible says nothing about it. But I knew the law of God is the PRINCIPLE OF LOVE.

I asked myself, "WHY do I smoke?" Does it express love to God? Definitely it is not "a sweet-smelling savor" in His nostrils. Did smoking express love toward neighbor? Perhaps someone might enjoy breathing it secondhanded, but many

women's faces today if they would quit trying to CHANGE the way God designed them!

This alone ought to be all any truly converted woman, led by the Holy Spirit, should need to show her she is SINNING when she changes her face with changed eyebrows and cosmetics. And you women who have been trying to deceive the Church by taking it off for church services while you

answer to the SIN question.

As I write, and THINK on this subject, I am convinced that few understand — even in God's true Church — the TRUTH on this SIN question.

A great deal of Protestantism has rubbed off on our people in God's Church. Neither the Catholics nor Protestants teach God's commandments. Rather, they teach that the law was abol-

a few years ago, in England: "Mrs. Hunting is not pretty, Mr. Armstrong — SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!" Mrs. Hunting didn't wear makeup. The one who spoke did! She saw the inward beauty of the HEART in Mrs. Hunting. Through Paul, God asks, "Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?" (II Corinthians 10:7). God shows that real beauty is inward, of the heart — that is a right and godly spirit or attitude of mind.

God warns us all: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." (II Corinthians 13:5).

The specific texts

A few years ago, liberals who no longer are in God's Church attacked certain specific scriptures mentioned in our booklet on makeup, published in 1964. They attempted to show by their reasoning that these texts at least allowed the use of makeup.

The attitude was, "We want to be like the world, and if there is no specific 'thou shalt not,' isn't it OK?"

Following is a brief comment on each of these passages.

Isaiah 3:16:

King James Version: "Moreover the Lord saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:"

Moffat translation: "The Eternal also said: Since they are so haughty, the daughters of Zion, holding their heads high as they walk, and ogling with their eyes, walking with their mincing steps, their anklets jingling."

Revised Standard Version: "The Lord said: Because the daughters of Zion are haughty

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would find it objectionable and obnoxious. And I knew it was harmful to my health in my lungs, even though no one knew as yet it caused lung cancer.

Therefore it violated God's law of LOVE toward God and toward man. Therefore it is SIN! I stopped what little smoking I had been doing.

That same PRINCIPLE applies to makeup. WHY do women do it?

When I applied this principle of God's law to myself in 1927 I few women indeed smoked — except harlots. Today cosmetics and makeup apply to women rather than men — but the PRINCIPLE is the same.

Do women "change" (make up) their faces to please God? On the contrary God's Word shows it is displeasing to him! Does makeup show LOVE toward other people. Or do they paint it on to be like the world — to be one with the world? They do it because of VANITY, the root of all sin. They do it to AVOID appearing to have "come out of the world, and being separate." They do it to avoid criticism by the world.

How did SIN start?

The cherub Lucifer was set by God on the throne of the earth. He is still there. He was perfect in his ways until iniquity was found in him (Ezekiel 28:15). WHY did sin start in him? God said of him, "Thine heart was lifted up BECAUSE OF THY BEAUTY, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom because of thy brightness" (verse 17). How many of women professing to be God's women in His Church are corrupting their wisdom by allowing vanity, the root of sin, to lead them into perverted REASONING to try to justify SIN?

How did SIN start among the human race? It was when the first woman strayed away from her husband's subjection and listened to Satan that she "saw that the (forbidden) tree was . . . pleasant to the eyes" (Genesis 3:6) that she led her husband and all humanity into SIN! Did mother Eve put on makeup? I think she would have, if she had possessed a mirror. IF THERE WERE NO LOOKING GLASSES NO WOMEN WOULD PUT ON MAKEUP!

GOD designed and formed mother Eve's face, and I for one believe it was BEAUTIFUL without makeup — and so would be

wear it weekdays before the world of Satan, are only adding to your sin!

The Church is not going to police you. BUT YOU ARE BEING JUDGED, NOW! THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD ARE NOT BEING JUDGED AS YET. JUDGMENT HAS BEGUN WITH THE HOUSE OF GOD, THE CHURCH. WE IN THE CHURCH ARE DECIDING OUR ETERNITY NOW. We are the FIRST-FRUIT. We are the embryo of the KINGDOM OF GOD! We are to be DIFFERENT from the world! It is GOD through Christ who is judging us right now, once for all eternity!

Before examining specific texts on the subject of makeup, let me summarize the PRINCIPLE involved — not only on makeup but on any or all subjects of what is right and what is wrong.

God's law defines the WAY of human conduct — first of all, in relation to God, and secondly to human neighbor. LAW simply means the rules of conduct. THE RULES of a basketball, baseball or football game might be called the LAWS of those games — the

ished. If there is no law, then there is no sin, "for where no law is, there is no transgression" (Romans 4:15), and "sin is not imputed where there is no law" (Romans 5:13) and "sin IS the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). But the law of God is SPIRITUAL (Romans 7:14).

God looks on the heart. But "the heart" as used in the biblical sense refers to the attitude, the intent or purpose. Sin results from a wrong attitude, intent, desire, which is an attitude of mind. Yet sin is also an act. It is the act of yielding to an attitude, desire or purpose, contrary to LOVE toward God or toward human.

Vanity violates "love toward and worship of God." It is desire or intent, or attitude of SELF-glorification. SELF wants to glorify itself, not God. VANITY is the root of SIN.

Brethren, this month I shall enter the 92nd year of my life in this age. I have to realize that I am only a heartbeat away from the end of this life. For your sake

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rules that regulate performance.

God's LAW is stated in the one word, LOVE. The word LOVE is a PRINCIPLE, and in principle it is opposite to the word LUST. It is LOVE toward others. First of all, LOVE toward GOD, in love, worship and obedience. Secondly it is love toward other humans. It cannot be vanity, because vanity is toward self and puts SELF before God.

Love toward and worship of God in itself is the PRINCIPLE of humility, not self-glory or vanity or coveting. It is love toward neighbor in the spirit of outgoing CONCERN for neighbor's welfare and good — of cooperation, serving, helping, sharing. It also may be love toward self in the sense or principle of concern for the physical and mental and spiritual welfare of the body and mind, which is the temple of God's Holy Spirit.

YOU CAN APPLY THAT PRINCIPLE TO ANY QUESTION OF HUMAN CONDUCT. It is the real

and the Work's sake I hope God will allow me continued heartbeats. But I have to look at the state of God's Church realistically. I think I see these things more soberly than formerly — perhaps more soberly than many of you.

Ask yourselves, "Do I really hunger and thirst after God's righteousness?" or after being like the world, whose god is Satan?

How many are like the woman who had been baptized only a few months and came to me, saying: "I've just inherited some money. Tell me, how much of it do I have to tithe to God? I don't want to tithe any more than I have to, but I want to get into God's Kingdom."

Do you hunger and thirst after God's righteousness, or after the ways of this world? Are you concerned with what God thinks of you, or what the world thinks — WHICH?

And, after all, a woman who is not a Church member said to me

and walk with outstretched necks, glancing wantonly with their eyes, mincing along as they go, tinkling with their feet."

New International Version: "The Lord says, 'The women of Zion are haughty, walking along with outstretched necks, flirting with their eyes, tripping along with mincing steps, with ornaments jingling on their anklets.'"

Two different commentaries, Adam Clarke and the *Critical and Experimental Commentary*, say the Hebrew original indicates "setting off the eyes with paint" as quoted from the latter. Some former liberal ministers, in an effort to allow cosmetics, disagreed with the commentaries. However, behavior does accompany use of makeup, and eye makeup does draw attention to the eyes. And all translations show this passage to be using the eyes wantonly, ogling or flirting with the eyes. Wanton means unchaste, lewd, licen-

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tious, immoral (see dictionary).

The passage in Isaiah definitely shows a modern use of the eyes in such a manner, not in the "meek and quiet spirit" of New Testament teaching. It shows the *spirit*, or *attitude*, which transgresses the *principle* of God's spiritual law.

Therefore, God's Church must rule that, even as cigarette smoking is sin, so is use of cosmetics.

Women have written me about "good grooming." The Church surely teaches good grooming, but that does not mean following the world's life-style. Good grooming does not require changing the appearance of the face from the way God designed it. It would include proper arranging of the hair, and clothing, but not painting faces.

Next passage, Ezekiel 23:40: "And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments."

The liberals tried to say that bathing and certain ornaments of dress are all OK, therefore they claimed the painting was OK. True, whether a woman was going to receive even Jesus Christ in His lifetime, or, on the other hand a paramour, she would bathe and even possibly wear some jewelry, but she would not paint her face.

In this passage God is speak-

ing of ancient Israel as His adulterous wife, preparing for false licentious lovers. She is here pictured in the role of a harlot attracting men as a harlot. Even though a virtuous woman would bathe herself and wear jewelry, this is picturing a harlot woman luring a licentious lover.

Jeremiah 4:30: Again speaking of adulterous Israel: "And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, etc." Nowhere does the Bible show face painting except on a harlot or evil woman, even though it does show gold and jewelry on virtuous women.

II Kings 9:30: "And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window." Here, again, Jezebel was one of the evil women of the Bible, and she was acting in the spirit of a harlot to attract a man. Such scriptures certainly do NOT say virtuous women of God ought to follow harlots and paint their faces.

Job 42:14: Job named one of his daughters "Keren-happuch" (Revised Standard Version). The King James has it the same. But liberals on the temporary "doctrinal committee" tried to translate that Hebrew word into the English "eye makeup." They were in error.

The same Hebrew word *happuch* is used in Isaiah 54:11 in the sentence, "I will build you with stones of turquoise" (New International Version). A footnote on this Hebrew word says:

"The meaning of the Hebrew for this word (turquoise) is uncertain." Also the Hebrew word appears in I Chronicles 29:2: "turquoise, stones of various colors" — speaking of materials for building Solomon's temple. The Revised Standard has (Isaiah 54:11) "set your stones in antimony." "Antimony, colored stones," in I Chronicles 29:2.

The King James has it, for Isaiah 54:11: "I will lay the stones with fair colors," and in I Chronicles 29:2, "glistening stones, and of divers colours."

The Hebrew word used in Job cannot be translated "eye paint" as liberals tried to do to justify the use of makeup.

There is no scripture which in any manner shows makeup or face-changing — whether by paint or plucking and changing eyebrows — to be approved or such example by a virtuous woman. Every reference is connected with evil women and with evil purpose.

After all, SIN is not the thing, but the ATTITUDE and the USE of the thing in response to a wrong attitude.

SIN is violation of God's spiritual LAW. And that violation always is an ATTITUDE and intention contrary to LOVE toward God and neighbor, and/or the acting upon such attitude or intention.

We live in a world swayed and influenced completely by Satan, the god of this world. The world has its "life-styles." They are basically contrary to God's WAY of life — which is LOVE toward God and toward neighbor, and toward self only in the sense of preserving health of mind and

body as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Some women have mistakenly used the term "good grooming" to include and to justify painting colored dirt on the face and plucking eyebrows and painting in false ones. That is no part of "good grooming."

Let me explain "good grooming" from God's point of view. In my book *The Missing Dimension in Sex* on page 30 [page 25 in paperback] is an example of God's "good grooming."

"Notice the expression, 'The ETERNAL God . . . clothed them.' The Hebrew word God inspired Moses to write here, for 'clothed,' is *labash*. It does not mean to cover shamefulness — to hide nakedness — or any such meaning.

"The Hebrew word meaning to conceal nakedness is *kasah*. But the word Moses was inspired to write, *labash*, means, rather, the donning of apparel, raiment. It refers rather to outer garments than underclothing. It implies the idea of adorning, or decorating, or displaying, rather than concealing or covering over, or hiding."

This adorning by God did not cover the face. Good grooming is a term that does not refer to face changing, but to a clean face, modestly but well-arranged hair, and proper attire, or clothing. Webster's dictionary defines "groom" as "to make neat or attractive (an impeccably groomed woman)." This, of course is from the world's concept of grooming. However, "to make neat" might apply to hair or clothing, but not to the face. And God's teaching on grooming is modesty and meekness,

not worldly show or vanity.

The human face expresses human character and attitude. God intended it to be beautiful, but a beauty that comes from within, especially the eyes. God made the human face so designed that, if the inner attitude is godly, it will be beautiful. Of David, a man after God's own heart, He says, "He was of a fair countenance." Of Abigail, "She was a woman of good understanding and a beautiful countenance." There was no makeup. The Bible speaks of other virtuous women with beautiful faces, but no makeup. It speaks of harlots and evil women using makeup for evil and seductive motives.

God has called those in His Church out of the world, out of its life-styles, into GOD'S WAY to please HIM, not to please or be like the world.

Each must look down deeply into his or her heart — the inner attitude, desire and motive. Do we hunger and thirst for God's righteousness, or to follow the world's life-styles?

If we are in truth a member of God's Church, we have come out from among those of the world, hungering and thirsting for GOD'S WAY OF LIFE.

God's Church can come to no other decision than that changing the face God designed and gave, and following the world in makeup is SIN, and will certainly lead to DEATH in the LAKE OF FIRE!

I am personally grateful to God that all but a very few of those we regard as members *have* "come out from among" the artificial ways of this world. I thank God for you!

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each and every issue of the one and only *Worldwide News*.

L.J. Hoes
Goes, Netherlands

Brethren unhurt

We are glad to hear that even though there are very bad weather conditions around the country, none of the brethren were injured or suffered a great deal of loss.

We certainly appreciate *The World-*

wide News as it keeps us informed about the Work and our brethren.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Warden
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Special thanks

I always wanted to write to *The Worldwide News* with the request that you convey my most sincere gratitude to God's Church worldwide, but especially to the members of North London and St. Petersburg [Fla.] for their prayers on my behalf when I fell ill in Miami [Fla.] last Feast of Tabernacles.

The concern and interest shown by Mr. Jackson, Mr. Bob Jones, Mr. Al Kersha, Mr. Knockle and all the members contributed to my recovery and safe

return to England.

It was their prayers, and God's mercy, why I am alive today; and for that my family and I will be always grateful.
Truly the Church is one Body, and when any member suffers so does the whole Church.

F.A. Holder
Walthamstow, England

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From New Zealand

I have just been listening to Mr. H.W. Armstrong on Radio Pacific (a much clearer station here than Radio Manawatu) about his Asian tour, to Japan, Philippines, Tokyo, etc. It was very exciting to hear of the honours conferred on him.

W. Barber
Waipukurau, New Zealand

Vatican

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ing — and startling.

"The pope," wrote William Pfaff in the June 27 *Los Angeles Times*, "has undertaken the liberation of Eastern Europe. It is not too much to describe what he has begun with his second visit to Poland in those words. This audacious program involves serious risks, but also displays an intelligence, an understanding of history and a powerful will that are all but invisible among Western statesmen" (emphasis ours).

"The pope," continued Mr. Pfaff, "believes that the unity and fervor of Poland's Catholics, insisting on religious autonomy and freedom to organize their lives in common, can provide a first step in the moral reanimation of the other churches of the East, and then of the West. He has addressed himself to all Europeans [last November in Spain]: 'I, bishop of Rome and pastor of the universal church . . . utter to you, old Europe, a cry filled with love: Recover your-

selves, be yourselves, discover your origins, give life to your roots.'

"The pope is on the offensive," continued Mr. Pfaff. "The pope is playing permanence against the temporal. The church will be here, and Poland as well, for as long as anyone can foresee. Communism's, and the Soviet Union's, domination of Poland and of the rest of Eastern Europe is provisional, an episode in history. It will inevitably end. The Soviet Union will eventually fall back from territories where it has failed to demonstrate its cultural force, the power of its ideas . . . That is what the pope is doing. It is a remarkable spectacle."

Poland, unlike other countries of Europe, has not lost its roots. It has been fervently Catholic for 1,000 years. As such, it serves as the breeding ground and the advancing wedge in Europe of a new (but old) third force, "universal nationalism," the biblically prophesied revival of the Holy Roman Empire.

A political vacuum does not yet exist in Europe, which is still divided between the Soviet and U.S. spheres of interest. But it will come, and will be filled by the political authority of the prophesied church-state power.

With its deal in Poland the Vatican is setting the stage for opening a political breach in Europe between East and West. In the future, it might help engineer a far bigger deal — this time not with Warsaw, but with Moscow, for the liberation of Eastern Europe.

In order to give its approval, Moscow would in turn likely demand the neutralization of Western Europe, cutting its ties to the United States.

Under such an arrangement, West Germany would be able to reunite with East Germany, since the latter would be geographically cut off from Moscow anyway if Poland were cut free.

And a reunited Germany would be the political dynamo of a new Europe. Truly awesome forces have been set in motion by the pope's second visit to his Polish homeland.

History

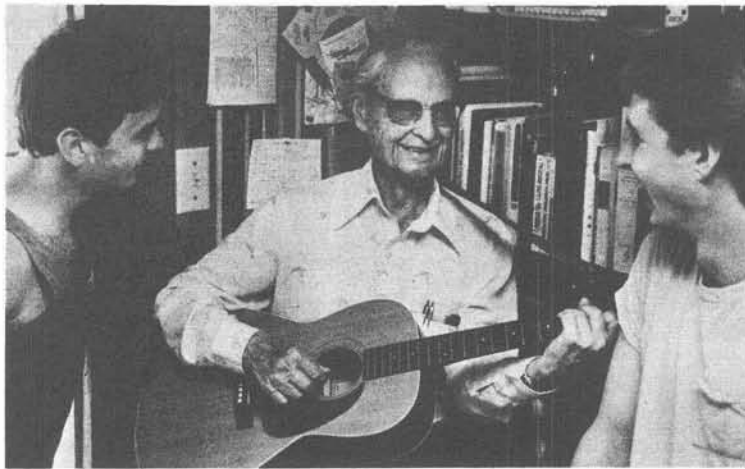
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the Festival shows from the last three years," Mr. Omasta said.

Hosts Dave and Pam Myers will guide you on this musical tour down memory lane with special appearances by many of the Young Ambassadors, including Big Beak," he continued.

Mr. Myers, a local elder in Albany, N.Y., and Springfield, Mass., appeared in the first Festival film in 1980 as the on-camera host. He returned to Pasadena this month with his wife, Pam, to tape new footage for the 1983 film. Mrs. Myers was also in the original film.



FEAST FOOTAGE — Cameraman Russ Alsbrook videotapes the gravestones of Sabbath-keepers from the late 1700s in Newport, R.I., with engineer Mark Streapy. The videotape is scheduled to be used in the 1983 *Behind the Work Festival* film, in which Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong explains the history and purpose of God's Church. [Photo by John Halford]



CAPPING OFF THE DAY — Walter Capps, 88, a member of the Big Sandy church, strums a guitar for Big Sandy Ambassador College students Troy Todd (left) and Dean Ames. Mr. Todd and Mr. Ames graduated from Ambassador College in May. [Photo by Dominick Furlano]

His congeniality boosts morale of college 'kids'

By Sandi Borax
PASADENA — "I decided to come out and visit my kids," said Walter Capps, 88, of his trip from Big Sandy to visit the Pasadena Ambassador College campus March 16 to April 6. His "kids" include students and graduates of both Ambassador Colleges.

A group of former Big Sandy students paid for Mr. Capps' flight here from Texas for a visit, as they had also done in the spring of 1981.

Mr. Capps was born the ninth of 12 children, near Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 12, 1894. His parents were children when Abraham Lincoln was President (1861-1865).

In the mid-1960s Mr. Capps began to be dissatisfied with the Methodist Church and quit attending. Several months later he tuned in to *The World Tomorrow* and has been "tuned in ever since," he explained. He was baptized in 1968, at the age of 73.

Mr. Capps moved to Big Sandy after the 1971 Feast of Tabernacles. Two years later he volunteered his help in the Big Sandy press, labeling, sorting and preparing *The Worldwide News* for mailing. He also helped with the landscaping of Hillcrest Manor, a housing development where he lives.

Mr. Capps carries his 88 years well. He likes to ask people to guess his age, and if they guess between 65 and 75 his expression falls and he asks, "Do I really look that old?"

Mr. Capps enjoys being around young people.

"The thing that makes me most unhappy is to see young people going the wrong way with drugs or drinking or idleness." He has no children of his own. "Maybe that's why I love the students so much," he said.

He considered the reopening of the Big Sandy campus in August, 1981, a special personal blessing. He spent much of his time with the students before it was closed in 1977, inviting them to his house, visiting them—even nursing sick ones back to health at his home.

Charles Singleton, a 1978 Pasadena graduate living in Pasadena, said he became close to Mr. Capps through the rides to Longview, Tex., about 20 miles from the campus, when Mr. Capps would take one or two students to dinner on the weekend.

"Pa" or "Grandpa," as he is often called, encourages the students with his bear hugs and visits to the dorms about once a week.

"If I could I'd take a van load out every weekend, just so they could get a break—get refreshed from the week," Mr. Capps said.

He likes to talk with the landscapers while they work outside, and to visit the dormitories and chat with the students in the lounges. "Never in the studies, though," he emphasized, "the kids come to college to study and learn, not to talk to me."

95 year old attends Feasts, Sabbath services

Slave's daughter recounts past

By Vance Stinson
CEDAR BLUFF, Ala. — Some say that elderly people cannot learn new things. Sibley Perkins, 95, proved that view untrue by becoming a member of the Worldwide Church of God at age 81.

Vance Stinson is a member of the Gadsden, Ala., church.

The daughter of a former slave, Mrs. Perkins was born in northeastern Alabama Nov. 17, 1887. Her father, Paty Clark, who was a slave until age 5, insisted that his son and two daughters go to school.

To pay a teacher \$20 a month, Mr. Clark tried to persuade other black men with families to donate for a fund to pay a teacher. But, they were happy if they could just put food on the table. Failing to raise the money, Mr. Clark sold his cattle and moved to Huntsville, Ala., where his children could go to school.

Mrs. Perkins was 6 when she started school. Her brother, who was not yet of school age, often attended with her so their mother could work to help pay for the schooling.

They stayed in Huntsville until Mrs. Perkins was 18. Then, she began teaching school in a Baptist church. In 1907 she married Robert Russel, who died of pneumonia four years later. Her second husband, Miles McCluskey, died after 15 years of marriage.

She married Revener E. Perkins in 1931.

Mrs. Perkins became a nurse and maid at age 72, helping the sick and disabled. She began listening to *The World Tomorrow* in 1965. After hearing the program she wrote for and studied Church literature and was baptized in March, 1969. In 1975 Mr. Perkins became a member of God's Church. He died in 1979 at age 90.



SIBLEY PERKINS

Of her nine children four are living. Her son, Robert Russel, stays with her in Cedar Bluff.

Despite rheumatism and physical impairments because of age, Mrs. Perkins attends Sabbath services regularly. She also attends the Feast of Tabernacles. She said, "I don't remember missing a one because they told me how I would have to save... my second tithe to go down there."

In July, 1982, Mrs. Perkins visited Pasadena and toured the Ambassador College campus. Comparing the campus to the Garden of Eden, Mrs. Perkins said, "I thought it was just wonderful; it was just beautiful."

Youth holds to Sabbath conviction

Gymnast wins four gold medals

By Danny Joe
TACOMA, Wash. — In 1980 10-year-old Rachel Kirishian was told that she could not compete in gymnastics for Puget Sound School of Gymnastics because almost all of the meets took place on Saturdays.

Danny Joe is a member of the Tacoma, Wash., church.

Undaunted, Rachel persevered and on May 1 of this year won four gold medals and the all-around title for 12- to 14-year-olds at the Class III Washington state gymnastics championships.

In most gymnastics meets compulsories (mandatory routines selected by judges) are performed on Saturdays. Sundays are reserved for optionals (routines chosen individually by each gymnast).



RACHEL KIRISHIAN

Rachel continued studying gymnastics at the school after being told she could not compete. She was con-

tent with just learning gymnastics. Her coach saw potential and requested that Rachel be allowed to compete on Sundays.

Meanwhile, the school's head coach formed a secondary team and Rachel was asked to be on it.

The request was approved, but Rachel would have to perform both compulsory and optional routines on Sundays.

Her first competition was in November, 1982. In December, her second meet, she was rated on par with her teammates. Then on March 3 of this year, her third meet, Rachel surpassed her teammates.

At the state meet at Franklin Pierce High School gymnasium she won gold medals on the balance beam, uneven parallel bars and vault and sixth place in floor exercises, the same four events as those at the women's Olympic competitions. Rachel's combined score of 67.05 was enough to earn her the best all-around title and a fourth gold medal.

"Because Rachel performed both compulsories and optionals on Sunday, most people thought she couldn't perform as well as the others," said Mignon Kirishian, Rachel's mother. "I think it's a remarkable witness that competing on the Sabbath is not essential."

Says Mrs. Kirishian, "Rachel applies the principle of using competition for improving one's own abilities, not simply to get into the winner's circle."

Rachel now looks forward to training for the junior nationals competition in late fall.

Though her training schedule requires 14 hours a week, Rachel still maintains an A average in school and is entering a program for gifted students next fall.

She attends the Kent, Wash., church with her parents, Arthur Kirishian, a local church elder, and Mrs. Kirishian.

Inventor's idea makes seawater drinkable

By Tony Knight
ESCONDIDO, Calif. — An Escondido inventor has brought the water industry one step closer to its long-standing dream of converting sea water into drinking water.

This article, submitted by Susan Karoska of the San Diego, Calif., church, is reprinted by permission of the Escondido, Calif., Times-Advocate. John P. Petrek lives in Escondido and is a member of the San Diego church.

John P. Petrek, a nuclear engineer by trade, said he used little more than a hand drill and a radial arm saw to build the solar-powered distillation machine in his Green Avenue backyard.

In these times of scarce water

supplies and skyrocketing water costs, Petrek's invention could provide the key to this arid county's water future.

Local water officials have said any inventor who could turn the county's conveniently located, virtually unlimited supply of sea water into the drinkable variety would have the world beating a path to his door.

Humble though its backyard beginnings may have been, the machine so impressed lawyers from the San Diego Patent Law Association that they named Petrek their inventor of the year.

Using conventional solar heating technology and a patented method to get water to slide down the back of an inclined surface in a thin sheet, Petrek and his partner, Clifford M. Cantrell, may have done just that.

"This model cost about \$500," said Petrek, standing next to the 10-foot-high solar panel that rotates to keep its face to the sun.

"We think he's got a very good idea," said Freling E. Baker, president of the association.

The machine has also captured the imagination of the county's committee for water independence, and the idea soon may be presented to directors of the San Diego County Water Authority, who have been looking into desalination technologies.

Of course, the key to getting the water authority's attention, is to make distilled water at a cost that is competitive with that of water imported from the Colorado River. Petrek admits that at an estimated \$3,000 per acre-foot, his "machine-made" drinking water is far from

cheap. (An acre-foot is 326,900 gallons.)

But the fact that the process uses free solar power is a breakthrough. Exorbitant energy costs have been the prohibiting factor in other seawater distilling methods examined by authority experts.

"On the large scale, this thing might be expensive," Petrek conceded. He said a smaller version might be attractive in someplace like the Virgin Islands, where water is very scarce and very expensive.

However, Petrek said his so-called "multiple-effect thin-film diffusion distillation process" could yet prove an economic winner in San Diego County. In essence, the only major cost to the system is for the materials, because the energy is free.

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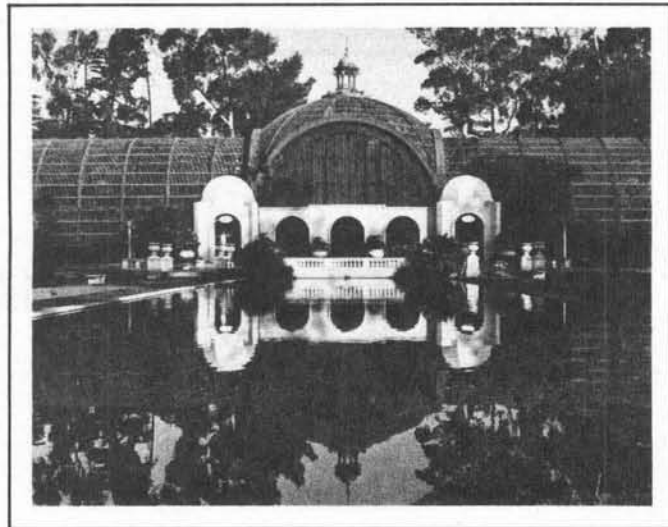
BEST HUMAN INTEREST (COLOR): LILA DOCKEN



BEST HUMAN INTEREST (B&W): LYNETTE WEBB



MOST HUMOROUS (COLOR): SUSAN THOMAS



BEST GENERAL INTEREST (B&W): SHAWN BAKER
BEST ALL-ROUND FOR BLACK AND WHITE

1983 YOU PHOTO CONTEST

PASADENA — Deanna Schow, 19, of Port Orchard, Wash., captured best overall color photograph, and Shawn Baker, 18, of Leucadia, Calif., took best overall black and white in the 1983 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Photo Contest.

Deanna, who submitted the best overall black and white photos in the 1981 and 1982 YOU Photo Contests, also placed first in the general subject and portrait categories for color photographs.

Shawn placed first in the general subject category for black and white photographs and in the nature category for color photos.

The best overall awards were chosen from the winning photos in all categories June 1 in the Editorial Services conference room here. Judges were Warren Watson, director of the Church's Photography Department, and staff photographers G.A. Belluche Jr., Craig Clark and Nathan Faulkner.

"The entries were impressive,"

Mr. Watson said. "The main drawback for the contestants was that many entered photos in the wrong category." He cited one sunset photo that was placed in the portrait category, stating that "if it had been entered in the nature category, it probably would have placed much higher."

Mr. Belluche agreed, saying that the majority of the entries were "pretty good," but that contestants needed "to pay more attention to categories."

Mr. Watson encouraged those who plan to enter the 1984 YOU Photo Contest to begin improving their skills now. "Everyone can benefit by reading some books on photography and composition from his local library," he said. "You can learn a great deal about shooting photos by looking at professional photographs and reading how the photos were taken."

"Photography is a lifetime learning experience," Mr. Watson



BEST PORTRAIT (COLOR): DEANNA SCHOW



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added. "Each job, each opportunity or assignment is a new challenge to be met."

The categories and first, second and third place contestants are as follows:

Human interest (color): Lila Docken, 17, Napa, Calif.; Chad Oakes, 14, Calgary, Alta.; Nancy Shaeffer, 14, Bismarck, N.D.

Human interest (black and white): Lynette Webb, 18, Statesville, N.C.; Phillip Jerold Aust, 17, San Diego, Calif.

Nature (color): Shawn Baker, 18, Leucadia, Calif.; Laura Scardino, 14, Williamstown, N.J.; Susan Thomas, 17, Waco, Tex.

Nature (black and white): Chad Oakes, 14, Calgary, Alta.; Malisa Jones, 19, Carthage, Tex.

Humor (color): Susan Thomas, 17, Waco, Tex.; Peter Falk, 19, Marathon, Wis.; Cheryl A. King, 17, Oxnard, Calif.

Humor (black and white): Goldie Lewis, 19, Lodi, Calif.

Unusual (color): Goldie Lewis, 19, Lodi, Calif.; Bob Baxter, 17, Warburg, Alta.; Susan Thomas, 17, Waco, Tex.

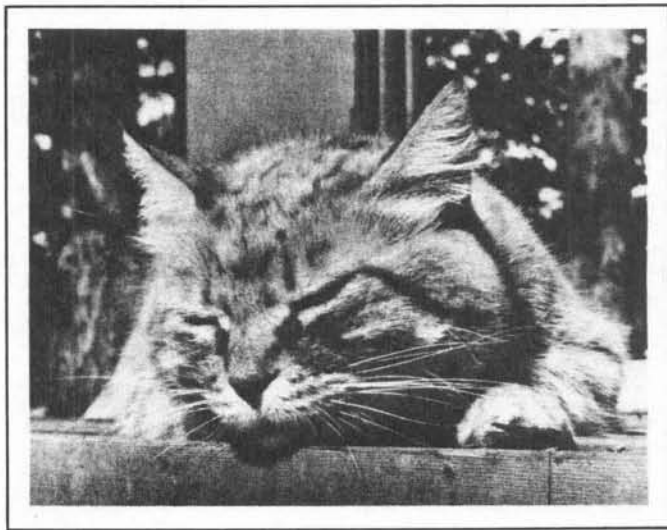
Unusual (black and white): Philip Jerold Aust, 17, San Diego, Calif.; Shawn Baker, 18, Leucadia, Calif.; Lynette Webb, 18, Statesville, N.C.

Portrait (color): Deanna Schow, 19, Port Orchard, Wash.; Malisa Jones, 19, Carthage, Tex.; Cheryl A. King, 17, Oxnard, Calif.

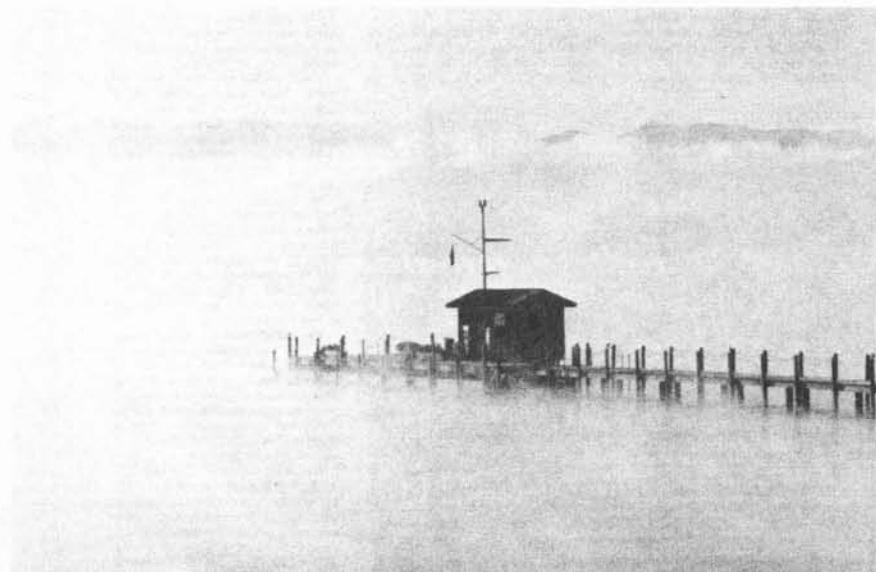
Action (color): Teena Dillman, 18, Wellsville, Pa.; Terry W. Harms, 18, Newton, Kan.; Michael Kazmer, 14, Hartland, Wis.

General subject (color): Deanna Schow (also best overall color photograph), 19, Port Orchard, Wash.; Bob Baxter, 17, Warburg, Alta.; Jim Watters Jr., 17, Neenah, Wis.

General subject (black and white): Shawn Baker (also best overall black and white photograph), 18, Leucadia, Calif.; Philip Jerold Aust, 17, San Diego, Calif.



BEST GENERAL SUBJECT (COLOR): DEANNA SCHOW
BEST ALL-ROUND FOR COLOR



BEST NATURE (COLOR): SHAWN BAKER



BEST NATURE (B&W): CHAD OAKES

Damascus, Syria: City abounds in biblical history, traditions

By Keith W. Stump
 DAMASCUS, Syria — Religion is important to the predominantly Moslem population of Damascus. The city abounds in mosques, some dating back more than a millennium. And virtually anywhere a visitor turns, someone is pointing out a reputed biblical or Koranic "holy site."

Plain Truth senior writer Keith Stump returned June 23 from the Middle East, where he gathered information for coming articles in the *Work's* publications.

Damascus has had plenty of time to accumulate such traditions. Many historians believe it to be the world's oldest continuously inhabited city. Damascus is the head of Syria, wrote the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 7:8). And Damascus was ancient even in Isaiah's day.

Damascus is still the head, or capital, of Syria. Since ancient times the city has been a major crossroads for camel caravans. It became a major cradle of Islamic culture, and as such continues to be held in great esteem throughout the Arab world.

The Arabs have many names for this extraordinary city: the Pearl of the East, the Mother of Cities, Bride of the Desert, Gateway to God, the City of Many Pillars and the Star of the Wind, among others.

In Moslem tradition, Damascus is believed to have been the original

Garden of Eden. God is said to have fashioned Adam from the clay of the Barada River. The Barada begins westward in the Anti-Lebanon Mountains and its cool waters flow east through Damascus, giving life and fertility to what otherwise would be a forsaken desert.

Here, too, Cain is said to have slain Abel (Habil in Arabic). On a precipitous peak above the Barada, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) northwest of Damascus, stands the reputed tomb of Abel. At its foot is the village of Abila — its name testifying to this ancient tradition.

A nunnery north of Damascus — the Convent de Notre Dame de Seidnaya — reputedly stands where Noah planted the first vine after the Flood (Genesis 9:20). The first century Jewish historian Josephus says Damascus was founded by a great-grandson of Noah — Uz, the son of Shem's son Aram. Later, says Josephus, the patriarch Abraham reigned for a time at Damascus.

Early Moslem historians, however, believed Damascus to have been founded by Demeschak, a slave of Abraham given to him by Nimrod. (The people of Damascus still call a self-willed man a "Nimrood.")

The village of Burzeh, a few miles to the north of Damascus, is said by Arabs to have been the birthplace of Abraham (whom the Arabs call Ibrahim or al-Khaleel, "The Beloved of God"). At the entrance to a ravine above Burzeh, say the Syrians, Abraham turned back after

the slaughter of the four kings who had pillaged Sodom (Genesis 14:15-16).

The first mention of Damascus in the Bible is in Genesis 14:15, where Hobab (Burzeh?) is said to be "on the left hand [north] of Damascus." The next chapter (15:2) notes that Abraham's steward was "Eliezer of Damascus."

The Bible speaks a great deal about Damascus in the days of David and the kings of Israel and Judah. For a time, David was master of much of the territory of Syria. Numerous kings of Damascus are named in the books of Kings and Chronicles, including Rezin and the various Ben-hadads.

Naaman, commander of the armies of Ben-hadad II, was instructed by Elisha to wash seven times in the Jordan River for cleansing of leprosy (II Kings 5:10). Naaman complained, asking whether the "Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus" are not better than all the waters of Israel (verse 12).

The Abana is today's Barada, the "Cool River," known to the Greeks as Chrysorroas, or "Golden River." The Pharpar ("swift") is the Awaj, south of Damascus.

The village of Djobar, two miles east of Damascus, is said to be where Elijah invested Elisha (I Kings 19:19). The same village is traditionally where Elisha conferred with Hazeel (II Kings 8:7-14).

In the New Testament, Damascus is mentioned frequently in con-



ANCIENT TRADITION — Some Moslems believe Jesus will descend in the last days to this tower by Charki Gate in Damascus. The gate is also the entrance to the biblical street called Straight (Acts 9:10-11).

nection with the life of the apostle Paul. A few miles south of Damascus, on a hill by the road to Jerusalem, stands a Christian shrine. The hill is known to the Syrians as Kawkab, meaning "Celestial Light." This is the traditional spot where Saul of Tarsus was blinded on his way to Damascus (Acts 9).

Also found in Damascus are the traditional locations of the tomb of

Ananias and the house of Judas. Ananias was a Christian disciple in Damascus who was blinded by God to go to the street called Straight and enquire at the house of Judas for the blinded Saul (Acts 9:10-11). The street called Straight is today a main thoroughfare of Old Damascus, lined with souks, or bazaars.

Paul was later let down from the tower (See **DAMASCUS**, page 12)

CHURCH NEWS

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The **JACKSONVILLE, Fla.**, YOUTH had its third annual yard sale June 12. The sale, organized by Mr. and Mrs. Owen Totts, raised more than \$1,100 for the coming YOUTH activity year. Sharon Shiver.

The **MAIDSTONE, England**, YOUTH and pastor John Meakin set off on an overnight canoe trip along the River Medway May 29. The trip was organized by YOUTH coordinator Mike Anderson. His wife Betty prepared stew and apple pie for the evening meal. The route covered 38 miles (about 60 kilometers), and passed through towns and dockyards. Ten locks were negotiated. John Tate and Joanne Urganah accidentally attempted to take a shortcut through a sluice gate. Louise Frohn.

The **MINNEAPOLIS** and **ST. PAUL, Minn.**, churches sponsored a regional formal prom for 215 YOUTH members and parents in Minneapolis June 5. Teens from Fargo, N.D.; and Brainerd, Grand Rapids, Rochester, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., enjoyed a dinner, entertainment and dancing. Decorations were designed by Mr. and Mrs. Errol Wade.

In a grand march, 17 graduating seniors were honored after which Steve and Telly Ouellette sang "The Desiderata." A banquet and entertainment by Rita Ranney, Ileana Tinsley, Linda Smiley, Jennifer Smiley and Phil Bauer followed. Music for the dance was provided by the Minneapolis churches' Silver Chariot band. Victor Kubik.

The **ORLANDO, Fla.**, YOUTH was host for the central Florida senior prom May 28. The dance was in honor of YOUTH members graduating from high school. Afternoon services and a potluck took place before the prom. Sixty YOUTH members from grades 9 through 12 attended the dance. Music was provided by an area disc jockey. The next day, the teenagers went to the Wet'n'Wild amusement park. Edward L. Strickland.

Members of the Candles and Lace

Homemaking Club (girls 13 to 18) of the **PALMER, Alaska**, church met June 9 to learn about wardrobe. Color, line, texture and design were discussed as well as how to dress tastefully and appropriately. Then the girls analyzed each other and cut pictures out of pattern books. Handouts explaining how to organize and coordinate a wardrobe and what to look for when shopping were given out for those wanting to follow up on the subject. June 7 was the first meeting of the Silk and Satin Homemaking Club for girls 9 to 12. The girls tested Muffin Tin Cookery. Each girl prepared a five course minimal consisting of meat loaf, dressing, corn, scalloped potatoes and apple cobbler. These were baked simultaneously in muffin tins. The third club is the Busy Betsys Club for 5 to 8 year olds. Each club has its own logo, which appears on membership cards designed by Brenda Bauer. Linda Orchard.

Twenty-nine **PIKEVILLE, Ky.**, YOUTH members and adults participated in a hike and camp-out May 29 and 30 at Skaggs Gap, Va. Hoyt Mullins, a deacon whose ancestors helped settle the area, led the crew up the mountain. The braver ones scaled the cliffs to reach the peak. That night, a cliff overhang provided shelter from a spring storm. Debby Bailey.

The **SASKATOON, Sask.**, church was host for the biregional YOUTH track meet June 4 and 5. The Sabbath began with a brunch at the Saskatoon Inn for YOUTH track participants and ministers, coaches, officials and their families before a hymn sing. Six hundred seventy-eight brethren from northwestern Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan attended afternoon services at the hotel. After services a Bible bowl took place at the Walter Murray Collegiate Auditorium conducted by Terrence Roth and won by the Regina, Sask., team. That evening Saskatoon singles and young married couples served a sandwich buffet.

YOUTH members from Brandon, Man., North Battleford, Sask., Prince Albert, Sask., Tisdale, Sask., Regina, Sask., Winnipeg, Man., East, Winnipeg West, Yorkton, Sask., Dauphin, Man., and Saskatoon participated in the track meet at Griffith Stadium. Twenty-eight records were set, 11 in field events and 17 on the track. Fifty-five athletes qualified to represent the district at the national meet in Calgary, Alta., July 17. Saskatoon took

the Division I championship and the Yorkton-Dauphin team was the Division II winner. Outstanding athletes were Tammy Levitt, with Donna Yurkiw and Tracy Davis receiving honorable mention for the junior girls; Dean Watt, junior boys; Atla Yeomans, senior girls; and Mark Hofer, senior boys. The sportsmanship trophy was awarded to Saskatoon. Meet director was Doug Johnson, Regina pastor, announcer was Mr. Roth, Prince Albert and Tisdale pastor, honorary coach was Larry Staigh, and Florence Rossiter, 91, was honorary YOUTH member, who donated a javelin to the Saskatoon team. Edie Clemens.

YOUTH members and parents from **SPOKANE, Wash.**, sponsored a dance in honor of graduating high school seniors June 5. Short Notice, a church band, performed for the 100 who attended. Entertainment included a Beach Boys medley by the Five Swivel Rockers, composed mainly of YOUTH members.

Dan Deiminger introduced the seven graduates telling a most embarrassing story about each. Graduates present were Terry Beal, Cecile Kofol (from the Las Vegas, Nev., church), Stacy Hanson, Mark Denton, Penny Pichette, Sara Repp and Jennifer McGraw. Pastor Roger Foster and his wife, Janice, congratulated the graduates and presented a corsage to each. Rod Hall.

June 4 and 5, 175 YOUTH members from the British Columbia churches gathered in **VICTORIA, B.C.**, for the regional track meet. Activities began with a Sabbath service geared toward the teenagers. Glen Weber, pastor of the Prince George church, gave a sermonette on the right attitude toward sports, and George Patrickson, a minister in the Vancouver church, spoke on resisting the wrong kind of peer pressure. Afterward the teens joined in a hymn sing then enjoyed a barbecue at Beacon Hill Park arranged by pastor Bill Rabey and the Victoria church. Sunday's track meet took place at the University of Victoria. The teens broke 20 track and field records. Trophies were awarded to the outstanding athletes in each age group. These were won by David Campbell, senior boys; Samantha Moss, senior girls; Andrew Wilkie, junior boys; and Marcia Makortoff and Sandy Zidak, junior girls. Donald Mears.

About 125 people attended the **WASHINGTON, D.C.**, YES graduation June 11 with a lakeside potluck dinner. Pastor Richard Frankel conducted a Bible bowl and asked the children questions covered by their YES lessons. He then surprised the parents by asking them the same questions. Bonnie Fairchild.

Inventor

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The costs are large, Petrek said, because a large area is needed to collect the sun's rays, and the machine can only work when the sun is out. If waste heat from an electrical power plant was used in the same process, Petrek said, distilled sea water could be produced for less than \$300 an acre-foot. That is close to what some Valley Center farmers are paying now.

Petrek has made two other distillation machines that use the same thin-film diffusion process and different energy sources. One uses an emersion heating element similar to that used in a coffee percolator.

All the machines use the special panels developed by Petrek and his

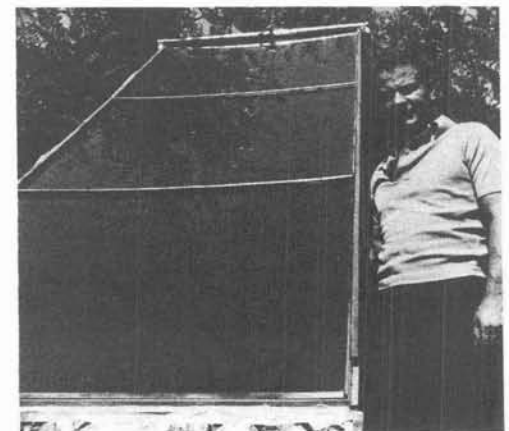
former boss, Cantrell. The two were working on breeder reactors in Richland, Wash., when they began talking about the thin-film process.

"We had been talking about different thin-film ideas," Mr. Petrek recalled. "I finally said, 'Why don't we try and put something together?'"

While he was working on the engineering problem back in 1977, Petrek got another job with G.A. Technologies in La Jolla [Calif.]. He moved his family to Escondido, and began work on G.A.'s gas-cooled, graphite reactor.

All along, he continued working on his special distiller, and he and Cantrell finally got the machine patented this year. He said they are now ready to go to the market place.

"I think we just need some refinements here and there," he said.



INVENTOR OF THE YEAR — John Petrek, a member of the San Diego, Calif., church, displays his solar seawater distillation device patented after seven years' work. (Photo by Susan Karoska)

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Returning here June 23 from a weeklong trip to Italy, **Cara Catherwood**, regional director of the Work in Italian-speaking areas, spoke of the potential for spreading God's truth in Italy, during an interview June 29.

Mr. Catherwood spent the first four days of his trip in Rome sorting out postal problems, most of which have been resolved, he said.

He also contacted most members living in southern Italy. The baptism of the first Italian since *La Pura Verita* began circulation in mid-1982 took place. There are 24 Church members in Italy.

Mr. Catherwood said that the liberal trend of Roman Catholicism is failing to provide answers for some Italians.

"Many are disenchanted with Roman Catholicism," he said, "yet still need to know the basic questions like 'Why was I born?', 'What's going on in the world?' and 'Where are we going?' And *The Plain Truth* answers those questions."

June 18 Mr. Catherwood conducted Sabbath services in Catania,

Sicily, with about 30 in attendance.

PASADENA — Ten Ambassador College students, faculty member **Ralph Levy**, and **Steve and Terry Pelfrey** left for Beijing (Peking), China, July 4 to study the Chinese language, according to evangelist **Ellis La Ravia**, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

Students **Robert Burbach**, **Gary Campbell**, **Laura Diaz**, **Eric Evans**, **George Hague**, **Becky Harden**, **Sherri Means**, **Joel Rissinger**, **Kathy Sarfer** and **Robert Walker** will study Mandarin Chinese for six weeks at the University of Beijing and then tour the People's Republic of China for two weeks before returning to Pasadena.

The program was arranged through the Ambassador Foundation, with **Richard Liu**, executive director of the Chinese-Canadian Cultural Association, and **John Dyck**, a Church member and executive director of the McPherson Foundation in Victoria, B.C.

"Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong has already been received in the

prayer hall of this same mosque.)

An even older Moslem tradition says Jesus will descend to the minaret at the Roman Charki Gate, a bit farther to the east. This, of course, is at odds with the biblical statement that Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

The Bible also contains numerous prophecies about the future of Damascus and Syria. Among them are Isaiah 17:1-3; Jeremiah 49:23-27; and Amos 1:3-5.

Centuries ago, the Moslem historian **Istakhri** wrote in a similar vein: "The destiny of Damascus is full of violence and rebellion, such is the influence of its star, which is in the sign of the Lion, and when it is in the ascendant, the people of Damascus revolt against their governors."

Damascus is an important city in the turbulent Middle East. It is certain to play a crucial role in coming events here.

Damascus

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wall of Damascus in a basket by the disciples to escape capture (Acts 9:25). The descent was made near the Kaysan Gate, which is today a Christian shrine. It was also to Damascus that Paul returned after his stay in Arabia (Galatians 1:17).

Unrealized by most Christians, many Arabs expect the return of Jesus Christ as Messiah in the last days. They believe that Jesus will alight on the summit of a minaret — called the Tower of Jesus — at the southeast corner of the Great Omayyad Mosque of Damascus. (The reputed tomb of John the Baptist, by the way, is found in the

Dissent

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could not be broken without horrific results.

Inflation did not come down; the balance of payments got worse; the French franc began to falter. This necessitated a loan from the European Economic Community to help shore up a flagging trade deficit. The loan's size was unprecedented in EEC history.

Another socialist dream is coming to an end. Pessimism is rife up and down the shores and borders of the Fifth Republic. French politicians of all parties fear even more serious trouble by autumn because of a projected rise in unemployment.

Philip Short, a British Broadcasting Corp. journalist, labeled France as "The New Sick Man of Europe" in a May 19 article in *The Listener*. He also wrote that "the credibility of the regime, essential to recovery, is in tatters." As nearly always, French politicians get low marks from the public in terms of their promises and performance.

Neither socialist nor capitalist planners have been able to create a new world void of economic and social evils. The utopian ideals of socioeconomic visionaries are in practical ruins. The dark world of disillusionment is constantly before us.

This is not God's world. Utopia will not come until "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).



CHINA TRIP — Ambassador College students, faculty member **Ralph Levy** (third from left) and **Steve and Terry Pelfrey** (far left) take time out for a photo July 4 before leaving the Pasadena campus for an eight-week stay in the People's Republic of China, where they will study Mandarin Chinese and tour the country. (See "Updates," this page.) (Photo by Warren Watson)

People's Republic of China, so when this opportunity came up, it seemed like a good opportunity to continue building a friendly relationship with the world's most populous nation," said **John Halford**, a pastor-rank minister assisting in the program.

PASADENA — Evangelist **LeRoy Neff**, Church treasurer, and **Alton "Don" Billingsley**, pastor of the Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La., churches, received plaques for 25 years of service as ordained ministers.

The plaques were presented to the men at the ministerial dinners during the Ministerial Refreshing Program. Mr. Neff received his plaque June 7, and Mr. Billingsley received his June 21.

The plaques read: "In recognition of faithful service and dedication toward fulfillment of The Great Commission, and commemorating his 25th Anniversary as an ordained minister of the Worldwide Church of God."

Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** ordained Mr. Neff and Mr. Billingsley June 7, 1958.

PASADENA — The Smith-Hemion production company taped *That's Television Entertainment* June 23 in the Ambassador Auditorium here, according to evangelist **Ellis La Ravia**, vice president of the

Ambassador Foundation. The special will be aired January, 1984, on the NBC-TV (National Broadcasting Co.) network.

Appearing on stage in the Auditorium were entertainers **Steve Allen**, **Dick Clark**, **Marie Osmond**, **Ben Vereen**, **Dinah Shore** and others.

"The production traces the history of music as it has appeared on television over the past 35 or so years," Mr. La Ravia said.

Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** attended the taping session. The net proceeds of ticket sales will be used in the Ambassador Foundation's Gold Medal concert series, a series that "serves to introduce outstanding new musical talent to a large audience on world-class stages," Mr. La Ravia said.

PASADENA — About 100 members from the Imperial, Spanish and Auditorium A.M. and P.M. churches attended a *Plain Truth* newsstand distributors seminar and potluck here June 29, according to **Raul Ramos**, who helped organize the seminar under **Selmer Hegvold**, pastor of the Imperial church.

The seminar, which took place in the Ambassador College academic center, featured a slide presentation by **Boyd Leeson**, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager, a talk by **John LaBissoniere**, U.S. newsstand distribution manager, and a question-

same period in 1982.

New Zealand

The Auckland, New Zealand, Office reports that income for May was the second highest monthly total ever received by God's Work there — and a 44.1 percent increase over May last year. There was a reason for this. Because of declining trends in income over past months, **Peter Nathan**, regional director, asked brethren to fast, and God indeed answered quickly and dramatically.

The number of co-workers jumped by 42 in May, the first substantial increase for months. Mail was up 82 percent over May, 1982, and donation mail was up 35 percent. New visit requests received since January are up 50 percent.

India

In southern India, the *World Tomorrow* broadcast from Radio Ceylon is heard clearly. This has undoubtedly contributed to the contacts being made there. **Mohan Jayasekera**, pastor of the Sri Lankan church and responsible for southern India, saw 37 new people in the past three months, six of whom are good prospective members.

Indian government figures indicate that radio has the potential of reaching about 83 percent of the population, whereas television could only reach 17 percent.

The brethren in southern India are impressed by the powerful content of the program.



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PASADENA — After five years of service to the churches in Ghana, Mr. and Mrs. **Melvin Rhodes** returned to England May 25.

Mr. Rhodes was assigned to Ghana in May, 1978, to pastor the congregations in Accra and Kumasi. He also visited scattered members elsewhere in West Africa — in Liberia and English-language members in Cameroon. Mr. Rhodes replaced **Abner Washington**, who pastors the Los Angeles, Calif., church.

During that time the churches grew to an attendance of 175 in Accra and 45 in Kumasi. Throughout Ghana there are 112 members. The dedicated service Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes provided is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Rhodes will continue to visit Ghana on a regular basis, to provide more regular contact from the British Regional Office, and to assist in the settling in of the new minister, **Josef Forson**, and his wife **Gloria**. Local elder **Steve LeBlanc** will serve in Ghana until the end of this year.

The Rhodeses resettled in Taunton in the west country of England, where Mr. Rhodes will assist **David Bedford** as associate pastor of the

Taunton church and the Tiverton and Truro outlying Bible studies.

Jamaica

Growth of the Work in Jamaica is hard to keep up with, according to **Charles Fleming**, pastor of the Jamaican churches. June 5 and 6, **Stan Bass**, regional director for the English-speaking Caribbean, conducted two *Plain Truth* readers' lectures in Kingston. The 178 in attendance included 86 new people who heard the first night's lecture on the topic, "Are We Living in the Last Days?"

That same week, torrential rains started breaking the long drought in Jamaica that necessitated severe water restrictions in Kingston and other towns. It was answered prayer for many, but at the same time reduced the attendance at the lecture Monday evening June 6. Still, more than 20 new people braved the weather.

June 11, at the end of that week, the Kingston church broke all attendance records with 213 in attendance. Incoming mail for the first five months of 1983 in Jamaica is up 101 percent over the

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