

Looking Into the World Tomorrow

By Herbert W. Armstrong
Let's be sure we understand what our lives are all about!

Here we are in the middle of the ninth decade of the 20th century. We know we are in the very last decades of the 6,000 years of human life on this earth. And at the end of that 6,000 years Jesus Christ will come in His GLORY AND SUPREME POWER!

He is coming to remove Satan from deceiving mankind. He is coming to GOVERN — to RULE OVER ALL NATIONS!

And we of the Church — if we remove all our spots and wrinkles (Ephesians 5:25-27) — are to have important positions in the worldwide GOVERNMENT TO RULE ALL NATIONS FOR A THOUSAND YEARS!

We keep the Feast of Tabernacles to get a foretaste of that wonderful WORLD TOMORROW. And it is nearer now than you think!

We need to get our bearings. We need to know what went on before — and where we are today in the events working out God's tremendous MASTER PLAN!

First, angels inhabited this earth before man. Those angels SINNED (II Peter 2:4) under the super archangel LUCIFER (Isaiah 14:12-15), who was created by God PERFECT IN ALL HIS WAYS — until rebellion and iniquity were found in him (Ezekiel 28:15). Lucifer's name was changed to SATAN.

Then God created MAN — male and female — Adam and Eve. God instructed them fully, but they rejected God as

Revealer of knowledge, as their God and as RULER.

So God SHUT ALL MANKIND OFF FROM HIM AND HIS HOLY SPIRIT (Genesis 3:22-24) except those infinitesimal FEW God would specially call for SPECIAL COMMISSION OR DUTY PREPARING FOR HIS KINGDOM.

For almost 6,000 years now, NO OTHERS BUT THOSE FEW have been able to come to Jesus Christ (John 6:44), although millions have been misled by Satan to think they are Christians. God has called NO ONE JUST FOR SALVATION! You were

spiritual creation BEGAN with Jesus Christ.

To keep His Church in mind of God's SPIRITUAL CREATION OF MAN, God appointed SEVEN ANNUAL FESTIVALS!

The FIRST of these festivals is the PASSOVER, which comes on the eve of the 14th day of the first month of the sacred calendar, in the spring.

The SECOND festival, the Days of Unleavened Bread, lasts SEVEN DAYS, the first and seventh of which are annual SABBATHS. The Passover pictures to us the DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

WORLD. To attain salvation is MUCH HARDER than it will be for the overwhelming MAJORITY to be called during the Millennium and Great White Throne Judgment. But, if we OVERCOME Satan and his world, we shall REIGN WITH JESUS CHRIST!

The FIFTH festival is the most solemn day of the year, the Day of Atonement — a holy convocation. It is a day of fasting. It pictures Jesus Christ doing away with Satan, so that Satan cannot tempt those during the Millennium or the Great White Throne Judgment. It pictures AT-ONE-

another year progressively fulfilling the work we have been given to do.

This year, perhaps more than ever before, we need to attend! The strengthening of our resolve to fulfill the great commission of preaching the Gospel to the world is bringing new vigor and NEW PERSPECTIVE into a more dynamic and dedicated Church. We ALL need to feel this impact. Pray to become more inspired and more dedicated to the work that yet lies ahead.

This Feast is the time for us to hear the vital messages that relate to the times in which we live and the deep meaning of the prophetic events that are beginning to happen. Sermons portraying the meaning of recent events and the fulfillment of prophecy in our time will be absolutely vital to hear. You cannot afford to miss a single service!

God knows His Church needs new LIFE, new VIGOR and GREATER INSPIRATION! This Feast of Tabernacles promises to be jam-packed with just what you need to fulfill the very purpose for which you are on earth.

Unprecedented impact

When this Festival brings some 6,000 to 10,000 people into a community for eight days, the impact on that area is simply UNPRECEDENTED! The entire community wonders what these people will be like. Anticipating the worst (having experienced other large crowds drawn by rock bands and public demonstrations), and yet hoping for the best, each area in its own particular way girds for the onslaught of our "conventioners."

For example: Our Festival Office staff members are often asked: "What kind of people are these?" "What do they believe?" "What is the Feast of Tabernacles?" "How will they treat my establishment?" "Are they heavy drinkers?" These and dozens of other questions are running through the minds of thousands of the local residents.

You will give them the (See TOMORROW, page 8)



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called for the special duty of standing behind Jesus Christ's apostle in preparing for THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

A special people

We, then, are a SPECIAL and PECULIAR PEOPLE (I Peter 2:9), not of this world — thousands of people backing Jesus' apostle in going to the world.

God established a 7,000-year MASTER PLAN for accomplishing HIS PURPOSE for MAN! Yet there is DUALITY in everything God does.

God's work through humans started with the creation of the first man, ADAM (and his wife, Eve). The PHYSICAL creation of man began with Adam. But the SPIRITUAL creation of man begins with the second Adam, JESUS CHRIST. Man's ultimate

— His SHED BLOOD for the remission of our sins UPON REAL REPENTANCE. The second festival pictures the coming out of SIN, as the Israelites came out of Egypt during those same seven days.

The THIRD festival is the "Feast of Firstfruits," called in New Testament times "Pentecost." It reminds us that the FEW of us in God's Church are only the FIRST SMALL HARVEST of God's spiritual harvest.

The FOURTH festival, the Feast of Trumpets, comes on the first day of the seventh month of the sacred calendar. It pictures to us the RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST TO EARTH IN SUPREME POWER to rule all nations.

Up to then, the VERY FEW called by God have had to overcome SATAN and SATAN'S

MENT with God.

Then the SIXTH festival is the one we are now about to celebrate — the FEAST OF TABERNACLES. It pictures the GREAT MAIN HARVEST OF THIS 7,000 years.

The SEVENTH festival, the Last Great Day, follows the SEVEN DAYS of the Feast of Tabernacles. The first of these seven days is a high Sabbath, and the one day following the Feast of Tabernacles — the eighth day — is a high Sabbath, picturing the GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT.

A time of rejuvenation

The Feast of Tabernacles is intended to be a time of inspiration, a time of rejuvenation! It is the only time in the year that God makes it possible for all His children to rest from their regular duties, to worship and rejoice together, to concentrate on the deep meaning of the age in which we live and RENEW our personal dedication to the commission we have been given!

Attending this Feast of Tabernacles, you should be refreshed by living eight days in a manner that renews your perspective of God's coming Kingdom and REDEDICATED to go out

Finances up, reports treasurer

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — The July report is a little more encouraging than last month. July income was up 17.1 percent over July, 1984.

Evangelist Leroy Neff is treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God.

Such a good increase brought the year-to-date increase to 12.3 percent, which is just a little over budget. Expenses are still at about the same level as last year so cash re-

serves are about what was expected.

The General Ledger section of the Accounting Department completed its financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30. It is pleasing to see that the "fund balances" have increased about 6 percent during the year.

This fiscal report is not an audited report, as only the annual report is audited. It is used to measure progress at midyear, and to fulfill requirements of certain loan contracts.

Church members contribute

about 80 percent of the income received by the Church, co-workers about 15 percent and donors about 5 percent. These figures vary a little from time to time.

There are about as many co-workers as there are members, and these two categories provide about 95 percent of the income of the Church.

These contributors make it financially possible for the Gospel to be preached to the world for a witness, on television, radio and by the printed page. Millions hear and see this good news and benefit from it, while tens of thousands make it possible. This reminds me of Gideon's army of 300 in Judges 7.

Most members are generous in their offerings as well as being faithful in tithing. There are, no doubt, exceptions to this. What the Church needs is more financial laborers for the harvest. If we pray earnestly, I am sure that God will influence many others from among those millions to join in this effort, and abundantly supply the need.

Pre-Feast Worldwide News

PASADENA — "Preparations continue to go very smoothly overall for this year's Feast of Tabernacles, although much remains to be accomplished," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a member of the Festival coordinating team.

"Each of us individually should begin now to concentrate on completing our personal Feast plans," he continued. "We hope the articles in this issue of *The Worldwide News* will help."

Articles to help brethren prepare for the Feast begin with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's article on this page.

World Tomorrow: No. 1

PASADENA — *The World Tomorrow* is aired in more television markets than any other religious program in the United States, according to the May syndicated program analysis from Arbitron, an independent television and radio ratings service.

The *World Tomorrow* telecast now airs on 290 stations in 196 markets.

David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing, said: "We have the highest potential viewing audience of any religious program aired in the U.S. We have the potential of reaching 98.8 percent of Americans, virtually the entire U.S. population."

"Arbitron publishes a report every three months," Mr. Hulme told *The Worldwide News* Aug. 9. "When the next one comes out in September, we expect to be No. 1 in some other categories, since we use more television stations than any other religious program and have added several new ones in the past few months."

The bomb: feeling aftershock of 40 years

PASADENA — What saved millions of lives — including possibly a whole race of people — yet threatens humankind with extinction?

The bomb. In the first week of August, newspapers, newsmagazines and television documentaries provided coverage of the atomic bomb attacks on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 40 years ago, which hastened the end of World War II. The news media was full of what, in America, in football terminology is known as "Monday morning quarterbacking" — hindsight evaluation from a comfortable vantage point 40 years down the road.

Was it necessary for the United States, as part of its military strategy, to drop the two fearsome weapons? Or should there have been a demonstration explosion instead?

Not a few experts, however, said that trying to make judgments four decades later is bound to be faulty; that one can properly understand what happened Aug. 6 and 9, 1945, only by having lived through the war — with all of its barbarity. In other words, knowing the true temper of the times.

At the beginning of the \$2 billion crash Manhattan Project, which produced the "Little Boy" and "Fat Man" bombs, scientists were driven

by the knowledge that Nazi scientists were working on the atomic bomb too.

Win the race

Fears that Hitlerite oppression would spell the end of Western civilization drove the American (and British) physicists on to make certain the Allied powers got the superweapon first.

Their worries diminished by the spring of 1945 as the "Thousand Year Reich" collapsed in Europe. But Japan, the remaining Axis power, was a stubborn and dangerous enemy, even in retreat.

The closer the Allied forces got to Japan the more suicidal Japanese defenses became. The battle for Okinawa caused more than 200,000 military and civilian deaths.

Okinawa was what led author William Manchester, in *Goodbye, Darkness*, his memoir of the war, to write, "You think of the lives which would have been lost in an invasion of Japan's home islands — a staggering number of American lives but millions more of Japanese..."

Mr. Manchester, biographer of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the Rockefellers, the Krupp family and lately Winston Churchill, commented that "every scholar, even the Japanese scholars, say the Japanese would never have surren-

dered without the bomb."

A demonstration atomic bomb would not, it is now widely believed, have convinced the Japanese military command to give up the fight. Even after the second bomb was dropped, there was little inclination to give in.

Cathryn Donahue wrote in the

drous for this whole nation to be destroyed like a beautiful flower?" the war minister asked."

It is fortunate that Emperor Hirohito insisted that Japan accept the Allied terms of surrender.

While much is correctly made of the awesome destruction and loss of life wrought by two power-

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



Aug. 7 *Washington Times*: "On August 9... fully aware of the second atomic attack on Nagasaki, they petitioned the Emperor Hirohito to allow them to lure the Americans ashore and annihilate them. National honor, they said, required one last battle on Japanese soil."

"If the people of Japan approach the decisive battle for our homeland with determination to show their full measure of patriotism, and to fight until none of us survives, then, Your Majesty, I am convinced that Japan can overcome the crisis facing her," Japan's war minister, Gen. Ko-rechika Anami, told the emperor that night. "Would it not be won-

ful weapons, too little is made of the far greater loss of life that could have been brought about by conventional warfare on Japanese soil. The continuation of the Japanese race was at stake.

Awesome destructive potential

Many of the scientists who worked on the top-secret Manhat-

tan Project have since become crusaders for control of atomic weapons. Their goal, 40 years ago, was to bring an end to a war that killed more than 50 million by conventional means alone. The fire bombings of Tokyo, Japan, and Dresden and Hamburg, Germany, were every bit as destructive (except for no radiation) as what occurred to Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

These nuclear physicists had no idea at that time that the number of atomic and nuclear weapons would soar to more than 50,000 (13,000 megatons deployed by the United States and the Soviet Union alone).

Nor had they any idea how awesome weapon systems would become, piling the 0.01 megaton Hiroshima bomb into comparative insignificance. One U.S. Trident submarine, for example, contains as much destructive power in its missiles as 25 World War II's.

Harrison Brown, a Manhattan Project veteran, is editor in chief of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. In his August editorial, Dr. Brown wrote that an all-out war involving between 5,000 and 10,000 megatons could kill one billion people. (See **AFTERSHOCK**, page 8)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Are you putting it off?

Why procrastinate? I put off writing this column for quite some time, so I think that question is appropriate for me. It probably is for you, too.

A lot of us feel pressed for time. We can't seem to catch up. We don't feel we are accomplishing much. We are afraid to be alone with our thoughts, because those thoughts inevitably turn to things we should be doing.

Many of these problems are caused by procrastination, the habit of needlessly putting things off. Procrastination is such a subtle disease that we sometimes fail to recognize an attack of it. You're down with a case of procrastination if you:

- Regret not having accomplished anything at the end of the day, even though there was nothing to stop you from completing a long list of chores.
- Deliberately work slowly at something, planning to speed up later to finish it.
- Delay putting a great idea into action, telling yourself you'll start tomorrow.
- Find yourself running needless errands instead of getting down to the task at hand.

A serious problem

Some people are hindered by procrastination more than others, but everyone is guilty of it sometimes. Shrugging your shoulders and saying "That's the way I am" or trying to forget about it are not the solutions. Successful people overcome weaknesses. As Christians, that's what we were placed on earth to do — overcome (Revelation 2:7).

Procrastination deprives us of satisfaction and happiness. No problem is solved by tossing it into a tray marked "pending" or "do it later."

Years ago Edward Young wrote, "Procrastination is the thief of time." Procrastination is much more — it is the thief of our self-

respect. It deprives us of the fullest realization of our ambitions and hopes.

Procrastination is extremely damaging to the Christian. Do you find yourself putting off prayer and Bible study because you "don't have the time"? What about meditation and fasting? What does it matter, we think, if we don't write that letter today or telephone that ailing friend? It won't hurt to postpone that dental appointment or wait until later to read *The Plain Truth* or *The Good News*.

Tomorrow is always another day, we tell ourselves. But that's exactly what the person said whose house burned the month after he let his insurance lapse.

What causes procrastination?

Procrastination may in some instances be attributed to illness. Good health and having a purpose in mind give you energy to tackle jobs and get them out of the way.

Some chronic procrastinators had parents who did more for them than was necessary. Perhaps the parents picked up after their children or did the things they left undone. Thus the children never learned that there is a penalty for putting off duties. Someone else always did the work.

We are all inclined to postpone doing things that are distasteful or difficult. We would rather putter around with unimportant matters so we have an excuse for not doing the unpleasant jobs. But none of us escape our quota of disagreeable tasks. Ignoring jobs that must be done won't make them fade away.

Writers, composers, business executives and other people engaged in creative work sometimes claim they are waiting for "inspiration" to do something. As a writer I've found, however, that the best way to gain "inspiration" is to insert a blank sheet of paper into the typewriter.

Other people shroud procrastination in a maze of red tape, protesting that they must first consider the problem from every angle and think of all the possibilities. On the whole, it is wiser to make prompt decisions than wait for something else to happen. To put off a decision while gathering pertinent information is wise, but be sure you are not just stalling. Great leaders deliberate with caution, but act boldly and decisively.

Overcoming inertia

So how do we overcome procrastination? Begin in a small way. Be orderly in whatever you do. Write down what you want to achieve physically, mentally and spiritually. Then act! Your effort may help you acquire a new pattern of living as you learn to distinguish between the best and worst ways of doing things.

Schedule your time. Estimate how long you need to perform each of your tasks and number them in order of importance. Then wade through them.

Be punctual. Immature people excuse themselves for being late by saying they have no sense of time. If that were true, though, they would be early as often as they are late. Fulfilling our responsibilities is not merely a matter of doing the things we should, but doing them when we should — whether we feel like it or not.

Concentrate on the job at hand, but look ahead and plan what needs to be done next. At the end of the day you will be able to look back at a number of accomplishments. This will give you a sense of satisfaction and raise your self-esteem. It will also push you to do even greater things tomorrow.

Once you make a decision, follow through and carry it out. There is no greater method for getting things done than to just start. Doing nothing results in discouragement.

Don't defend or find excuses for procrastination. Winston Churchill said, "If you simply take up the attitude of defending it [failure to achieve], there will be no hope of improvement."

By constructive thought and energetic application, we can eliminate procrastination from our lives. We can accomplish much more than we ever have before. Happiness and fuller, more enjoyable Christian lives will be our reward.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Brittle human leadership

HELSINKI, Finland — Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications, and I were among the hundreds of journalists in attendance at the 10-year anniversary Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

Hundreds of thousands of words poured out of Helsinki. The conference was a success or failure (in varying degrees) depending on which newspapers or magazines you read.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Iowa visit

We just wanted to pass along to Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong and the rest of the brethren how much we appreciated Mr. Armstrong's recent visit to Des Moines [Iowa] for that local congregation's 20th anniversary. To those of us away from headquarters who do not get the opportunity to see Christ's Apostle, frequently, this is a real treat.

The detractors and dissenters would try to make us believe that Mr. Armstrong is feeble and cannot get around very well, that he is old and senile. Well, those of us here in the Midwest who saw him that day can attest that that is a lie...

I was very much impressed with his ability to remember details, such as some of the streets he traveled back in his younger life in the city. It was in 1915 that he left Des Moines, but he could remember several of the streets, including curves in the roads and the fact that his first job was right at the precise street corners where the church services were being held that day in the Marriott Hotel.

Dick Davis
Omaha, Neb.

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"Iron Sharpens Iron"

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you so very much for the new section in *The Worldwide News*, "Iron Sharpens Iron." It really is excellent... This just adds that extra balance to this superb Church publication. The updating of Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's visits and also the visits of other prominent ministers is so essential as are the many articles on church areas and people. (See **LETTERS**, page 13)

The original Helsinki conference took place in July, 1975. The signers of the Final Act (including the Soviet Union and leading countries in the Warsaw Pact) affirmed their basic belief in human rights.

Some little progress has been made in the intervening 10 years. For instance, journalists can travel more freely in Iron Curtain countries. Obviously, much more remains to be accomplished.

Of interest was a 10-year-old television news report originating from Tallinn, Estonia (across the Gulf of Finland in the Soviet Union). I cannot understand Russian, but the pictures were quite interesting.

First, a Finnish passenger train was seen approaching Helsinki's main railway station. Leonid Brezhnev, Communist Party first secretary. (See **LEADERSHIP**, page 8)

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Fight frustration, strain, stress by showing courtesy, concern

By Jeff Zhorne

The Feast of Tabernacles can be a time to wholeheartedly express love, concern and goodwill to brethren. Or it can be a stressful, frustrating time when we are discourteous, tactless and rude.

Restaurants, hotels and shops at Festival sites offer valuable opportunities for us to avoid the lack of common courtesy, general rudeness and growing depersonalization that seem to permeate every facet of daily life — whether at work, at school or in the home. In our daily routines it is easy to be oblivious to how others feel.

While experts say overcrowding, stress and a fast-paced life-style are responsible for the increasing impudence and insensitivity, Church members must work hard to show a better way of living wherever they go.

It often takes effort to smile, talk politely or be friendly on the telephone, in the office or to strangers, especially when you don't feel like doing so.

The right principles of manners

and conduct have been in force since almost the beginning of time. "Love your neighbor as yourself" appears in Leviticus 19:18 (Revised Authorized Version) as well as in the gospel accounts. "Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise" (Luke 6:31, RAV).

This year during the Feast consider the other person and avoid making excessive noise in your motel or camp area late at night. Take a moment to empathize with others.

Ask yourself what Christ would do in the following situations: when you are in a conversation and an usher asks you to be seated before services begin; when you don't want to park where the attendant asks you to; when you arrive exhausted at your hotel only to find unmade beds; when you think the service at a restaurant is not up to standards and are tempted not to tip; when kept waiting in a long line of traffic; or when making reservations over the telephone.

Are you acting and thinking courteously? Are your children?

The Bible says a lot about how thought precedes action. If courtesy and politeness are not a part of your nature, it will be extremely difficult to show it outwardly. Go to God, who is able to accomplish all things. He can help you become courteous in thought and in action.



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

Prepare for Feast with checklist

To help you prepare for your departure to the Feast of Tabernacles, the Festival Office has compiled the following checklist of things to do before leaving home.

Transportation and reservations

- ☐ Have car checked (tires, oil).
- ☐ Verify reservations for airplane, hotels and rental car. Get confirmation numbers.

School and work

- ☐ Notify school officials that chil-

dren will be gone, and get homework.

- ☐ Remind employer of dates you will be gone.

Packing

- ☐ Make a packing list and enclose a copy in your suitcase for return trip.
- ☐ Check luggage for broken hinges and locks.
- ☐ Have clothes cleaned and mended.
- ☐ If traveling overseas, remember passport, visas and other necessary travel documents.
- ☐ Purchase traveler's checks with the majority of second tithe. Pack the serial numbers separately from the checks.
- ☐ Remember Holy Day offering envelopes, September issue of *The Good News*, Bible, notebook and second tithe, including traveler's checks.
- ☐ Pack a small bag with amusements for the children.

Around the house

- ☐ Stop delivery of newspaper.

- ☐ Have a neighbor pick up mail or notify post office to hold.
- ☐ If expecting any deliveries have them held.
- ☐ Have someone water plants or lawn, if necessary.
- ☐ Have household pets taken care of (remember they should not be taken to the Feast of Tabernacles).
- ☐ Ask a reliable neighbor to watch the house.
- ☐ Notify police of the dates you will be gone.
- ☐ Leave a phone number with a neighbor where you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- ☐ Pay any bills that may become delinquent.
- ☐ Consider putting a couple of lights and a radio on a timer.
- ☐ Use or throw away perishable food.
- ☐ Empty all garbage.
- ☐ Shut off water faucets.
- ☐ Unplug small electrical appliances.
- ☐ Turn off garage door opener.
- ☐ Close and lock all windows and doors.

Asking teachers for time off

By Dexter Faulkner

"Mr. Hamilton, you don't understand. We just want Billy excused for a little more than two weeks while we go to Saratoga Springs."

"I'm sorry, Mrs. Smith, we have a strict attendance policy here, and I thought I made that very clear to you earlier. Besides, we're administering a special battery of intelligence tests during the first week of October. I'm afraid we can't make an exception for your son."

This is not a fictitious example.

A similar experience occurred with our oldest son. My wife, herself a teacher, talked to Nathan's teacher and offered to substitute for her so the tests could be given to Nathan. As it turned out, so many students missed the testing because of illness that my wife went to the school after the Feast and administered the tests herself!

Similar trials are faced by thousands of parents each fall. While some are filled with "Feast fever," others dread the annual confrontation with public school teachers.

Some face little opposition, while others must settle the matter in a court of law. As parents of two sons, my wife and I have had our share of problems with teachers unfamiliar with God's Holy Days.

Helpful principles

Following are principles that can help parents through these trials and present God's Church in a positive light at the same time.

Remember your first contact with God's Church? It took a lot of study and prayer before you understood God's Holy Days. Now, as a converted Christian observing God's laws, many people "cannot understand it, and they vilify you accordingly" (1 Peter 4:4, New English Bible).

But this reaction can be minimized or even eliminated. Remember that a primary reaction of human nature to something unfamiliar is fear. If a teacher doesn't understand what you're doing and feels threatened, he or she will lash out in self-protection. He or she is frustrated enough with overcrowded classrooms and related problems.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Proverbs 15:1).

Janet Hendershot of Sarasota, Fla., a mother of five, shared some

sound advice in a letter to me. She suggested you contact your child's teacher early in the school year, several weeks before the Feast of Tabernacles. Be friendly (Proverbs 18:24) and request that a conference take place after school when no other children will be present.

Let the teacher know you are willing to help him or her in any way you can to make his job easier. Ask for assignments for your children to complete. We always make our Feast trips educational, searching out the historical meaning of whatever site we attend. Our boys would then write an extra-credit paper for school.

Our youngest son had a teacher for fourth grade who our oldest son had had for the same grade.

About a week after the beginning of school, my wife stopped by after school. She saw Matt's teacher in the hall and commented that possibly they could get together sometime the next week for a conference. The teacher smiled and said: "If you want to tell me Matt will be out of school for two weeks, don't worry about it. He will learn more on your trip than he will in school. Our whole class will benefit from his paper and report."

Mrs. Hendershot also suggested that you go to this meeting dressed in your best Sabbath wear. It's important to represent your family and God's Church the best you are able. Come to the point immediately, being pleasantly firm about your plans. (For more help, read "Your Child's First Year in School — Are You Prepared?" in the August, 1981, *Good News*.)

I might point out that some try to palm off the Feast of Tabernacles as an annual vacation. Later, when the subject of religious observances does come up, it looks like the "vacationer" is trying to hide something. Be up front with your plans.

Be prepared

Another problem is that some brethren are unable to explain the significance of the Holy Days, not even knowing (from memory) the main chapters of the Bible in which the annual Holy Days are mentioned. As the apostle Peter wrote, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15).

In other words, dust off Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's booklet *Pagan Holidays — or God's Holy Days — Which?* and be intimately familiar with the festivals we keep. Don't be embarrassed by asking for a special favor that you cannot explain why you want or need.

If the teacher won't cooperate, don't back down. Instead, politely assert your rights. Go to the principal, or the teacher's supervisor.

One key to resolving this matter positively is obtaining good counsel from your pastor and from other ministers in your church or deacons and deaconesses who have been through the situation many times (Proverbs 11:14, 15:22) before you meet with any school official.

If a special problem exists, your pastor may be able to accompany you. Don't overlook this help that God has made available to you.

In summary, don't forget that "many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him [or her] out of them all" (Psalms 34:19). Humbly claim this promise of God's, that your children's teachers may one day say: "Surely this . . . is a wise and understanding people. For what [Church] is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for?" (Deuteronomy 4:6-7).

Take time to plan your trip. Include museums and historical sites along the way. It's a great opportunity for parents to teach their youngsters about nature or how God has influenced historical events.

One of our children's most memorable Feasts was when we lived in Washington, D.C., and our assigned Feast site was Jekyll Island, Ga.

On the way to the Feast we visited Kitty Hawk, N.C., where the Wright brothers made the first successful flight in a motor-powered airplane. On the way home we went through Charleston, S.C., and visited Ft. Sumter. The capture of Ft. Sumter precipitated the American Civil War.

Now this may mean Mom and Dad will have to do their homework too. But it will be so much more enjoyable for you all. Have a rewarding and educational Feast, both spiritually and physically.

Proper use of fine wine can enrich Holy Days

During the Feast of Tabernacles, God gives us the opportunity to afford some really fine food and drink, including wine. There is a right use of wine, and during this season we should demonstrate that right use, primarily at the many dinners we will be eating with one another.

And why not? No other beverage is as closely identified with the Feast of Tabernacles as wine.

Deuteronomy 14:26 lists wine as one of the pleasures for which the festival tithe is bestowed; Isaiah 25:6 describes the Millennium (typified by the Feast) as "a feast of wines on the lees."

Fascinatingly enough, the prime attribute that makes for good wine is the same attribute that gauges a person's spiritual condition — *character*.

The best wine comes from low-yielding varieties of grapes. And not only is the yield per acre lower for such grapes, but the grapes themselves are small.

Wine receives its taste and color from the grape skin, and smaller grapes mean a higher proportion of skin to juice. With wine, as with many other things, quantity tends to degrade quality. Thus, quality

wines come from only a few varieties of grapes among the thousands in existence.

These select few grapes can be counted on one hand: among reds, the cabernet sauvignon and the pinot noir; and among whites, the chardonnay and the riesling.

Other kinds of grapes, of course, can also produce fine wine, but these few are regarded as the world's foremost.

Wine is appropriate to the Feast of Tabernacles because it represents such qualities as patience, hard work, thoughtfulness and cleanliness. The small bit of astringency in dry table wine can make our food taste better. Wine is an aid to digestion (1 Timothy 5:23). And having a glass of wine with a meal tends to slow down the pace of the meal so there is more time for fellowship.

Wine "makes merry" (Ecclesiastes 10:19), and used in moderation can help people relax at a Feast (John 2:1-10). But wine, like all alcoholic beverages, can be abused. It's a test of character to avoid overindulgence. You should not drink so much that it affects your judgment (Philippians 4:5).

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Second-Tithe Assistance

Members should not go to the Feast without sufficient funds expecting assistance at the Festival site. According to Ministerial Services, only limited funds for genuine emergencies will be available at the Festival locations, and then only with the local pastor's recommendation.

Quality, modest, clean clothing shows honor to God at services

By Leroy Neff

Have you ever been revolted by the appearance or dress of another person?

An abysmal lack of training in dress, grooming and hygiene, evidenced by the increasing number of "strange"-looking people on display in public, is apparent today. You can see such people at almost any time in almost any locale.

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But wait. You may easily see many faults in the dress and appearance of others, especially when they are extreme. But how do you appear to other people? And more important, how do you appear before God? Is He concerned?

God most certainly does care about how you look. If you are a true Christian, you are one of the few lights in this dark world (Matthew 5:14). But what kind of a light are you?

At this Feast of Tabernacles, you will be appearing before God Himself to picture the literal utopia that the wonderful world tomorrow will be. In addition, you will be on display to others in the Church and people outside the Church.

What type of impression will you leave in terms of your appearance?

People have appeared before God and others at God's feasts in shameful ways. They have come to His annual Holy Days, as well as regular Bible studies and church services, in

all manner of improper clothing.

We all ought to examine ourselves concerning our clothing before we appear before God. We ought to wear the best clothing we have (suited, of course, to the particular occasion), and our clothes should be cleaned and pressed.

For church services, men normally ought to be in suits, with jacket and tie, and the women in their best dresses. A few exceptions exist in some areas of the world, where custom or weather dictates otherwise.

You women should ask yourselves if your attire conforms to the scriptural admonition regarding modest apparel (1 Timothy 2:9). We need balance and propriety in our clothing and dress.

Some give the excuse that they are poor. It doesn't cost money to wash your clothes and press them or to mend them. But it does take work!

People are the products of the cultures in which they were reared.

Many are too lazy or indifferent to improve themselves or their environments. But as God's people we must change if we are to grow enough to enter God's Kingdom. If we are used to shoddy goods, we must change. If we are used to filth and squalor, we must change.

Here are some simple guidelines you should follow at all times—not just at the Feast of Tabernacles.

You should bathe daily. You should wear appropriate clothing for the occasion. Your hair should be clean and well groomed. God commands that men should have short hair and women long hair (1 Corinthians 11:14-15), yet some men in the Church have longer hair than some women.

If you do not know how to dress appropriately for the Feast, look for good examples in your congregation. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and God's other ministers and their wives set a good example.



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If you are a husband, you should supply a sufficient amount of money or materials for clothing for your wife and children. Wives, familiarize yourself with Proverbs 31:19, 21-22, 24, which shows that a good

wife will be supplying appropriate quality clothing for her family. Grow toward the perfect example of Jesus Christ. Strive for balance.

God's way is to change, to work hard and improve physically and spiritually. Are you following this way? Are you improving in your grooming?

When you appear before Jesus Christ at this Feast of Tabernacles, show your respect, admiration and love for Him by dressing and preparing properly for the occasion. Glorify God in your body!

What if this was your last Feast?

By Sheila Graham

How many times have you observed the Feast of Tabernacles? Twenty, 10, five?

How many times will you observe the Feast in the future? It's hard to say, isn't it? We don't really know whether it will be five or six times or 10 times or more—or less—do we?

What if you only had one more Feast of Tabernacles in this life? What would you do differently than at past Feasts?

This year can and should be different because, being physical, our time is running out. For example, we only have our children at home with us for about 18 to 20 years at best. Are we using those 20 or 10 or

five Feasts with our families to build strong relationships and a deep love and enthusiasm for God's laws and festivals that they will keep forever and pass on to their children?

It's not too late to make strong, sound plans for the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles. Remember, those who fail to plan are planning to fail.

When planning goals for the Feast—whether activities to build relationships between mates, parents and children, other family members or brethren, or to honor God in service or offerings—the first thing you should do is write down your goals. Get them on paper where you can see them.

Next, ask yourself, realistically, *Can I do all these things during this Feast?* Is there something in your plans that needs to be scheduled next Feast or during this coming year or even next week? Don't frustrate yourself and your family with overly optimistic, unattainable goals.

Get your family involved. Find out what your mate and your children want to accomplish during this Feast. Are there objections to a few of your plans? Don't dwell on the objections, but don't overlook them. Some of your plans may have to be revised. Remember, although you may have a list of goals for yourself, your planning should take your whole family into account.

Now, when are you going to do it? Make yourself a Festival planning calendar. Keep it flexible, because schedules of services can change even during the Feast. List your goals according to priority. Let your family know that keeping God's Festival properly is what's most important, and that you are concerned about their desires and interests, too.

Planning in this way allows your family to understand why everything they want to do isn't always possible, and why parents have to sometimes say no to children's wishes.

Ask yourself what can be done before the Feast, on the way to the Feast or on the way back from the Feast. Some family activities might be scheduled then. Make sure your plans include scheduled Festival activities, such as the films and dances.

This year, build family relationships, take a widow out, include some of your children's friends in a family activity. Really do it! Start your list of goals today. Your time is running out.

Get most from Feast messages

Do you know that it is possible to diligently save second tithe and spend many hours preparing for the Feast and benefit little from the experience?

This could happen to you if you do not prepare beforehand to listen effectively to the sermonettes and sermons that will be delivered at the Feast.

Preparing beforehand to listen effectively can increase the value of the sermons and sermonettes you will hear. Listening effectively is important because God is revealing to His end-time Church much knowledge never before understood.

Since the spiritual messages are the most important part of the Feast, we should be prepared—both physically and mentally—to listen. A good night's sleep and adequate, not heavy, meals help to prepare for good listening.

Asking God for the ability to listen more effectively is a good way to start each morning at the Feast.

Brethren should make a concentrated effort to attend every service. If not, you might miss a sermon that would have been just what you needed. For any sermon to be effective it must be heard. If words fall on dull ears or empty minds, nothing is gained.

Come to services with a desire to learn and change. Proverbs says that those who desire to hear instruction are wise (Proverbs 1:5, 8:32-34). Be in a continually repentant attitude, willing to admit error and to submit to correction (1 John 1:8-10).

Give the speaker your undivided attention. Don't be distracted by a dropped book or a mother taking a baby out of services. And be sure to take effective (not excessive) notes. Take just enough notes to help you review, or to reinforce a main point. Taking too many notes may cause you to miss a point the speaker is making.

Wine

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Many of us will be eating meals in restaurants during the Feast. Not every restaurant knows the proper way to serve wine, though many restaurants will offer it.

A truly fine red wine should be opened as soon as possible after ordering your meal, because such wine needs somewhere between 20 and 30 minutes to breathe before it is at its best. Most white wines should be served chilled.

What kind of wine should you have with your food?

Dry white wine goes well with fish because the higher acidity of

the wine cuts the oil in the fish.

Really fine red wine should preferably not be served with spicy foods, such as certain Mexican or Italian dishes, because the spices will make it hard to appreciate the various flavors in the wine. (Beer goes best with Mexican food, and most Italian wine is "harsh" enough to stand up to traditional Italian dishes.)

Sweet wine should be reserved for dessert because sweetness is deadening and tends to depress your appreciation of your food.

When drinking wine, you should take the time to notice its color (how brilliant?), its aromas and bouquets (its smell), its body (heaviness on the tongue) and its

"finish" (aftertaste).

And after swallowing, think a few moments about what you just swallowed. As Robert Louis Stevenson once said, "A bottle of good wine, like a good act, shines ever in the retrospect."

A word of caution. There should always be nonalcoholic beverages available for those who prefer them, and people who have a problem controlling their intake of alcohol should not drink wine at all, except at the Passover, where it is commanded.

If a person who does not drink for conscience sake is present at a meal, outgoing concern dictates that those who can drink wine forgo it for that occasion (Romans 14:21).

WINE AT A GLANCE

WINE CLASS	TYPES	TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS	TYPICAL FOODS TO ACCOMPANY
APPETIZER	Sherry, Vermouth	Dry to sweet	Cheese snacks, appetizers
DESSERT	Madeira, Marsala, Muscat, Muscatel, Port, Sweet or Cream Sherry, Tokay	Sweet	Fruit, cookies, fruitcakes, nuts, cheeses
RED	Barbera, Burgundy, Cabernet Sauvignon, Charbono, Gamay, Grignolino, Petite Syrah, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel	Dry	Hearty dishes (steaks, chops, roasts, game, cheese dishes, spaghetti)
ROSE		Dry to Sweet	All foods
SPARKLING	Champagne Brut Extra Dry Doux Sec Sparkling Burgundy Sparkling Rose Sparkling Muscat	Dry to very dry Semisweet Sweet Sweet Dry to semisweet Dry to semisweet Sweet	All foods
WHITE	Chablis, Chenin Blanc, Gewurtztraminer, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Chardonnay, Rhine (Johannisberg Riesling, Sylvaner) Liebfraumilch, Sauterne (Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon)	Dry Dry to sweet	Light dishes (fish, fowl, lamb, omelets)

We have tried to include in this list several of the world's most popular wines as well as some that, while less known, are worthy of note. Not all of them may be readily available at every Feast site, while you may discover some excellent wines that are not included. Prices for these wines vary.

Be cautious, expect differences if visiting international areas

By John Halford

Many people travel away from their home countries at Feast time. Foreign travel can be exciting — if you plan properly, have the right attitude and take a few precautions. Make sure you have the right documents. Most countries require foreign visitors to have valid passports.

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Leave photocopies of your passport and papers at home with a friend; tuck another copy in your suitcase. This will speed the replacement process if they are lost or stolen.

You should always keep passports, other documents and traveler's checks in a safe place.

Remember that most airlines insist that you reconfirm your return or onward flights several days before departure. If you do not reconfirm, airlines can give your reservations to someone else.

Be careful about your health and diet. Although the food at all Feast sites may be clean and wholesome, your stomach might not be accustomed to it. Eat carefully, especially at first. The same goes for drinking

water. Area Church members can advise you about whether to request bottled or boiled water.

Be aware that phone calls to home can be extremely expensive. A three-minute call to the United States from some places in Europe or Asia can cost more than 20 American dollars.

Electrical current and outlets vary greatly between countries. Your hair dryer or shaver may not work without a set of adapter plugs. If you're in doubt, don't plug it in.

Don't be the "ugly American" (Briton, Nigerian, German, Australian). Foreign countries are different — if they weren't, you might as well have stayed home.

Don't let these differences get you down. Don't ridicule your foreign hosts or their way of life. Don't tell people how much better things are where you are from.

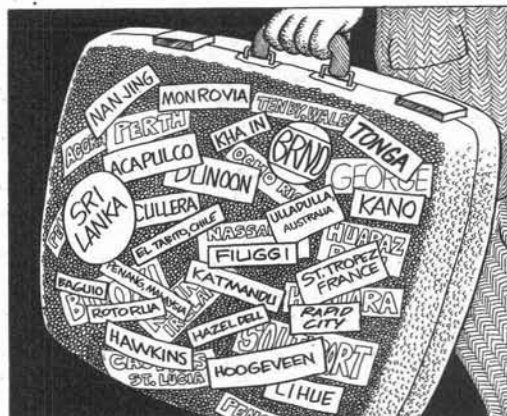
Remember that people in the country you visit are not intentionally trying to embarrass you or make you seem foolish. It is not their fault that you don't speak their language or don't like to do things the way they do.

The best way to make sure your foreign excursion is as enjoyable as possible is to prepare. Buy a good guidebook and read it. Find out about area customs. Try to learn a

few words of the language, even if you only master "hello," "please" and "thank you."

Talk to people who have visited where you are going. Know what to expect. Then you won't be tempted to complain if it is too hot, too cold, too expensive, too dirty or too different. There is no place like home, so don't expect your foreign Feast site to be.

Keep these things in mind, and your foreign Feast trip can be the experience of a lifetime.



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Pray for divine protection

How to avoid tragedy, disaster

By Michael A. Snyder

During the Feast of Tabernacles, brethren naturally focus on fellowship and enjoying the blessings of observing God's Feast.

But even during God's Feast, tragedy can unexpectedly strike members of God's Church.

Each day — especially when traveling — brethren should ask God for protection (see "Pray Daily for Divine Protection," *WN*, June 10).

Besides praying for divine protection, members can take steps to guard against theft and injury or death by fire.

Be careful with money

According to crime prevention officers, travelers should keep the bulk of their money in replaceable traveler's checks. Keep check numbers separate from the checks. Only small amounts of cash should be carried.

At restaurants and other public places, be discreet with your money. Flashing large rolls of bills only invites trouble. Deter pickpockets by carrying your wallet in a front pocket of your trousers. Women should maintain a firm grip on their purses and carry them in front. A purse dangling loosely from a shoulder

is a tempting target.

Prepare and carry separately a list of credit card numbers and telephone numbers to call if you lose them. Only carry the credit cards you need — keep them to a minimum.

The "giving" attitude that permeates the Feast often unfortunately motivates brethren to give money to panhandlers, carry large amounts of cash for tipping and buying small gifts, and perhaps to pick up the lone hitchhiker. Despite good intentions, all of the above can lead to disaster.

Money should not be given away publicly to indigents asking for a handout. Word travels quickly that a large group of "church" people who freely give away money are meeting at a specific hall, and this often quickly attracts other indigents. Muggers and thieves may pose as beggars.

When staying in a hotel or motel, doors should be kept locked. To gain access to your room, professional thieves will often pose as waiters with a "complimentary breakfast," or as repairmen or cleaning personnel. Check with the manager or other hotel personnel before opening the door. Professional thieves can quickly force open the door — even with a chain lock — after you have unlocked the main lock.

Report suspicious-looking people loitering around the area. Don't leave valuables in your room. Check them into the hotel safe.

Surviving a hotel fire

When you check into a hotel,

before unpacking, determine where the emergency exits and stairwells are from your room. Count the number of doors between the emergency exit and your door. During a hotel fire the corridor may be filled with smoke and the lights may be out. The only way you could reach the exit safely would be to crawl on your hands and knees through the corridor.

A firefighter specialist with the Los Angeles, Calif., Fire Department, recommends that if you smell smoke, you should immediately call and ask the fire department to investigate. He said that hotel managers will often send a security guard to find the fire first before notifying the fire department.

He also recommends that you keep your room keys near at hand and carry them with you if you evacuate your room. This way you can reenter the safety of your room if you encounter excessive smoke or fire in the corridor.

During a fire, don't use the hotel elevators. Elevators often react differently during a fire and can carry passengers to a floor that is on fire, instead of to safety.

Pool safety

Many brethren will be staying at hotels or motels with swimming pools. It is important that parents keep their eyes on younger children when they are swimming. Young children should not be allowed to swim unsupervised.

Using safety precautions and praying for protection can help ensure that the 1985 Feast will be one free from unexpected tragedy.

Consider children's needs while traveling to Feast

By Z. Harlean Botha

Many times a trip with infants and younger children isn't exactly getting away from it all, but with a proper attitude and preparation travel with children can be an enjoyable experience.

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First of all, adults should realize that traveling can be difficult for children and that special considerations must be given to their needs.

For babies, bring a collapsible stroller, a baby backpack carrier, disposable diapers, bottles, special formula if required, lots of changes of clothing and moist disposable cleansing pads.

If going by car, a bottle warmer that plugs into the cigarette lighter is handy. On an airplane, be sure to feed the baby juice or water during takeoff and landing to make it swallow and relieve pressure in his or her ears. (Mints or gum works just as well for the older set.)

For older children, bring in the car a blanket, pillows, cleansing pads, a cooler (if possible) with individual juice cans or packets and non-messy snacks such as apples, dried fruits and peanuts.

Children can make up their own travel boxes (a shoe box will do) filled with crayons, a coloring book, toys with no hard or sharp edges, an extra sweater and a plastic bag to gather their own souvenirs and treasures along the way.

Get a map and outline your route in a bright color. Show it to your children when they ask, "Where are we?" or "How much longer?"

Older children can be responsible to help navigate, be designated the trip's official photographer or be put in charge of supervising travel games when necessary. Some ideas are: "I Spy," "Twenty Questions," various word games derived from



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Employ layered method when packing suitcases

By Wilma Vernich and Debbie Burbach

Wouldn't it be nice if clothes just somehow magically found their way into your suitcase?

Here's a system designed to keep you from spending the Feast at the ironing board. It's best to pack your suitcase in three layers:

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First layer: Put all your heavier, oddly shaped articles — books, shoes, hair dryers — on the bottom. For even weight distribution, put shoes at one end, each pair in a plas-

tic bag. Then put your waterproof toiletries bag at the other end. Fill the rest of the space with clothes you don't mind being wrinkled, like underclothes, socks, bathing suit.

Second layer: Make a "shelf" of your slacks, shirts or dresses by spreading each one over as much of the suitcase as possible, with the least amount of wrinkles. Make folds at the hips for pants and skirts, at the shoulders for shirts and blouses. This layer can be removed and replaced easily later on. Fold ties over a piece of cardboard, using a rubber band to hold them in place. Tuck belts along the sides of the suitcase.

Third layer: Put on top of the second layer the things you will need first upon arrival — perhaps nightclothes, sweater, umbrella and rainwear.

Steps to a healthier Festival

Feast: quality over quantity

By Dan C. Taylor

The Feast is a wonderful foretaste of the Kingdom of God. However, it's hard to enjoy those physical and spiritual blessings if we spend most of the Feast in a state of utter exhaustion or walking around feeling like the Goodyear blimp as we go from restaurant to restaurant.

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Here are a few measures you can apply to ensure that you have a healthier Feast this year:

First, don't go to the Feast with the idea of "doing" Europe or the American West. Orient your sight-seeing toward quality, not quantity. This entails planning on your part. Do a little research on your Feast site and surrounding area. Find out what you would like to see and do, realistically, in the time you have.

Second, while you're checking on the area points of interest, find out what kind of weather you can expect. Pack the kind of clothing that will be appropriate.

Third, don't forget to get some exercise during the Feast. A contemplative walk or jog is a good way to meditate on what you've learned in services. Do as much of your sight-seeing as possible on foot, and be sure to take some good walking shoes along.

Fourth, watch your diet. It's nice to sample various exotic cuisines, but try to eat a good, wholesome diet. Be sure to drink plenty of good, clean water as well. Also, be careful where you eat and what you eat. Many a Feastgoer has been felled by some most-unfriendly bug or virus.

The Eternal wants us to rejoice before Him. In III John 2, the apostle John was inspired to write, "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in

all things and be in health" (Revised Authorized Version). If we realistically plan our sight-seeing, take appropriate clothing, get some exercise and eat a moderate, balanced diet — in other words, use common sense — we can all have a happier, healthier Feast this year.



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Pack bags, accessories wisely

By Kerri Miles

It will soon be time to pack for the Feast, but what should you take?

An important principle is to pack light. Only take what you can carry comfortably by yourself. While you're walking from the baggage claim to a taxi and from the taxi to a hotel, you may not always have help.

A suggestion is to carry one medium-sized suitcase (about 26 inches long), which you can check in, and a carry-on bag (no larger than 21 inches by 9 inches by 16 inches), to keep with you on the airplane.

The carry-on bag is important. Pack in it one complete change of clothes along with toiletries and valuables.

Occasionally, luggage will be improperly routed and you may have

to wait a day or two for its arrival. If you pack a change of clothing in your carry-on, you will have something to wear until your luggage arrives.

To avoid overpacking, plan your wardrobe for the activities in which you will participate. Be sure to consider the weather.

Pack clothes that can be coordinated with other garments, such as a skirt that can be worn with several blouses or several shirts that can be worn with one pair of slacks or trousers; and plan to wear items more than once. Pack only clothing you know you will wear or use.

If you are going to an international Feast site, remember that electrical currents vary from country to country. You may need a converter kit for blow dryers, electric razors or other appliances. Con-

verter kits can be purchased at drug stores and department stores.

If you are traveling with a group, conserve packing space by sharing irons and blow dryers.

Other items good to include are a camera and more film than you think you will use, comfortable shoes, since most sight-seeing will include a good deal of walking, a pocket calculator for figuring exchange rates and budgeting, and an emergency fund for unexpected situations.

You may also want to include a trip diary. Keeping a record of your trip can be a valuable souvenir. Children may want to keep their own trip diaries.

Finally, save some room in your luggage for souvenirs. You'll almost certainly return home with more than you took.

Safe drivers run checks before and during trips

By Bob Hutchison

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Each year thousands of people die on our highways. Everyone wants to be thought of as a good driver, but maybe we have allowed a few of our good driving habits to slip. Here are some ideas to consider.

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• **Tune-up:** If your car has been driven for 20,000 miles (about 30,000 kilometers) without a tune-up, it is time for one. Increased fuel efficiency can offset the initial cost.

• **Tires:** Retreads are not recommended for a long trip. Check for wear. If a little tread is showing, you need a new tire.

• **Belts:** Check belts in the engine compartment. If there is just one crack on the underside, replace the belt with a new one.

• **Fluids:** Check all fluid levels including motor oil, transmission fluid, radiator coolant, power-steering fluid, brake fluid, battery and windshield-washer fluid.

• **Lights:** Make sure all of your car's lights work. Turn on each light while someone walks around the car to see if they are functioning properly.

• **Make sure your car has either all radial or bias-belted tires.** Having different types increases the danger of increased wear and blow-outs. Check air pressure before leaving to make sure tires are not either over- or underinflated.

• **Consider carrying a first-aid kit and a fire extinguisher in your car while traveling long distances.** Make sure the extinguisher is rated for all types of fires (in the

United States, A-B-C).

• **Don't forget to check (or have a mechanic check) the heater and radiator hoses under the hood** — especially if your car is more than three years old. Hoses should be soft and pliable and not show signs of leaking. A split hose can quickly ruin both a trip and your engine.

• **Keep your headrest adjusted so you can touch the back of your head with it.** This lessens the chance of serious neck injuries if you are hit from behind.

Get proper rest

When driving to or from the Feast, don't drive all night. Stop before your normal bedtime and get a good night's sleep, rather than risk falling asleep at the wheel. It is wise to have a second driver so that no one drives more than two hours at a time.

All occupants should wear seat belts. (Small children should be buckled into secure child-restraint devices.) The driver should refuse to drive until all occupants are buckled in.

Drive defensively

Don't tailgate. Keep a safe margin between you and the vehicle in front. On freeways or multilane roads, it is best not to drive beside another vehicle except to pass. If you needed to swerve to avoid an obstacle you could have an accident.

Obey all traffic rules and regulations, including the speed limit. Driving too fast increases stopping distance and the force of impact. It causes your tires to wear out faster and decreases gas mileage.

Do not drink and drive. You should allow an hour to pass for each drink before driving.

Sites set for Sabbath services

PASADENA — The Festival Office announced that Sabbath services will take place in the following locations on the Sabbath, Sept. 28.

U.S. sites

Anchorage, Alaska
Hotel Captain Cook
5th and K Streets
Anchorage, Alaska
1 p.m.

Big Sandy
Field House
Ambassador College
Big Sandy
2:30 p.m.

Biloxi, Miss.
Mississippi Coliseum and Convention Center
3800 W. Beach Blvd.
Biloxi, Miss.
2 p.m.

Corpus Christi, Tex.
Bayfront Convention Center
1901 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Tex.
3 p.m.

Dayton, Ohio
IUE Local 768
4127 E. Second St.
Dayton, Ohio
10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Eugene, Ore.
Lane County Convention Center
796 W. 13th
Eugene, Ore.
2 p.m.

Jekyll Island, Ga.
Jekyll Island Convention Center
1 Beachview Dr.
Jekyll Island, Ga.
1 p.m.

Johnson City, Tenn.
Local IBEW
U.S. Highway 11-W
Blountville, Tenn.
2:30 p.m.

Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.
Tabernacle Building
Festival Grounds
Junction Highway 54
and Highway 42
Osage Beach, Mo.
2:30 p.m.

Lihue, Hawaii
Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall
4191 Hardy St.
Lihue, Hawaii
3 p.m.

KMT Hall
Chinese Cultural Plaza
100 N. Beretania, No. 204
Honolulu, Hawaii
3 p.m.

Mount Pocono, Pa.
Tabernacle Building
Festival Grounds
Green Road
Mount Pocono, Pa.
2 p.m.

Norfolk, Va.
Chrysler Hall
Corner of Brambleton and St. Paul's Blvd.
Norfolk, Va.
10:30 a.m.

Pasadena
Ambassador Auditorium
Pasadena
2:30 p.m.

Pensacola, Fla.
Field House
University of West Florida
(Exit No. 5 off Interstate 10; Davis Highway north to University Park Drive; left three miles to the campus.)

Rapid City, S.D.
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
Exhibit Hall
444 Mt. Rushmore Rd. N
Rapid City, S.D.
2 p.m.

Sacramento, Calif.
The Community/Convention Center
Exhibit Hall
14th and J Streets
Sacramento, Calif.
2:30 p.m.

St. Petersburg, Fla.
Bayfront Center Theater
400 First St. S
St. Petersburg, Fla.
10:30 a.m.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
Saratoga Springs City Center
522 Broadway

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
2:30 p.m.

Spokane, Wash.
Masonic Temple
1108 W. Riverside
Spokane, Wash.
1:30 p.m.

Tucson, Ariz.
Carson Junior High School
7777 E. Stella
Tucson, Ariz.
2:30 p.m.

Vail, Colo.
Dobson Arena
321 E. Lionshead Circle
Vail, Colo.
2 p.m.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
Tabernacle Building
Festival Grounds
Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
1 p.m.

Canadian sites

Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Sheraton Prince Edward
18 Queen St.
Charlottetown, P.E.I.
10:30 a.m.

Hull, Que.
Sir Robert Bordon High School
131 Green Bank Rd. S
Ottawa, Ont.
2 p.m.

Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Red Jacket Inn
7001 Buffalo Ave.
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
1 p.m.

Penticton, B.C.
Peach Bowl
273 Power St.
Penticton, B.C.
2 p.m.

Regina, Sask.
Cochrane High School
1069 14th Ave.
Regina, Sask.
2 p.m.

Victoria, B.C.
Royal Theater
805 Broughton St.
Victoria, B.C.
2:30 p.m.

Holy Day Offering Envelopes

PASADENA — Holy Day offering envelopes for the Fall Holy Days have been mailed, according to the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

MPC would again like to encourage brethren to make every effort to use these preaddressed envelopes for offerings. Doing so helps keep processing time and costs to a minimum.

For Pentecost, MPC received about 46,000 machine-labeled envelopes and 9,000 that were handwritten. The 46,000 envelopes were processed in about 90 hours; the 9,000 handwritten ones took 113 hours. The handwritten envelopes (one sixth of the total) took 23 hours longer to process than those that were machine labeled.

Brethren should be careful to completely and properly fill out checks and make sure that the written and numerical amounts agree. Those using traveler's checks, should be certain to countersign them in the correct place.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Right child training promotes family enjoyment at Holy Days

By Joan C. Bogdanchik

What a wonderful time the Feast is for the whole family — or, at least, it ought to be. And that includes your children. Your children should love the Feast!

Year by year children, just like their parents, are coming into a fuller understanding of God's ways. Year by year children should be happier, more obedient and more responsive at the Feast.

Joan C. Bogdanchik teaches second grade at Imperial Schools in Pasadena.

The trip to the Feast is a special time for families. The whole family is together for the entire day, instead of just after work. There are few interruptions.

Plans can be made. Long talks can take place. The pleasure of visiting various historic and naturally beautiful sites can be enjoyed. Various travel games can be played, providing family fun and educational opportunities for children.

Some consider travel dreary. The approach we take is the key. Being together, playing together, working together are vital for families. Traveling to the Feast together can be fun.

Before and after we reach our Feast sites, we should try to set a good example. Explain to your children that just as at home, in hotels there should be no running in the rooms or halls, no slamming of doors or screeching of voices.

Do your children always answer adults politely? In this society, children must be taught to be leery of strangers. But at the Feast, with parents beside them, children can practice responding politely to waiters, maids and other hotel and restaurant attendants.

Of course, safety precautions in the rooms and swimming pool — everywhere at the Feast — should be carefully observed at all times.

Behavior at services

Parents shouldn't attempt to do the bulk of their child training at the Feast. Teaching and training your children how to conduct themselves in services should have begun long before — and for most of you it's

not too late to start right now.

Mothers and fathers can set aside a period of quiet time each day at home, perhaps a half hour or 45 minutes, teaching children to stay in one place and listen or play quietly during that period. When it comes time for services, if children are accustomed to a quiet time they will not be so apt to be noisy and to disturb others.



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

We should be teaching our children how to control themselves and to direct their interests and energies into positive, proper channels all the time. This is where consistency in child training pays off. Progress can be seen if parents cooperate to do their part.

Trips out of the meeting hall may be necessary until self-control is entrenched — there should be no embarrassment in this. Patient, loving firmness is needed to achieve the right result. Sit where exiting will cause minimum distraction. Don't "camp out" in the mothers' room, talk with other mothers or allow your child to disturb sleeping babies.

Restroom trips should not be frequent if children are taken to the facilities just before services. Remember to accompany your young children to the restrooms and to know where they are at all times.

A word of caution: Those who have older children or who have not had children should not judge others' effectiveness. This puts a heavier burden on young parents. Help, instead, by assisting if needed. Offer to carry bags or open doors.

Children should be taught to respect the Sabbath days and maintain proper decorum during ser-

vices. They can learn to sit quietly and play by themselves, not with others. They can look at books or color, though crayons, colored pens and pencils must not come near the hymnals.

Teach them not to get up and down from seat to blanket, then blanket to seat, over and over again and not to talk to you during the messages unless it is absolutely necessary. Even younger children need to learn that what is being said is important and that it is important for everyone to listen.

As children enter the scribbling stage, they will want to emulate you if you take notes. Give your child a large, unlined notepad to write on during services.

When your child learns to print,

he might begin looking at your notebook. Let him copy the scripture references, which you should print in large manuscript letters so he can easily read them. He'll soon be adding word notes.

At this stage, toys at services are needed less. Your child is gaining more of an understanding of the purpose of services. His attention span is increasing. Praise your child for sitting and listening in services. He wants to please you, and this encouragement will show him how he needs to act to do so.

At mealtime

Children's conduct at meals during the Feast should also reflect preparation done long before.

The family is usually together at mealtime. Thoughts and the day's experiences are shared in a pleasant, warm, family atmosphere.

Parents should teach proper table manners in a kind and loving manner. Soon, only a look or a gesture should be needed in a family that consistently has been applying proper rules of child rearing. Meals,

especially at the Feast, should be a joy.

School assignments

Since many children will miss two or more weeks of school during the Feast, they will probably need to take schoolwork along with them.

Regretfully, some students feel the Feast is no time to study, and return to school with assignments undone. This displeases their teachers and tarnishes the reputations of Church children both present and future.

Other children neglect the spiritual messages, and study during services. We are where our minds are. Which course will your sons and daughters follow this Feast?

To the Feast you are taking the "olive plants" you have planted, nourished and pruned throughout the years. They are your handiwork and fruit, and reflect all the training and work — or the lack of it — you have put in.

If your children go to the Feast well trained, your Feast will be filled with rejoicing.

Attitude, action turn Festival into preview of God's Kingdom

By Mark McCulley

Will your personal life at the Feast of Tabernacles properly picture the Kingdom of God?

We have eight days each year to practice living together under God's government. If we follow the standards of that government closely, our personal foretaste of the Kingdom will be sharp and clear. If we do not, we will miss much of the benefit of these eight days.

Mark McCulley is Festival planning coordinator.

Every year in the Festival Office, we hear reports about the adventures of Church members keeping the Feast. In cases where members encounter problems, a common thread prevails: not using God's Spirit constantly to regulate attitude and action.

In attending services, participating in activities, taking care of a temporary dwelling and serving in various ways, we sometimes forget to keep a close watch on our attitudes. Then, Satan can influence us to react wrongly. Impatience, selfishness, anger and envy can arise.

Several years ago, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong wrote: "God expects us to set an example for others. That example is Jesus Christ living His life in you! At the Feast of Tabernacles, we should express to each community the fruits of a totally changed and converted life."

Those fruits are found in Galatians 5:22-23. Following are examples, based on situations members commonly encounter at the Feast, of ways we can practice these right attitudes during God's Feast of Tabernacles.

Express love and joy

Love is outgoing concern. Love could mean letting someone else into line ahead of yourself or sharing your second tithe to allow someone else to go to the Feast. It could mean escorting someone who needs transportation or taking to

dinner someone who otherwise would be eating alone.

Part of love is willingness to serve (Galatians 5:13). Many people serve long hours at the Feast to provide more fully for the rest of us. Sometimes these people can become so busy serving that they can't fully partake of the other aspects of the Feast.



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

The solution is for everyone to serve a little so no one must serve too long. And we can all help by giving a cheery smile and a "thank you" to those who are serving.

We can also serve by picking up after ourselves. In services, the area around our chairs and other areas we use, such as the restrooms, should be as neat and clean as possible after we leave. This will minimize the amount of work that must be done by others and allow more time for the spiritual learning God intends.

What better time than the Feast to practice showing joy? As Romans 14:17 says, "For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Revised Authorized Version).

Many hotel and restaurant owners have commented, year after year, on the happiness and joy shown by the members of the Worldwide Church of God. Are you one of those who causes that reaction?

What if problems come our way during the Feast? Should we become worried or upset? If we re-

member that God always works everything out for our good (Romans 8:28), we can still be joyful.

Practice peace and patience

What a paradox it is that when the world finds itself on the brink of self-destruction, the Church of God can have peace (Psalms 119:165)!

Peace implies total trust in God and a total commitment to His ways. "To be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:6). In this eight-day experience of drawing away from the world and looking forward to God's Kingdom, we should strive to draw closer to God and practice being spiritually minded. Then we will have peace.

How long will each of us probably spend waiting during the Feast this year? Those with the Spirit of God can overcome the frustration of waiting by exercising patience.

An old sports saying goes, "The best defense is a good offense." That saying applies perfectly when we must wait. Often the person in front of or behind us in line is also in God's Church and has just listened to the same sermon we did.

By turning outward and fellowshiping with someone of like mind, instead of turning inward and focusing on our tired feet and growling stomach, we can turn a potentially unpleasant experience into an uplifting conversation. We should always keep our thinking and speaking positive.

Think on these things

Galatians 5:22-23 lists several other fruits of God's Holy Spirit: gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Before the Feast, it would be good to meditate on how we can better apply these qualities in our lives.

If each of us exercises these fruits of God's Holy Spirit — these attitudes of a giving way of life — the Feast will be much more of a foretaste of God's Kingdom.

And we will be that much closer to ruling with Jesus Christ in that Kingdom!

Test yourself

Test yourself! Here is a set of questions about information that appeared in the July-August *Plain Truth* or June-July *Good News*. See how many you can answer accurately. In parentheses following each question is the page number on which you can find the answer.

- (1) A U.S. pullout from the United Nations would reflect what two major world trends? (July-August *Plain Truth*, page 6)
- (2) What is the chief miracle of the New Testament? (July-August *Plain Truth*, page 7)
- (3) True or false: Experience has shown that because of the extremely negative conditions in many inner-city environments, it is now impossible to rear young people successfully in such situations. (July-August *Plain Truth*, page 15)
- (4) True or false: It is possible to be free from worry and anxiety now. (June-July *Good News*, page 4)
- (5) True or false: Even though we are being trained to be teachers in the world tomorrow, many of God's people have no opportunities to teach in this lifetime. (June-July *Good News*, page 7)
- (6) True or false: The Sabbath is the only one of the Ten Commandments not directly mentioned in the New Testament as still being in force today. (June-July *Good News*, page 16)

Tomorrow

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answers, by your example, for a full eight days!

Here is the opportunity to be a LIGHT to the world by LIVING the picture of the Millennium — the Kingdom of God in action on this earth — as a witness to these people.

We can, by our own PERSONAL EXAMPLES during this Festival, be used by God as a powerful witness that may help lead others into the very truth of God and a way of escape from the terrible times ahead!

We set an example

THINK about that as it is a very real responsibility!

God expects us to set an example for others. That EXAMPLE is Jesus Christ living His life in you! At the Feast of Taber-

done in MODERATION. However, let's not flaunt this privilege before the community by drinking to excess!

We need not hide what we do, but we do need to guard against setting a wrong example in the communities that are hosts of the Festival.

The apostle Paul said, "Do not let your good be spoken of as evil" (Romans 14:16, Revised Authorized Version throughout). Paul continued to say, "It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak" (verse 21).

We are to be a light and an example to others. Please set a good example and BE MODERATE in ALL things!

Give according to blessings

Remember, also, God com-

Remember that "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7). PLAN to give as generous an offering as you can possibly afford, according to the blessing God has given you. We are God's people! Let's continue proving it to Him!

This year we are again looking forward to one of the finest, most inspiring Feasts of Tabernacles of all!

There is no way to describe the emotional IMPACT and the DEEP THRILL that can be yours in journeying to the place God has set His name in a humble, yielded and worshipful attitude where thousands of others are assembled together, gathering as one family in one place for the observance of God's annual Festival!

From the first sound of thousands of voices lifted in song during the opening service to the

ing in Bible studies, family occasions, recreational activities such as boating, waterskiing, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, fishing, visiting historical sites or tourist attractions or just relaxing with one's family around the pool with a group of friends.

God has given you all this — and more — in His Feast of Tab-

ernacles! However, let's keep this Feast fully understanding WHY we do so, RENEWING once again the meaning of this Festival and REDEDICATING ourselves to the work that God has called us to finish.

May God be with you and bless this Feast of Tabernacles even beyond our expectations!



PRESS TOUR — From left: Roger Lippross, production director of Publishing Services; Colin Passmore, managing director of Ambassador Press; Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services; Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications; and Boyd Leeson, U.S. Plain Truth circulation manager; tour Ambassador Press in Radlett, England, Aug. 6. (Photo by David Gunn)

Press rebuilds equipment to handle British growth

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Ambassador Press in Radlett, England, has made various improvements to meet demand caused by an increased pressrun for *The Plain Truth*, according to David Gunn, printing coordinator.

The pressrun at Ambassador Press, owned by the Passmore Print Group, increased with the concentration of foreign-language-edition printing in England and increases in *Plain Truth* circulation, Mr. Gunn said.

The changes mean that Ambassador Press will be able to maintain the two-week cycle of printing and mailing *The Plain Truth*.

All presses were rebuilt to improve output and quality. A high-speed binding line was installed along with linking equipment so bound magazines can be moved around the bindery automatically. This streamlines the flow of work through to the Mailing Department, Mr. Gunn said.

The Mailing Department has also expanded by adding a second plastic-wrap machine with specifications selected for *The Plain Truth*.

These developments mean that Ambassador Press can more efficiently cope with the Church's production needs and give the Church better service in all areas, Mr. Gunn said.

Colin Passmore, managing director of Ambassador Press, told us that when we said we were going to grow he believed us, but he was surprised at the speed of growth, Mr. Gunn said.

Special Music Needed for Sites

PASADENA — Choir members, soloists and instrumentalists are still needed to perform special music at several Feast sites, including Anchorage, Alaska, and Corpus Christi, Tex., according to the Festival Office. Please immediately contact the appropriate Festival choir director as listed in the June 24 *Worldwide News*.

"We keep the Feast of Tabernacles to get a foretaste of that wonderful World Tomorrow. And it is nearer now than you think!"

nacles, we should express to each community the fruits of a totally changed and converted life. That is a very important way in which each one of YOU can serve!

Jesus lived a life of cleanliness; He took care of the property of others! He undoubtedly paid His bills in full and on time. Let's be aware that our relationship with each individual with whom we come in contact at the Festival is representative of the Church as a whole.

We have been called out of a darkened world to be a light — to shine before men that they may see our GOOD WORKS and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

Drinking, for example, is a part of this festive week when

mands US NOT TO COME EMPTY to His Festival, but to plan ahead, and be prepared to give a generous offering, ACCORDING to the blessing He has given us.

Notice! "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks [Pentecost], and at the FEAST of TABERNACLES; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed" (Deuteronomy 16:16).

God says each is to give, as He is able (verse 17).

Where OUR TREASURE is, that is where our HEARTS will be also! Where is YOUR heart? Hopefully in the work Jesus Christ is doing!

So please THINK about it.

closing prayer, the Festival is always an exciting, thrilling and never-to-be-forgotten experience. There will be literally thousands of fellow heirs in Jesus Christ in our midst, thousands to whom every day, every event will be an experience they will cherish for the rest of their lives!

The week of the Feast

Just think of what lies ahead during the week of the Feast of Tabernacles: the wonderful opportunity of visiting and fellowshiping with thousands of others in whom is the Spirit of God; attending inspiring, uplifting, dynamic services and hearing the meaningful sermons; attending the many special activities scheduled; partici-

of independence began a little more than two decades ago."

More than 15 years ago Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong began to accept invitations to visit world leaders — to spread the Gospel to the gentile world. Some were overthrown before he could accept a second invitation.

We look forward to a world of permanent leaders. Those in high office will be immortal. At that time another proverb will have found its ultimate fulfillment. "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice" (Proverbs 29:2).

Aftershock

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ple outright, with an additional billion succumbing later to injuries from the blasts, fires and radiation.

And speculations about a resultant nuclear winter — dust and smoke hovering in the atmosphere, shutting out sunlight, producing severe temperature drops and a catastrophic decline in agricultural production — indicate the death toll could rise as high as four billion, or about 90 percent of the human population.

Imagine! Only a tithe of humanity left. And it could be worse if the effects of nuclear winter were transported south of the equator where 10 percent of the population live. (Nearly all the major population centers, including India, are in the Northern Hemisphere.)

Thus, all humankind is threatened with extinction, confirming Matthew 24:22 — "unless those

days were shortened, no flesh would be saved" (Revised Authorized Version).

Dr. Brown wrote that it is foolish to rely on concepts such as "mutually assured destruction" to guarantee that the ultimate war will not break out. History reveals that human beings, he said, "have shown that they are willing to see everything destroyed if they cannot have their way."

The beginning of a "nuclear build-down" is urgently needed, Dr. Brown contended, "paving the way for bringing some kind of order out of the international anarchy from which the whole world suffers."

The creation of, as he called it, "truly effective peacekeeping machinery" is imperative, so that "international disputes together with warlike actions" can be handled by means of a "global legal code backed up by the legal, military and economic machinery needed to take firm enforcement measures when required."

What Dr. Brown is describing, in secular terms, is not only what is needed, but what is soon to occur to this war-ravaged planet.

Soon, the Kingdom of God will be established. It will have the "legal, military and economic machinery" and power to enforce world peace (see Revelation 2:26-27).

This government of God will enforce the one "global legal code" that all men can live by successfully — the law of God.

Many of the great minds of this world, scientists, educators and politicians, know that a world government is needed. But they can't see how it will come about.

"I am not so naive," said Dr. Brown, "as to suppose that a full-fledged world government can be created in the near future."

Scripture reveals how a world government will be established. In the words of Jesus Christ, the coming King of kings: "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

Leadership

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tary, disembarked from the train and gave his official greeter a Russian bear hug. Later Mr. Brezhnev (looking none too well) was shown approaching Finlandia Hall where the original CSCE meetings also took place 10 years ago.

Then Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was seen entering Finlandia Hall. Then U.S. President Gerald Ford and family.

Also Marshal Josip Tito of Yugoslavia. And finally Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of the Federal Republic of Germany.

These 10-year-old news reports stimulated some thoughts. These leaders had one thing in common. Not a single one was in attendance at Helsinki 1985. Mr. Brezhnev and Mr. Tito are dead. Mr. Gromyko has moved on to another office. Mr. Ford is out of office. Mr. Schmidt is associated with a leading West German newspaper.

Human leadership is fragile. This age seems to be particularly hazardous for political leaders.

Great length of reign can be a great blessing. Saul, David and Solomon each reigned 40 years. There was continuity of leadership.

England prospered during the 64-year reign of Queen Victoria. The present constitutional monarchy (Queen Elizabeth II has reigned more than 30 years) has benefited Britain more than many have realized.

Disruptions in leadership can cause chaos. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill was summarily dismissed by the British electorate

in 1945. By the time he assumed the office of prime minister for the second time in 1951, the British Empire had virtually disappeared.

U.S. President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in the early weeks of his second term. The Civil War had damaged the nation severely. A constructive healing process was desperately needed. President Lincoln believed in great magnanimity toward the South. But hope for an orderly healing process was dashed to pieces with his sudden death. The South suffered needlessly.

Long reigns of wicked rulers are, of course, counterproductive. King Manasseh of ancient Judah reigned 55 years. He rivaled King Ahab for wickedness. The people suffered greatly under Manasseh in spite of a late repentance on his part. Nevertheless, frequent changes in leadership usually spell trouble.

The proverb says: "Because of the transgression of a land, many are its princes" (Proverbs 28:2, Revised Authorized Version throughout). Transgression of God's Law creates a climate conducive to musical officers. A series of wicked rulers causes transgression. It's a vicious circle.

Historically, the kings of Israel were infamous for their wickedness and short reigns. One only reigned a few days. Twice, three kings reigned in the same year. Of course, there were exceptions. Israel prospered materially (but not spiritually) during the long reign of Jeroboam II.

In our day, this principle still applies. *The Times* of London reported July 29: "Uganda's military coup is the 140th change of government in Black Africa since the wave



JUNIOR BOYS: 100-METER DASH



SENIOR GIRLS: 1500-METER RUN

Canadian YOU Track Meet

By Robert Millman
WINNIPEG, Man. — Nineteen meet records were broken at the sixth annual Canadian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) national track and field meet July 7.

Robert Millman is Youth Opportunities United (YOU) regional coordinator for Alberta and pastor of the Westlock and Athabasca, Alta., churches.

More than 250 teens from five regions participated in the meet at the University of Manitoba track and field stadium here.

Ontario placed first with 345 points; followed by Alberta, 208; Saskatchewan-Manitoba, 184; British Columbia, 148; and Quebec-Atlantic, 118.

Although medals were awarded to the top three finishers in each event, emphasis at national and regional meets is on athletes doing their personal best.

"Our philosophy for YOU track and field participation is that any athlete who improves on his or her previous personal best is a winner," said Douglas Smith, national meet director and pastor of the Edmonton, Alta., North and South churches.

Teens whose performance improved in one event compared to the regional meets received a bronze

medallion; in two events, a silver medallion; and in three events, a gold medallion. Colin Adair, regional director for the Church in Canada, awarded 106 bronze, 60 silver and 18 gold medallions.

Teens arrived in Winnipeg July 5 and spent the afternoon getting acquainted at an outdoor dinner.

Sabbath, July 6, a brunch was followed by hymn singing. Mr. Adair presented each athlete with a certificate of participation and a sterling silver maple leaf pin with an inset seal of the Worldwide Church of God.

The group attended Sabbath services in the Centennial Auditorium. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong planned to be present, but mechanical difficulties with the G-III prevented his attendance. Mr. Adair spoke on the sixth law of success, perseverance. Simultaneous translation was provided for French-speaking teens and coaches. A dinner followed.

Monday, July 8, the group toured the Royal Canadian Mint, visited the Museum of Man and Nature and saw a show on the return of Halley's comet at the Winnipeg Planetarium.

The group spent the afternoon at Fun Mountain water slides and the evening at a dinner dance aboard the MS *River Rouge* cruising down the Red and Assiniboine rivers. The group left for home July 9.



SENIOR GIRLS: JAVELIN



SENIOR GIRLS: LONG JUMP



OFFICIAL TIMERS



JUNIOR BOYS: 100-METER DASH



SENIOR BOYS: 400-METER RELAY



OPENING CEREMONIES



SENIOR BOYS: POLE VAULT



SENIOR BOYS: TRIPLE JUMP

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Local church elder
Miami, Fla.



John & Gladys Pentlin
Local church elder
Kansas City, Kan., South



George & Mickie Pinckney
Church pastor
Monroe and Alexandria, La., and Natchez, Miss.



David & Elverda Rambal
Local church elder
Parkersburg, W. Va.

Receive plaques marking 25 years of service

Pastors serve quarter century

PASADENA — Five pastors received plaques marking a quarter century of service in Christ's ministry, according to evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services.

Evangelist Burk McNair presented Hal W. Baird Jr. a plaque on Pentecost; Roger Foster was presented a plaque by evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, June 15; and Mr. Tkach presented plaques to Alvin Dennis, Selmer Hegvold and Clint Zimmerman July 16 during session 18 of the Ministerial Refreshing Program.

Following are biographical sketches of the men and their ministerial careers.

Hal Baird

Mr. Baird, 68, is associate pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches. Before being transferred to his present assignment, Mr. Baird pastored churches in Eugene and Salem, Ore.; Chicago and Bloomington, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Milwaukee and Redlands, Wis.; Long Beach and Palo Alto, Calif.; and Corpus Christi, Harlingen, Victoria and Houston East, Tex.

Mr. Baird completed 3½ years at Pasadena Ambassador College before being ordained a preaching elder by Mr. Armstrong and several evangelists May 28, 1960. He was raised to pastor rank in January, 1969.

Alvin Dennis

Mr. Dennis, 57, pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, East church, was first ordained a local elder Pentecost, 1960. After being raised to preaching elder in June, 1965, Mr. Dennis was ordained a pastor in January, 1969.

Mr. Dennis has pastored churches in Fresno, Long Beach and Modesto, Calif., and Eugene

and Salem, Ore. He also served as a local elder in Fresno, Bakersfield and San Bernardino, Calif.

Mr. Dennis and his wife, the former Jo-ann Moore, have two sons and two daughters, Debbie, Thomas, Patricia and Andrew.

Roger Foster

Mr. Foster, 49, pastor of the Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, churches, was ordained a preaching elder by Mr. Armstrong June 4, 1960; and raised to pastor rank by the pastor general Jan. 7, 1964.

Married to the former Janice Roemer, Mr. Foster has served churches in Denver and Pueblo, Colo.; Garden City, Wichita and Liberal, Kan.; Long Beach and Los Angeles, Calif.; Corpus Christi and San Antonio, Tex.; Liberal, Kan.; Charlotte, Greensboro and Fayetteville, N.C.; and Lakeland, Orlando, St. Petersburg and Tampa, Fla.

A 1959 graduate of the Pasadena campus, Mr. Foster and his wife have three sons, David, Richard and Rodrick.

Selmer Hegvold

Mr. Hegvold, 69, pastor of the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church, was ordained a local elder by Mr. Armstrong May 28, 1960. Mr. Armstrong raised Mr. Hegvold to preaching elder May 25, 1963, and evangelists Ellis La Ravia and Mr. Tkach ordained Mr. Hegvold to pastor rank June 7, 1981.

Married to the former Iris Coyner, Mr. Hegvold served churches in Pasadena, Santa Barbara and Temple City, Calif.; Vancouver, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Crown Point, Ind.; Chicago, Ill.; West and South; and Big Sandy; before he was assigned to the Im-

perial A.M. church.

The Hegvolds have eight children, Paula, Karen, David, Jon, Shirley, Judith, Christine and Susan.

Clint Zimmerman

Dr. Zimmerman, 65, a doctor of chiropractic, was ordained a preaching elder by Mr. Armstrong June 4, 1960, and raised to pastor rank by the pastor general Jan. 8, 1964.

Married to the former Bertha "Bertie" Hein, Dr. Zimmerman pastored the Auditorium A.M. church in Pasadena. A former director of the Personal Correspondence Department in Pasadena, Dr. Zimmerman has also pastored churches in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Gabriel, Fontana and San Marino, Calif.; and Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colo.

The Zimmermans have three children, Clint II, pastor of the Fort Collins, Colo., Scottsbluff, Neb., and Wheatland, Wyo., churches; Kamie Mulroy; and Susan.



QUARTER CENTURY OF SERVICE — Top photo: evangelist Burk McNair (right) presents a plaque to Hal Baird for 25 years of service in Christ's ministry May 26. Bottom right: evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr. (second from right) takes time out for a photo July 16 after presenting 25-year plaques to (from left) Alvin Dennis, Clint Zimmerman and (far right) Selmer Hegvold. Bottom left: Roger Foster, who was presented a plaque June 15 by evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer. [Bottom right photo by Jeff Zhorne]



Ministerial Refreshing Program III

Session 19, July 31 to Aug. 13



Melvin & Diane Rhodes
Church pastor
Birmingham and Gloucester,
England, and Cardiff
and Carmarthen, Wales



Ellis & Victoria Rice
Local church elder
Cocoa, Fla.



James & Diane Rosenthal
Church pastor
Harrisburg, Pa.



Terrence & Linda Roth
Church pastor
St. John's, Nfld.



Honesto & Erlinda Rustia
Ministerial trainee
Sanlago and Roxas, Philippines



Marc & Elisabeth Segall
Church pastor
Jackson and Greenwood, Miss.



Alberto & Elizabeth Sousa
Church pastor
Essex, Argentina, and Salto,
Uruguay



Roland & Sheila Stanley
Local church elder
Florence, Ala.



Andrew & Gladys Teng
Ministerial trainee
Cebu, Dumaguete and
Tagbilaran, Philippines



Aldon & Dee Tuneseth
Local church elder
Anchorage, Alaska



**Harold & Irma
Van Lerberghe**
Local church elder
Antwerp, Belgium, and Tilburg,
Netherlands



Mark & Barbara Welch
Local church elder
Grand Rapids, Mich.



Ronald & Barbara Wheeler
Local church elder
Santa Rosa, Calif.



Owen & Christina Willis
Church pastor
Nairobi and Kilbirichia, Kenya,
and Blantyre, Malawi

Not pictured:
Cora Diehl
Pamela Havir

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Fourth of July celebrated

For the third consecutive year **FORT WORTH, Tex.**, YOU members built and entered a float in the July 4 Arlington, Tex., parade and won an award.

In 1983 the group took first in noncommercial competition; in 1984 they won the Mayor's Trophy and led the cable-televized parade; and this year they took second place in noncommercial competition.

Last year the parade committee informed YOU members that they had established a "level of excellence in float quality" that other entries would attempt to emulate.

The float description, read by television commentators on the parade route, read: "The Youth of Today — the Bridge Between the World of Yesterday — and the World Tomorrow."

"This year the YOU float salutes the ancestors of present day Americans, who have combined to make America the greatest single nation the world has ever known, and the float also salutes our youth of Today, who have been given their great American heritage by their ancestors of Yesterday. Our youth today will, through hard work, be that bridge to continue that heritage to their children in the World Tomorrow."

"The Statue of Liberty, and the torch she holds, are symbols of Liberty and Freedom — and have stirred the emotions of millions of immigrants and American travelers alike since 1886."

"Each of the YOU members on the float represent an ethnic group or nation from which they descended or wish to represent, and some are dressed in authentic native dress."

"On the bridge, above the 13-

member YOU band, are four young ladies representing the Youth of Today, and the four high schools in the Arlington School District. The bridge extends to the World Tomorrow — a time when "... the lion and the lamb shall lie together, and a little child shall lead them ..." (Isaiah 11:6).

"The World Tomorrow is depicted by three young children, with the lion and the lamb, all dwelling in peace and harmony."

In commemoration of the Fourth of July, **SEATTLE, Wash.**, brethren played host to a star-spangled salute June 30 marking the founding of the United States.

The celebration began with a softball tournament, with Seattle winning the women's contest, and Tacoma, Wash., taking first in the men's division. At noon the group broke for a picnic, followed by swimming and games.

A high point of the day was a patriotic concert performed by Seattle members for more than 500 brethren. The musical event was narrated by evangelist Dennis Luker, pastor of the Seattle and Bellevue, Wash., churches, and his wife, LeeAnn, who helped write and produce the concert.

The event praised the pioneering spirit of earlier Americans who battled the elements, struggled to survive the Great Depression or helped scoop out the Erie Canal.

With the American flag hanging in the background, the concert choral began with "This Is My Country." A flag-waving drill team performed to "The Stars and Stripes Forever," and a children's chorus sang "Yankee Doodle."

Pat Peterson added historical flavor with his rendition of "The Battle of New Orleans" and the "Ballad of Davy Crockett." Steve Skonard sang "Shenandoah."

Professional costuming, stage sets, lighting and audio added to the two-hour event.

Robert C. Smith and Gary Crouse and Jo Peralta.

Churches mark anniversaries

Brethren and guests celebrated the 25th anniversary of the **OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.**, church, the first in Oklahoma, July 13. Sabbath services took place at the Centre with 1,113 in attendance.

A booklet describing the history of the Oklahoma churches was distributed to each household.

Edward Smith, the first deacon ordained in the Oklahoma City church, and now a local church elder serving in the Cincinnati, Ohio, North church, gave a sermonette about the history of the churches in Oklahoma. Kenneth Swisher, who helped conduct Bible studies in Oklahoma from 1957 to 1959 and now pastors the Dallas, Tex., East church, gave the sermon.

After a meal Arnold Clauson, pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches, presented a slide history of God's Church in Oklahoma with pictorial surprises and anecdotes about the brethren.

The Tulsa, Okla., Dance Band tuned up for dance music, which continued until midnight.

Tenth anniversary celebrations of the **WAUSAU, Wis.**, church took place at John Muir Middle School July 13. The auditorium was filled with 412 members, including

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YOU FLOAT — A float built by Fort Worth, Tex., YOU members for the July 4 Arlington, Tex., parade takes second place in the noncommercial category. The float reads, "The Youth of Today — the Bridge Between the World of Yesterday — and the World Tomorrow."

Brethren take countryside camp-outs

Brethren from the **BLACKFOOT, Idaho**, church headed for the Grand Tetons for their annual Fourth of July camp-out July 3 through 7. This year the group included an expectant mother and a great-grandmother.

Seven states were represented by the 107 present for outdoor Sabbath services July 6, which featured loud seats, a lecturer and a bouquet of wild flowers.

Randy Schreiber, pastor of the Blackfoot and Twin Falls, Idaho, churches, gave the sermonette.

Boyd Mansanarez, a visiting minister from the Vancouver, Wash., church, gave the sermon. A potluck followed services.

Fishing, swimming, volleyball, softball and children's games were featured activities. William Martin, a Blackfoot local church elder, and his wife, Mary, on guitar, led a sing-along around the camp fire.

ABERDEEN, Scotland, brethren conducted their annual camp-out weekend June 28 to 30 at Tarland, Scotland, in the heart of Deeside in Aberdeenshire. Arriving early Friday evening, June 28, brethren erected tents, collected wood and lit camp fires.

Just after sunset what could have resulted in tragedy was averted,

when a propane gas canister burst into flames. A member and two teens were engulfed in the flames, but no one was even slightly burned.

That evening brethren listened to a *World Tomorrow* broadcast by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

The next day the group relaxed in the fresh air before attending Sabbath services. Tea and biscuits were served before a Bible quiz led by Aberdeen local church elder William Duncan.

Around sunset brethren shared a barbecue of spare ribs and beefburgers. Fellowship around the camp fire carried on into the wee hours.

Family activities got under way Sunday morning. Ivyn Moir explained car maintenance to teens. After lunch families entered a tug-of-war, a game of welly boot and other activities.

Brethren from **RED DEER and WETASKIWIN, Alta.**, shared an annual camp-out Dominion Day weekend June 28 to July 1 at the farm home of Earl St. Denis, a Wetaskiwin local church elder, and his wife.

Brethren, outlining the farmyard in various camping accommodations, fellowshiped Sabbath morning, June 29, before gathering for services at Winfield, Alta.

Philip Hopwood, assistant pastor, conducted a question-and-answer Bible study on the lawn after dinner, with a sing-along around the camp fire after sunset.

The next day children rode a merry-go-round, explored a fun house and played baseball and volleyball. The evening meal consisted

of barbecued lamb and beef, baked potatoes, salads and desserts for about 250 brethren.

An area member constructed a sauna with hot rocks as a source of heat for making steam. The group played volleyball and listened to violin and accordion music Sunday evening.

Several boys slept in a hayloft overnight before packing and saying farewell the next day with their families.

Phyllis Taylor, Jim Brown and John Thornton and Jeanette Engblom.

Singles share activities

Singles of the **PARIS, France**, church participated in a guided hike through the forest of Fontainebleau, France, July 21. The purpose of the hike was to become familiar with the forest's different trees and footpaths.

The 23 young adults, who covered hilly areas and sometimes rocky terrain, were led by Vincent Lesy, Jean Chauvet and Marie-Claude Bodot, who organized the outing.

Stopping once for a picnic lunch and occasionally for a drink, the group reached its goal after walking about 15 kilometers (almost 9½ miles). The day ended with another picnic and a ball game for those still on their feet.

Sixty-four singles and chaperons from the **KINGSTON, Jamaica**, church met at the Chesterville Youth Camp for a weekend of activities June 21 to 23.

After a bus ride of about two

hours along serpentine mountain roads, campers arrived at Chesterville, nestled about 5,000 feet above sea level in the verdant foothills of the Blue Mountains.

The camp began Friday night, June 21, with a taped message on the book of Ecclesiastes by Randi Bloom, assistant pastor of the Atlanta, Ga., West church.

A song service followed breakfast the next morning. Song leaders were Carlton Gordon, a deacon, and Michael Mitchell, an Ambassador College student serving as a summer ministerial trainee. Pastor Charles Fleming, after conducting Sabbath services in Kingston, gave a sermon to the singles on being service oriented.

A talent show and dance took place that evening. A card of appreciation signed by the singles was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming.

After indoor and outdoor sports and games Sunday, the group packed for home. Organizers of the event were Leaford Henderson, Junior Hart, Jennifer Ferguson, Maisie Gordon and Valerie Morris.

LONG ISLAND, N.Y., brethren played host to a singles weekend June 28 to 30, when singles representing 19 church areas shared an atmosphere of spiritual growth, fellowship and activities.

On the Sabbath, June 29, singles were treated to a hospitality hour starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Long Island church hall. The Long Island children's choir under the direction of deacon William Behrer performed "It Won't Be Long Now" for special music.

Gerald Witte, pastor of the Flint and Lansing, Mich., churches, gave a sermonette on personality. A sermon on the importance of being content in any situation was given

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Areas meet for 'PT' seminar

About 60 brethren from **WAUKESHA and KENOSHA, Wis.**, attended a daylong *Plain Truth* distribution seminar July 21 at the Red Carpet Hotel in Milwaukee, Wis. An introduction by pastor Joel Lillengreen kicked off the seminar.

Other speakers included Dale Puerner, who discussed the history and goals of *Plain Truth* distribution, as well as rapport, the library program and reporting; Alan Hanes, who spoke on the impressions brethren make on others, outlet closure, the waiting-room program, prayer and fasting; Fred Domnick, who gave pointers on effective presentations; and Michael Greider, Kenosha associate pastor, who talked about handling negative responses.

Mr. Lillengreen concluded the seminar at 3:30 p.m. Cathy Folker.

Group learns hang gliding

Twenty-four teens and eight adults from the **PASADENA Imperial A.M.** church received a controlled introduction to the sport of hang gliding July 14. About 20 brethren went as observers.

At a Los Angeles, Calif., beach the group received instruction in safety, glider construction and aerodynamic principles used in hang gliding from two instructors certified by the U.S. Hang Gliding Association.

The participants then helped assemble six gliders, learning more about their parts and safety procedures. The instructors gave a demonstration glide from a hill, then instruction continued on the beach.

The group was divided into six weight categories and matched with corresponding glider sizes, harnesses and helmets. While the instructors ran alongside the gliders, each student made several practice runs on the beach to learn how the wind lifts the glider and safe stopping.

After they had experience on ground level, the group took longer glides from a hill. Because the hill had a gentle slope, the instructors were able to touch the gliders as they ran alongside, giving instructions and minimizing the consequences of failing to follow directions.

No injuries took place because of the safety factors stressed by the instructors. Michael Morrison.

Clubs conduct graduations

The CROYDON, England, Spokesman Club met for its final meeting at the Croydon Holiday Inn July 9.

Club director John Meakin, pastor of the Brighton, Maidstone and Croydon, England, churches, welcomed guest director David House, pastor of the Channel Isles, Godalming, Reading and Southampton, England, churches, and his wife, Valerie. Mr. Meakin also welcomed guests Graham Hawkins, a Croydon local church elder, and his wife, Hannah.

Club President Douglas Bass presided over the evening and introduced topicsmaster Peter Kousal.

After topics the club feasted on a turkey banquet. Then toastmaster Robert Pearson introduced speakers Andrew Patey, Mike Riley, Harold Kingswood, Don Stillwell and Jim Hughes. Subjects included maintaining your credibility in a bad week, snore wars, behind every strong man — a strong woman and a tour of Scotland accompanied by transistorized bagpipes.

Five men graduated. They are Mike Suttie, Gordon Luxton, Roy White, Mr. Riley and Mr. Kousal. They were presented certificates by Mr. House, who stressed the value of clubs worldwide and the need to strive for quality and standards, using as an example the English royal family.

The PHILADELPHIA, Pa., A and B Spokesman Clubs concluded the year with their annual graduation dinner June 30 at the Williamson restaurant in Horsham, Pa., with 111 in attendance.

After opening remarks by overall director and pastor Carlos Perkins and B club President Vernon Jackson, Gary Biddington presented tabletops.

Garland Franklin, A club president, presided over the second half of the meeting. Toastmaster was Bill Medford.

Speakers were Paul Keen, Rudy Kuzan, Bruce Stewart, Dale Carlen and Anthony Vacanti. Their overall theme was "Prepare to Rule," accenting serving, teaching, changing and love.

Closing comments seasoned with humor were presented by Mr. Perkins, and Ronald Sarfert and Donald Traynor, Philadelphia local church elders.

The meeting ended with the awarding of certificates to graduates, Mr. Keen, Mr. Kuzan and Mr. Stewart.

John Meakin and Don Romeo.

New Yorkers sail yacht

Against the backdrop of New York City's financial and business districts, 40 singles from the BROOKLYN and QUEENS, N.Y., churches set out to sea July 21 on a 64-foot schooner for a twilight cruise in the summer breeze.

The men helped sail the yacht by raising and trimming the sails. The voyage took the group to the Statue of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge.

Before the cruise the singles took a guided tour of the South Street Seaport Museum's 11 blocks of restored buildings and sailing ships. The group toured a 347-foot, four-masted, square-rigged ship called the *Peking* and learned how to communicate between ships at sea using nautical flags. *Walter V. Delengo.*



BRITISH GRADUATES — From left, Peter Kousal, Mike Riley, Roy White, Mike Suttie and Gordon Luxton, members of the Croydon, England, Spokesman Club, receive graduation certificates July 9 at the club's final meeting of the year. (Photo by D. Patey)

Singles

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by Robert Fahey, pastor of the Long Island East and West, Manhattan and Westchester, N.Y., churches.

At 5:30 p.m. single brethren played Bible baseball, conducted by Thomas Fitzpatrick, associate pastor of the Long Island West church.

A catered buffet was shared before a dance from 9 p.m. to midnight, with music by the Long Island

church band, The New Horizons.

Sunday, the singles toured Manhattan with Mr. Fahey as guide. After the tour they joined brethren at Long Island's Lido Beach Town Park for a beach party.

Dale Schurter, associate pastor of the Long Island East and West, Manhattan and Westchester churches, coordinated weekend activities, assisted by James Hills and Pat Martinelli, presidents of the Manhattan singles club and Long Island singles club.

Virginia Forbes arranged housing for out-of-town guests and presented them with a brochure of events to remember this first Long Island singles weekend.

The DAVAO, Philippines, Singles Club learned table etiquette July 7 at the home of Church members Romeo and Erlinda Ancheta. Mr. Ancheta conducted the lecture titled "Table Etiquette and Courtesy," which included such topics as good eating habits, rules of using silverware, table manners and etiquette and how to serve.

After the question-and-answer portion, singles practiced setting the table. Then they divided into two groups and alternated serving and eating a three-course meal.

Mr. Ancheta conducted the lecture for Davao YOU members in

May. Ernesto Ariaga Jr., Davao singles club president, organized the event.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., young adults were hosts to the Golden Ambassadors at a picnic luncheon July 14 at Crown Point State Recreation Park on Mission Bay in San Diego.

The event helped the two groups become better acquainted. Planning committee members were Lisa Davis, Nancy Wold, Becky Bechthold, Lonnie Chapple and Jay Petrek.

Club sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. William Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Sherman.

Malika Kebaili, Kenroy Allen, Patrick Martinelli, Julian V. Conception Jr. and Susan Karoska.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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ple and places. Things to pray about. Roger Heath, Shropshire, England

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U.S. blessings

I received *The Worldwide News* today and, after reading about the situations in India and how our brethren in the Philippines are in danger ("Update," June 24), I can't help but pause and thank the almighty God for His truth and His Church.

And really pray "Thy Kingdom come."

We in the United States are so blessed and we don't even see all the blessings around us.

Thank you Mr. Herbert Armstrong for being the voice crying the warning message to this dying planet.

Judy Henry

Monroeville, Pa.

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Good News

I received my first *Good News* magazine. The contents interested me so I could not put it down until I had finished it. Never before has any religious magazine held my attention as this one.

I will not let my subscription run out. So many questions that have bothered me through the years came to light in just one issue. I am now looking forward to more answers in future issues.

J. Tillman
Westland, Mich.

Thank you for the invitation to receive the *Good News* magazine. I enjoy it so very much and always pass it on to a neighbor when I finish reading (unless it is one of the several copies I decide to keep to read again).

Since my husband's death several years ago, it has helped me to have a greater understanding of why some things must be.

Mrs. C.L. Frundell
Visalia, Calif.

Brethren picnic, organize games evening

Summer Sunshine Social was the theme for the seventh annual KENOSHA, Wis., church picnic at Van Patten Woods July 14. Temperatures were in the 80s Fahrenheit (27 to 31 degrees Celsius), and 80 percent of the brethren turned out.

The day began with a softball game, followed by a double-elimination volleyball tournament. John's Disciples emerged as the victors as eight teams vied for the championship.

A potluck was set up for lunch with beverages provided by the church. After refueling, brethren played adult and children's games in the afternoon. Infants crawled

from one parent to another in a baby-crawling contest.

Guessing games ran throughout the day. A photo-guessing contest featured pictures of Kenosha members from 15 or more years ago, with no hints given. Out of 21 photos, associate pastor Michael Greider's wife, Dana, guessed 16 right to win a family portrait certificate in the adult division.

In the children's division Bobby Sorrentino's 14 correct guesses won him a disc camera. Dan Salzman, Sandi Rendall and Joan Gollinger also won guessing games.

The Good Fruits Cellar, the area church's charity organization, sold raffle tickets to raise funds. Linda Maass won an afghan that was raffled off.

TEMORA, Australia, brethren shared family activities after Sabbath services July 13. The evening began with soup and snacks of sausage rolls and sandwiches.

Alan McDougal organized a guess-whose-baby-photo event, won by Margaret Manwaring.

An elimination dance was followed by a jump-on-my-balloon game. A balloon was tied to each person's leg. The last to have his or her balloon intact was declared the winner.

Alan Druce organized continuous table tennis for the energetic, while older members played card games. Quoits, hooky and carpet bowls also provided entertainment. The evening ended with a light dinner.

Donna Baker and Conni McClure, and Beverly Ledwidge.

Areas bid pastors good-bye

After Sabbath services and a potluck June 29 BINGHAMTON and CORNING, N.Y., brethren honored pastor Britton Taylor and his wife, Donna, before their transfer to Roanoke, Va., where Mr. Taylor will serve as pastor.

As master of ceremonies, Johnnie Lambert Jr., a Corning local

church elder, announced gifts presented to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for their service to the two churches for the past eight years. Gifts were also presented to Mr. Taylor's mother, Vee, and to the Taylors' daughters, Tricia and Laura.

Fallie Padwah served cakes she baked and decorated with a poem written for the Taylors by Vickie Flint. Mrs. Padwah also baked a cake in the shape of the United States with flags accenting significant places in Mr. Taylor's life.

June 16 PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, brethren were hosts to a farewell dinner and dance in honor of pastor Victor Simpson and his family. Mr. Simpson, after serving in the Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada churches for six years, now pastors the Bridgetown, Barbados; Castries, St. Lucia; and Kingstown, St. Vincent; churches.

The evening included a half hour of presentations to the Simpson family on behalf of Youth Educational Services (YES) and YOU members, singles, senior citizens, the Spokesman and Graduate clubs, office staff and the Trinidad church.

Nancy Sylor and Clifton Charles.



FAREWELL GIFT — Clifton Charles (left), pastor of the churches in Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada, presents a gift to departing pastor Victor Simpson on behalf of Port of Spain, Trinidad, brethren June 16. Mr. Simpson will serve brethren in Barbados, St. Lucia and St. Vincent.

Churches

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guests from other areas, attending Sabbath services.

David Fiedler, former Wausau pastor, who now pastors the Findlay and Toledo, Ohio, churches, gave the sermon. Norman Strayer, pastor of the Wausau and Wisconsin Dells, Wis., churches, led songs, and Donald Mathie, a Wausau local church elder, gave the sermonette.

In the evening Harold Koth presented a slide show titled *The Land Which We Passed Through to Search It*, narrated on tape by Richard Frankel, pastor of the Washington, D.C., and Front Royal, Va., churches.

After sundown master of ceremonies Ron Jones introduced the singles group for entertainment consisting of two skits about a dinner date and one-upmanship. Gerald Wendt read his original poem titled *Our Spiritual Mother*.

Other festivities included dancing and a film. Memories of 10 years were placed throughout the hall. Joyce Wendt decorated an anniversary cake with the seal of the Worldwide Church of God.

Michael D. Crist and Shirley Stevens.

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

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — One hundred fifty members living in Kingston, Jamaica, are experiencing the results of "severe drought," said Stan Bass, regional director for English-speaking areas in the Caribbean.

Interviewed by telephone by *The Worldwide News* Aug. 13, Mr. Bass said that Kingston had "only about a two-day supply of water" for the 684,000 residents.

"The problem is that Kingston always has a water problem about this time of year because they are located on the dry side of the island. The mountains block some of the rainfall they would normally receive," the regional director explained.

"However, this year it is far worse than normal."

Kingston has two reservoirs with a combined capacity of 1.2 billion Imperial gallons. "I was just there last Sabbath [Aug. 10], and they only had about 100 to 130 million Imperial gallons left," he said. (An Imperial gallon equals 1.2 U.S. gallons.)

The regional director said that brethren jokingly call him "the rain-maker," since after he arrived in Kingston it rained for two days straight. "But there's a long way to go before the drought is broken," he said.

"Although the rest of the island is not affected by the water problems in Kingston, we would request that brethren worldwide pray that God would intervene for the members here," he said.

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PASADENA — *The World Tomorrow* telecast *What Is the Basis of Religion?* drew 18,140 telephone calls here and in Big Sandy Aug. 10 and 11, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

The response is the third highest in history.

Eleven times in 1985, weekend U.S. telephone response has topped the 1984 high mark of 13,940, Mr. Rice said.

Weekend response in 1985 has averaged 13,000 calls each weekend.

The highest number of calls was received by MPC July 13 and 14 when the telephone response areas received 20,064 calls, according to Mr. Rice.

During the Aug. 10 and 11 program Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong explained some of the history of the Worldwide Church of God and how he came to understand the truth about God's Sabbath.

One viewer from North Carolina commented: "I want to personally thank Mr. Armstrong for the truth he has been teaching. I read and study all the booklets I get from you. I always accepted Sunday as God's day of worship because I was taught that all these years. Through Mr. Armstrong I've learned that Christ never changed the Sabbath to Sunday and that all God's Holy Days have been changed by man."

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HELSINKI, Finland — Dexter H. Faulkner, executive editor of *The Plain Truth*, and John Ross Schroeder, a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*, covered the diplomatic meetings marking the 10th anniversary of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) here July 30 to Aug. 1.

Two hundred sixty-six diplomats attended, including U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze.

"The Helsinki Final Act, signed by then-President Gerald Ford, So-

viet leader Leonid Brezhnev and other European leaders in 1975, confirmed existing borders in post World War II Europe, and laid out a framework for increased trade and economic cooperation, as well as provisions for human rights in various countries," Mr. Faulkner said.

Mr. Schroeder's analysis appears in "European Diary," page 2.

July 26, before the diplomatic conference, Mr. Faulkner and his wife, Shirley; Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services, and his wife, Linda; David Gunn, printing coordinator for the British Regional Office in Borehamwood, England; Roger Lippross, production director for Publishing Services; and Colin Passmore, director of Ambassador Press in St. Albans, England; visited the Finnpap paper mill near Helsinki.

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PASADENA — Between 1980 and 1984, more than 361 million pieces of literature were requested worldwide, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

"This huge amount of literature would fill to capacity a train 6½ miles long with 624 boxcars," Mr. Rice said.

According to MPC statistics, 526 of these boxcars would be filled with *Plain Truths*, 15 with *Good News* magazines, four with copies



SUMMER GRADUATES — Commencement exercises for 14 Ambassador College students took place in the Pasadena Ambassador College lower gardens Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 7. According to the Registrar's Office, graduates who received bachelor of arts, associate of arts or associate of science degrees are (from left): Glenn Mitchell (B.A., with highest distinction), Cheryl Andrusko (B.A.), Gary Elliott (B.A.), Jennifer Preteroti (A.A.), Gordon Green (A.A.), Marissa Campbell (B.A.), Cindy Acheson (B.A., with distinction), Prakash Sebastian (A.A.), Brian Spurgeon (B.A.), Michelle Messier (A.S.), Ricardo Luna (A.A.), Retta Parsons (A.S.), Kirby Farnan (A.A., with distinction) and Anna Pifer (A.A.). Christopher Harmon also received an A.S. degree. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

of the *Youth* magazine, five with copies of *The Worldwide News*, 41 with letters from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and the Personal Correspondence Department, 22 with books and booklets, seven with lessons from the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course and four with other literature published by the Church.

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PASADENA — Incoming mail for June in the Italian Department topped previous records, according to Carn Catherwood, regional director.

"We received 15,661 pieces, 4,579 more than our record of 11,082 set in December, 1984," Mr. Catherwood said.

"This sizable increase in mail, 260 percent over June last year, was mainly due to the response to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's [Plain Truth] semiannual letter," he continued.

"We received a 14.1 percent response to the literature offered," he said. "The letter was received very favorably, and many people indicated their appreciation for *La Pura Verita* [Italian Plain Truth] on the response card."

Mr. Catherwood said that more than 2,300 responses were received from a May advertisement in the Italian edition of *Reader's Digest*.

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CAPE TOWN, South Africa — The regional office here released the following ordinations.

Colin Curtis of the Durban,

South Africa, church was ordained a local church elder at Sabbath services June 15.

Malcolm Lee, a deacon in the Johannesburg, South Africa, Central church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services May 26.

Full-time ministry in southern Africa totals 14. Ten of those men serve in field churches and four serve in the Cape Town Office. Eight men serve as local church elders.

PASADENA — *La Pura Verita* (PV) lectures took place in La Paz, Bolivia, for the first time July 26, 27 and 28, according to the Spanish Department here.

Reginald Killingley, pastor of the Lima, Peru, and Huaraz, Bolivia, churches, who was born in La Paz, conducted the lectures, which 316 new people attended.

PV circulation in Bolivia is about 2,700, and 1,285 were invited to the lectures. Attendance represented a 24.6 percent response.

"It was a very favorable response," said Mr. Killingley. "Most of the people were middle class professionals and there were some retired military men."

Two Church members live in Bolivia.

WATS Help Needed for Feast

PASADENA — Brethren attending the Feast sites in Pasadena or Big Sandy can volunteer to handle telephone responses from the *World Tomorrow* program on the Church's Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines before and during the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles.

Volunteers are especially needed during the weekend of Sept. 28 and 29.

If you plan to attend either site and would like to volunteer a few hours during the Festival, please write immediately to:

Worldwide Church of God
Telephone Response
ATTENTION: Bill Butler
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

Prior telephone experience is welcomed, but is not necessary. Training will be provided.



PASADENA — Roy McCarthy, regional director for southern Africa, reports that brethren in Zimbabwe and South Africa remained safe during rioting and unrest.

In Zimbabwe, on two occasions, rioters and looters burned down homes next door to members, and in two other instances rioters bypassed streets on which members live.

God has continued to protect His people in these strife-torn areas. Brethren there appreciate the many prayers on their behalf.

Netherlands

Plans are complete for the Feast of Tabernacles in Hoogeveen, Netherlands. Foreign transfers to the site are at capacity. Bram de Bree, regional director, reports that brethren there will view video messages from Pasadena, including Pastor General Herbert W. Arm-

strong's messages, the *Behind the Work* film and the Festival entertainment program, on large-screen video equipment.

Mr. de Bree and the staff in the Nieuwegein, Netherlands, Office are pleased with this first for the Netherlands Feast site.

Another first will be the use of infrared wireless translation equipment. Services at the Feast are in either Dutch or English depending on the speaker, with a simultaneous translation.

Italy

In June the Italian subtitled version of *The World Tomorrow*, *Il Mondo di Domani*, began airing on Rete Quattro, covering all of Italy. Responses have tripled the normal response figure. *The World Tomorrow* can also be seen in Italy on Tele-Monte-Carlo.

Visit requests average four a week. There are several prospective

members in Rome, Italy, and a number of new families plan to attend the Feast in Fiuggi, Italy.

Michael Savoia, a Pasadena Ambassador College junior, is participating in the Italian summer program. He is attending the University of Foreigners at Perugia in central Italy.

In addition to studying Italian Mr. Savoia is taking a variety of classes. This is the first year for the program and it appears successful.

Mr. Savoia works with subtitles for the Italian *World Tomorrow* program and has also worked in the Italian Department in mail processing and translating the Italian Church hymnal.

New Zealand

After a period of low inflation caused by government-imposed wage and price controls, New Zealand now suffers from sharply rising inflation. The government controls were removed, and the annual inflation rate is running at about 17 percent.

As of July 1, postage costs increased by an average of 17 percent, making a significant impact on the budget of the New Zealand Office. The brethren there are confident that God will continue to provide the means for His work to be done effectively.

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