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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

Once again I want to thank everyone for an outstanding Holy Day offering! Preliminary figures for the United States show an increase of 20.6 percent over last year's Pentecost offering.

The diligent prayers and extra personal effort of all God's people are deeply appreciated. God is continuing to see to our needs, and the overall income has continued to steadily move upward.

Friday before Pentecost, the year-to-date income had risen to 2.5 percent more than last year. With the increase in the offering, the year-to-date income as of press time was 3 percent more than last year.

So again, thank you! Let's continue to ask God for his mercy in keeping the income steady and increasing as the year continues. It is truly encouraging to see his powerful hand in meeting our needs and helping us to pull together in times of difficulty or stress.

Milestones in Work

I am also very pleased to announce that for the first time, *Plain Truth* subscriber circulation has topped six million. Although total circulation including newsstands has been higher at times, at no time has the number of actual subscribers been this high. This is a special milestone in the history of God's Work.

The television rating service, Arbitron, reported another record for the Work. According to Arbitron's February report, the number of U.S. households viewing *The World Tomorrow* reached 1.38 million. This is even higher than the previous Arbitron rating.

Arbitron also reported that the number of television households viewing the telecast on station WNBC in New York has averaged more than 100,000 for each program. As you may know, the station began airing the telecast Sunday, March 19. Since then,

audience levels have varied from 41,000 to more than 176,000.

I was reminded that in the *Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong*, Mr. Armstrong wrote that the total audience for the radio broadcast in 1937 was about 50,000. The goal at that time was to reach an audience of 100,000. Today, God has blessed us to be able to reach greater audiences with a single station.

You may have heard about

I know you were probably praying for the safety of all of us when you heard the news, and I want to pass on thanks from all the brethren here for your concern.

With God's power

It is truly inspiring to see how God gives us continued encouragement in the impact of the Work we are able to accomplish, even at a time when we are concerned about a lagging income.

God sets the goals before us and helps us reach them by the power of his Spirit, certainly not by our own abilities and strength. There is nothing we can accomplish without him. We must forever remember that the

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two mild earthquakes here in Southern California Monday, June 12. The first shock registered 4.5 on the Richter scale, and about 30 minutes later, a second registered 4.3. The campus suffered no damage, and I have heard no reports of members suffering any damage.

Work we are blessed to do is God's, and it is God who works through us to make it happen.

As I have written time and again, we must never come to think that it is somehow our righteousness, or our expertise, wisdom or skill, that makes the Work we are doing successful.



ANNIVERSARY OF LUNAR LANDING—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (left) greets Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, at a May 20 banquet commemorating the 20th anniversary of Apollo 11, the first manned lunar mission. Mr. Armstrong is known for his words: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Mr. Tkach, who was asked to give the invocation at the event in the Los Angeles Hilton, also spoke about the Ambassador Foundation and said we are "to honor and respect men who are willing to sacrifice their lives this way." Also pictured, Arthur Neff of Rand McNally & Co. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

This Work cannot be successful in any lasting sense by any other means than God's blessing and inspiration.

The Work will always have its ups and downs as God leads us steadily toward his kingdom. In high times and low times our faith, trust and confidence must

remain firmly in God's power to make his will be known.

Of course, as we are committed to doing our very best in his service, we will strive to grow in expertise, wisdom and skill. But as we often sing, "Unless the Lord shall build the house, the weary builders toil in vain."

Commitment, you know, is an interesting thing. It is not really needed during good times. It is during the rough times—whether in marriage, child rearing, on the job or in the doing of God's Work—that commitment, or sticking power, is needed. True commitment is for the hard times. And again I want to thank you for your commitment to God and his Work during this current difficult time.

Your devotion and dedication are a constant source of encouragement and strength for me and I know for all here at Pasadena. Praise God for his never-fading love and commitment to us, and to all mankind!

Cost savings to members, families

Church expands Travel Office

By Lana Walker

PASADENA—In a move to consolidate the Church's travel programs, the Church will be operating its own travel agency, according to James Peoples, operation manager of Computer Information Systems, Purchasing and Travel.

The formation of a Church travel agency, called WCG Travel, approved by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, will give significant service and price advantages to the Work and Church members, Mr. Peoples said.

When it was first proposed to Mr. Tkach and others that the Church establish a travel agency, the concept was met with understandable skepticism, because they did not feel it was proper that the Church engage in a business that might generate profits.

It was explained, however, that the purpose of the travel agency was not to generate profits for the Church, but rather, to benefit Church members, co-workers and their families, by reducing the cost of travel for the Holy Days and thereby helping them fulfill the Church's commission. When Mr. Tkach realized that the purpose of the program was to benefit the members, he approved the project.

Increased efficiency

The Church's Travel Office moved to new facilities one block from Imperial Schools. According to Mr. Peoples, the move and reorganization will help the Travel Office provide better service to the

Work's departments here, in Big Sandy and to Church members.

"We apologize for any inconvenience this move may cause while we're installing telephone lines and the airline computer system," Mr. Peoples said. "Please be patient with us as we get business up and running again smoothly."

Mr. Peoples said that the establishment of a Church travel agency will alleviate problems some members experienced in the past when

making Feast travel arrangements through other agencies.

"Working through a second party for tickets has never been easy," Mr. Peoples said. "Now Travel will be able to issue airline tickets and we'll have our own personnel to work with the members."

This year the Travel Office hopes to help members and departments top \$1 million in combined savings.

However, "the Travel Office is a (See TRAVEL, page 7)



TRAVEL TEAM—The Travel Office helps Church departments and members with travel plans. Full-time staff members are (from left), back row: Raymond Epperson, Roger Lippross, Frank Fish, James Peoples, operation manager of Computer Information Systems, Purchasing and Travel. Front row: Ronda Perry, Barbara Pebworth, Joette Monson, Susan Meredith and Jackie Nelson. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

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Seminars discuss EC unity

PASADENA—*Plain Truth* writers Dan Taylor and Ronald Toth attended a European Community Studies Association conference in Fairfax, Va., May 24 and 25.

"We went to see if there was anything being said about European unification that we are not reading about, and, indeed, there was a lot," said Mr. Taylor.

Seminars were on such topics as science, technology, European foreign policy and European unification.

"My overall impression was: Europe created a captainless ship and set sail," said Mr. Toth. "They really don't know where they are going, but they set sail anyway, and (See SEMINARS, page 4)



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

The big three-o

Several months ago my wife and I visited the Chester Cathedral in Chester, England. An inscription on a clock there struck my eye and I wrote it down in my idea book that I carry with me when I travel.

It made me stop and think about the importance of time and our existence here on earth. The inscription goes like this:

When, as a child, I laughed,
Time crept.
When, as a youth, I dreamed and talked,
Time walked.
When I became a full-grown man,
Time ran.
And later, as I older grew,
Time flew.
Soon I shall find, while travelling on,
Time gone!
Will Christ have saved my soul by then?

There are times in each of our lives when some event or stage we reach causes us to look back and examine where we've been. Each of these times are also times for looking forward.

Sometimes it's when we reach a certain age: 18, 21, 30, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 80, 90, 100!

In this column I thought I'd share with you a short piece written by a staff member going through one of these stages. I think we can all relate.

Thirtysomething

Today is the day. I don't really feel that different, but my mind is telling me that this is it—the big three-o.

It's always been hard for me to imagine being 30. Does this mean I have to stop doing silly things, that I have to act my age? These last few

weeks, responsibilities have started to take on a deeper meaning.

Many of you reading this can look back and think, What's he making a big deal about? I know in a few months I'll probably wonder that myself. Those not yet 30 may be feeling sorry for me. At 19 or 24 or 28 it can seem like a long way off.

An age like 30 can make you stop and think: What have I done with my life? Perhaps the first inklings of the reality of mortality strike, with gray hairs and the evidence

that I sit behind a desk too much.

What about those stories we hear of 15-year-old gold medalists, 23-year-old computer geniuses and 28-year-old millionaires? Isaac Newton discovered the law of universal gravitation, the fundamentals of optics and devised the method of calculus when he was 23. Now that I'm past my 20s, has life passed me by?

Famous 30-year-olds

Then my mind goes to other 30-year-olds I have read about—like Joseph, whose undeserved prison sentence finally ended when he turned 30. In one of the greatest reversals in history, within hours he became the second in command of the powerful nation of Egypt.

Or David, who, after years of escaping from Saul's attempts to kill him, finally became king at age 30.

These men may have taken some time to look back on their first 30 years, but I'm sure that their focus was forward, on the things ahead.

The greatest example of all, of course, is Jesus Christ, who began his public ministry about age 30. He had lived a perfect life in spite of the temptations and trials we all face. God the Father said to this 30-year-



old, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22, New King James).

This is an incredibly high standard to live up to. Looking at myself

at 30, I can see even more clearly the great need to overcome and to seek God's help to change.

Introspection such as comes with turning 30, or any other birth date, is only good if it propels us forward. God doesn't want us constantly bewailing the missed opportunities of the past. He wants us to examine ourselves for the purpose of letting Christ live His perfect life in us more completely.

I have always liked the way the Amplified Bible puts it: "Examine and test and evaluate your own selves, to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves, [not Christ]."

"Do you not yourselves realize and know (thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience) that Jesus Christ is in you? unless you are [counterfeits] disapproved on trial and rejected" (II Corinthians 13:5).

That's the only way we can truly look forward with confidence.

Superpower suitors vie for same damsel

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



BONN—The two superpowers appear as suitors, vying for the attention of the same damsel. The object of their affection is West Germany, which, at 40 years, is young by national standards, and has matured into a desirable prize.

Within the past two weeks both U.S. President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev visited the Federal Republic.

Mr. Bush first traveled to Brussels, Belgium, to attend the May 29 to 30 heads-of-government summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Rupture avoided

It appeared that NATO's 40th anniversary would be marred by a rupture between mainly West Germany on one side and the United States and Britain on the other over the future of NATO's short-range nuclear missiles.

Facing this prospect, President

Bush rewrote the script. Shortly before his trip he told his closest advisers that he wanted to do something dramatic to counter the public relations triumphs of Mr. Gorbachev in Europe.

The West Germans are particularly enamored with the fresh ideas from Moscow about ending the Cold War in Europe.

Challenge to Moscow

For the Brussels meeting Mr. Bush was ready. He stole the show with a dramatic challenge to the Soviets to cut military manpower and hardware. He proposed a 20

percent cut in U.S. combat manpower in Europe and significant withdrawals of combat aircraft and helicopters, areas previously undressed.

There was widespread NATO approval of Mr. Bush's ideas and relief that U.S. leadership was in evidence once again.

However, the biggest development was the political thrust of Mr. Bush's proposals, both in his speech in Brussels as well as in an even more dramatic address in West Germany May 31.

At the NATO conference the President said that "our alliance faces new challenges at a time of historic transition as we seek to overcome the division of Europe."

If the Soviet Union, Mr. Bush added, accepts the U.S. offer, "the results would dramatically increase stability on the Continent and transform the military map of Europe."

The President urged the Soviets to begin negotiations on his proposals soon with the hopes that they could be realized by 1992 or 1993.

Two days later in Mainz, West Germany, President Bush topped his Brussels performance.

"The time is ripe. Let Europe be whole and free," Mr. Bush said to the applause of 2,000 enthusiastic young Germans in the Rheingold Concert Hall. The "brutal wall" in Berlin, he emphasized, "must come down."

Mr. Bush made four proposals about his concept of a common European home, a theme usually associated with Mr. Gorbachev. In the version spoken of by Mr. Bush, "all within are free to move from room to room."

The President summarized his proposals as "growing political freedom in the East, a Berlin without barriers, a cleaner environment [and] a less militarized Europe . . . Taken together, they are the foundation of our larger vision—the Europe that is free and at peace with itself."

Not everyone is happy with the attention Mr. Bush is showing to West Germany. In particular, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is said to be unhappy over the apparent upgrading of U.S. policy with Bonn to a partnership

level seemingly parallel to that of the special relationship with Britain.

"Partly, the change reflects geography," wrote R.W. Apple, foreign affairs analyst for *The New York Times*, June 2. "Germany is at the center of Europe, Britain on the periphery."

"That is important again, as it was for most of the last 200 years, as Mr. Gorbachev's transformations make it more possible for Europeans to think in terms of old cultural and political linkages."

If there was a lesson in Mr. Bush's first visit as President to Europe, it was this, said Mr. Apple: "The United States is going to pay more attention to the continental powers than Britain."

Furthermore, in the transformation now taking place the Soviets have the advantage.

Mr. Gorbachev visits Bonn

Exploiting this natural advantage, the Soviet leader is making, as I write this column, his first official visit to West Germany.

In one way Mr. Gorbachev is already very much at home in West Germany. His approval rating among West Germans is an astonishing 90 percent—40 points higher than that of Chancellor Helmut Kohl. (Mr. Bush comes in at 58 percent.)

There will be no movement on the status of Berlin and the ultimate German quest—reunification—at this time.

But the political momentum between Bonn and Moscow is increasing, no matter what Washington does.

A state dinner at Augustusburg Castle proved that to me. As a reporter I was standing just to the side of West German President Richard von Weizsäcker, President Gorbachev, Chancellor Kohl and their wives as they received the guests.

For 50 minutes the most influential people of West Germany shook Mr. Gorbachev's hand—politicians and former politicians, professors, religious leaders and chief executive officers of leading industrial concerns.

Nothing like this was arranged for President Bush on his visit. Washington is understandably miffed.

As far as the West Germans are concerned, they are in an envious position, as summed up in the June 14 *Sueddeutsche Zeitung*:

"Already the loosening up of the blocs shows that the political dwarf West Germany is awakening and, wooed by both superpowers, growing up to its normal stature as the central power of Europe."



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

A disease of the '80s: violence, callous society

BOREHAMWOOD, England—"With the exception of certain rodents, no other vertebrate habitually destroys members of his own species . . ."

"There is no parallel in nature to our savage treatment of each other. The sombre fact is that we are the cruelest and most ruthless species that has ever walked the earth."

The words that psychiatrist Anthony Storr wrote in his book *Human Aggression* in 1968 are frighteningly relevant today.

Britons shocked by crimes

Many stories in the British press show how cruel humans can be.

Neil Norman acknowledged in the April 5 *Evening Standard* that "violence in cities is a fact of life. But the torching of four people in the basement of a Soho amusement arcade on Monday morning shocked even the hardest observers."

Other macabre stories involved a toddler being set on fire and a family of three found stabbed to death.

Rosemary Carpenter wrote in the April 7 *Daily Express*: "We know

that violence of every sort is on the increase. It's the disease of the Eighties."

Perhaps the most insidious aspect is our tolerance for violence. Ms. Carpenter asked some tough questions. "Have we become so tolerant to violence that not only can we watch it on the screen, but we can also let it happen under our feet? And sometimes even encourage it?"

What's the answer?

The answers to those questions are borne out by both experience and Scripture. Our modern age indulges in callous sins that the apostle Paul labeled "worthy of death."

But not only does society "practise such things," it also "consent[s] with them that practise them" (Romans 1:32, Revised Version). Society is widely tolerant of massive evils.

Proper religious thought is a dangerous commodity to lack. As Prince Philip put it in his book, *A Question of Balance*, "From what I see going on in the world around me, I am very much inclined to be-

lieve that religious conviction is the strongest and probably the only factor in sustaining the dignity and integrity of the individual" (page 8).

Proper religious education ought to begin in early childhood. Parents who fail to teach their children moral values are raising tomorrow's criminals.

Radio personality Libby Purves made this observation in the April 2 *Sunday Times*: "Other people's children are as important as our own. They have rights, and one of them is the right to be set right."

Callous social behavior generally begins in the early teenage years and even younger.

As Miss Purves expressed it: "The criminals are looking younger every day. Last week we were informed that a quarter of convictions and cautions for indictable offences involved children under 17, the same age group which commits a third of all burglary and criminal damage offences. Under 10s clock up 6,000 crimes a year."

The Bible says that the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. But it also says that young people can be trained to control evil impulses and develop positive and loving characteristics.

As Konrad Lorenz said in *The Waning of Humaneness*: "The predicament of young people today is especially critical. Forestalling the threatened apocalypse will devolve on their perceptions of value; their sensibilities of the beautiful and worthwhile must be aroused and renewed" (page 6).

In this sense, perhaps none of the Church's publications exceeds *Youth 89* in importance.

Church receives first patent for cost-saving phone system

PASADENA—The U.S. Patent Office awarded the first of a number of anticipated patents June 6 to SWIFNET.

The Church uses SWIFNET to transfer calls in response to the *World Tomorrow* telecast to operators in their homes.

SWIFNET is an acronym for Supervised Worldwide Intelligent Forwarding NETWORK, a call-extending system that instantly establishes and manages a network of remote phone stations.

Why SWIFNET?

"SWIFNET was developed to handle increasing telephone response to the *World Tomorrow* telecast," said Bernard W. Schnippert, director of Media Operations and coordinator of the SWIFNET Development Team.

"Expanding the call-processing capability of the telephone response center would have required establishing additional call centers," said Mr. Schnippert.

Said evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC): "We needed to be able to reroute early morning calls to the eastern time zones [to in-home operators]. Otherwise we would be having too many agents answering calls at 3:30 in the morning, Pacific Time, each weekend here in Pasadena."

Instead of spending money for additional facilities and equipment, John Prohs, manager of Technical Operations & Engineering, was appointed to head a research team to design SWIFNET.

Also involved with the SWIFNET team are Technical Operations & Engineering, Legal, Telecommunications, Communications & Public Affairs and Media Operations, including MPC.

Nearly two million calls routed

Since its inception three years ago SWIFNET has routed almost two million calls to in-home operators. An experimental system using the campus telephone system routed almost 184,000 calls before SWIFNET was developed.

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In the telecommunications industry the Church's in-home operators would be known as remote agents. Agents can be in the same room as SWIFNET or thousands of miles away, and "need only standard telephones equipped with a touch tone pad," said Mr. Schnippert.

Supervisors can monitor all calls, and remote agents can signal the supervisor at any time.

When call volume warrants additional agents, SWIFNET automatically adds them to the network.

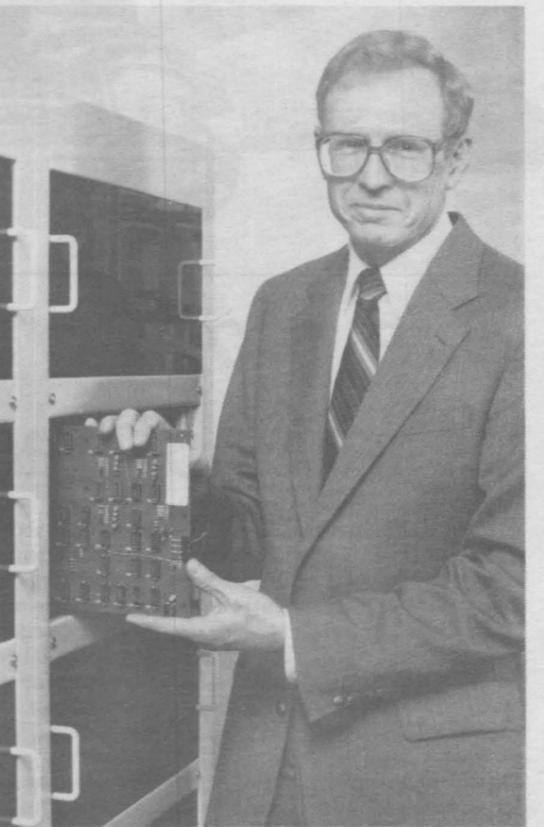
"Almost any organization that has large-scale telephone applications can find their operations running more efficiently with SWIFNET," said Mr. Schnippert.

"It's saved us millions by cutting

our labor costs and making costly new phone centers unnecessary," Mr. Rice added.



ON-LINE HELP—A supervisor can assist any one of the 5,500 in-home operators connected to the SWIFNET system. Wanda Gilbert, a Mail Processing Center employee, operates the supervisor's controlling computer. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]



INSIDE SWIFNET—John Prohs, manager of Technical Operations & Engineering and one of the designers of SWIFNET, displays some of the inner workings of the SWIFNET system. This circuitry sends Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) calls to in-home operators in 38 states. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

YES lessons: questions and answers

By Richard Rice

PASADENA—Youth Bible Lessons (referred to as Youth Educational Services or YES) are available to children in God's Church. They provide an organized method of learning facts and principles from the Bible.

Evangelist Richard Rice is director of the Mail Processing Center.

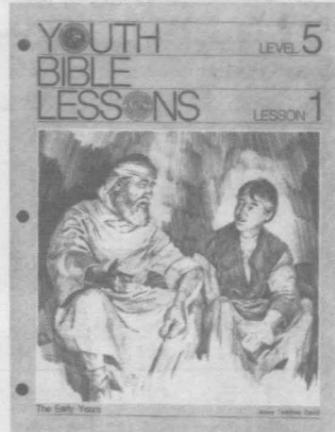
Each year 10 regular lessons and the Spring and Fall Feast lessons are sent one each month to each enrolled student. The seven levels are numbered K and 1 through 6 to correspond with kindergarten through grade six in the U.S. school system.

When they complete level 6, most children will be at the age to make the transition from YES to Youth Opportunities United (YOU). Pastors can answer questions about YOU membership.

When they complete level six, children will automatically be added to the *Youth 89* subscription list if they are not already subscribers.

Following are answers to frequently asked questions about the Youth Bible Lessons.

May I have a complete (or partial) set of lessons? Sets are only sent to



church pastors. All others may only receive one lesson a month.

My child is 4 years old and is advanced for his age. May he receive the lessons? Each child must be at least 5 years old or in kindergarten to start the lessons. This ensures

that children progress with others in their age group.

We just heard about the lessons, and we've missed the first three. May we get the ones we missed? Since only enough lessons are printed for the students currently enrolled (and a few extra to replace damaged copies), those starting part of the way into the year will receive the current lesson and following lessons.

The same answer applies if a student has missed previous levels.

How do I request a replacement for a lesson that was lost or damaged? Call or write to the Mail Processing Center and give the level and lesson needed. Use the Church's toll-free number: 1-800-423-4444.

How can I get levels 7, 8 and 9? In

1988 level 7 was renumbered as level 6, and levels 8 and 9 were discontinued. The material from the last two levels will be made available in a different form in the future.

Who should inform MPC of any changes regarding Church youths? It is the parents' responsibility, although pastors may sometimes submit changes.

How should we notify MPC of these changes? Use a youth information card available from your pastor or note the changes on the annual Church youth update sheet you received from your pastor in June. You may also call or write directly to MPC.

What information is needed? The name of the parent or guardian and each child's name, mailing address, birth date, sex and grade level.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

The *Worldwide News* welcomes your comments. Letters for this column should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space.

'Pages From the Family Album'

I just finished reading the latest "Pages From the Family Album." I had to write and say thank you for this addition to *The Worldwide News*.

This is a very exciting and inspiring part of the paper. To read of our brethren and how they live is really interesting. I look forward even more each time I read this section to seeing and getting to know our entire family in God's Kingdom.

Debbie Chamberlin
Siloam Springs, Ark.

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New to truth

We have now tried our best to keep the Days of Unleavened Bread. We discovered the Passover too late this spring, but as soon as we discovered the other Holy Days we have tried to keep them.

All is still so new for us, but we hope to learn more about this from you. We barely know what unleavened bread is! But we have kept away from everything we know that contains baking powder,

bicarbonate of soda and baking salts.
Norway

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Young readers

I am a 16-year-old girl from Greece and first of all I would like to say congratulations to all those people who contribute to the production of *The World Tomorrow*. It is a very nice programme, and I watch it every time...

My mother and I were very impressed with the way of facing the problems of teenagers, and I wonder if you can send to Greece the two magazines: "I Need Some Answers" and *Youth 89*, about which you talked at the end of your programme.

Athens, Greece

I am a schoolteacher and I'm familiar with your publication *Youth 89*. I was able to introduce it to my students at school. Many of them liked it.

Teenage pregnancy and drug abuse are becoming ever so dangerously a serious threat to our youths. So far for this school year (from last September) I have seen three teenage girls become teenage mothers (one from my class).

Antigua

My granddaughter used your material on AIDS in her biology class. Her teacher and whole class were amazed at how thorough your article was... and read the article for themselves.

Slater, Mo.

Mailing Dates for Youth Bible Lessons for the United States, Canada, Caribbean and Philippines

YES LESSON	LAST MAILING DATE	LATEST ARRIVAL DATE
1	July 7, 1989	July 29, 1989
2	Aug. 4, 1989	Aug. 26, 1989
Fall	Aug. 31, 1989	Sept. 23, 1989
3	Oct. 5, 1989	Oct. 28, 1989
4	Nov. 3, 1989	Nov. 25, 1989
5	Dec. 7, 1989	Dec. 30, 1989
6	Jan. 5, 1990	Jan. 27, 1990
7	Feb. 1, 1990	Feb. 24, 1990
Spring	March 2, 1990	March 24, 1990
8	April 4, 1990	April 28, 1990
9	May 4, 1990	May 26, 1990
10	June 8, 1990	June 30, 1990

Note: If no one in your congregation has received the current lesson, it is probably because of a production delay. If others have received the lesson by the latest arrival date, and your child has not, call the Mail Processing Center (MPC) Monday through Friday at 1-800-423-4444 and ask for Youth File.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Wife, mother, teacher relates benefits of training, education

By Joan C. Bodganchik

Is education really necessary for women? "No," many have answered over the generations. "Women are only going to get married and stay at home. Then good-bye to all that education, effort and money—they'll never use what they worked for."

Joan C. Bodganchik teaches at Imperial School in Pasadena and contributes to The Good News.

These comments were not far-fetched to me. I heard them around me in my growing-up years.

In my case it was not because my parents were against education. Quite the contrary. They wanted their children to have good schooling. Before my mother was married she hoped and prayed that my father and she would live in a town with a top school system (and it turned out that way).

Never was I allowed to miss school (save for mumps or chicken pox)—nor did I ever want to.

Teachers were treated with respect. I don't remember ever hearing anything negative about them. I still recall Mom sending a piece of freshly baked pie or shortcake with just-picked strawberries back to my teacher when I returned to school after lunch. But to go to college for four years was just not the order of the time.

Lifetime dream

From age 7 I wanted to be a teacher. Perhaps it was looked upon as one of the quick choices that children make and just as frequently change. But for me it was not. I strongly desired to teach. Teaching and learning had a special appeal to me.

When it came time to enter high school, each student was to enroll in the general, the business or the college-preparatory course. The decision was set down: No college was needed for me.

At open house in November of my freshman year, my parents talked to one of my teachers. He

asked them about my taking the college-preparatory classes.

On the way home—and into the evening—my parents and I continued the discussion. Then my longing ears picked up the splendid sounds: "You can go to college if you want to. Change your course in the morning."

This was a miracle to me. The next morning I flew with wings on my heels to make the course changes. I was going to be college-bound!

Four years later I entered teachers college. My first big dream of life had come true!

In another four years I had my very own first classroom filled with fifth graders. It was a wonderful first year.

At about this time a younger sister talked about becoming a nurse. I noticed she met no opposition now.

During my second year of teaching, I was married to my first and only love, whom I had known from childhood, and who also supported my becoming a teacher.

Full-time homemaker

I taught for several more years until I was a few months pregnant. So I was now at home—a full-time homemaker! Was the saying to prove true: "Women only get mar-

ried, stay at home and don't use their education"? Not at all!

What a woman knows is used in so many ways while being a wife and mother, even if one doesn't use it outside this realm.

Each day a homemaker fulfills tasks and responsibilities that are not often evident to the world while

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they are being done.

Within the confines of home and its environs, the woman is in the position of managing the home in her husband's time away, and jointly in the rearing and training of their children. Because the world pays little attention to her quiet, "non-paid" status, it seems rarely noticed that she is fulfilling a role that helps shape society and the nation.

A woman is wife and sweetheart to her husband, and together they set the love tone of the home. A mother teaches, is religious instructor and disciplinarian to her chil-

dren, under and with her husband, as well as home secretary and assistant to him in his duties.

She is dietitian, clothing adviser and seamstress, nurse, psychologist and guide to her children. She needs to possess business acumen as shopper and consumer and in her other business dealings.

A mother is housekeeper, laundress, gardener, hostess, entertainer and transporter, among other responsibilities.

Prepare for the unexpected

Being at home and properly fulfilling household duties is

pared for running a household alone. Many do not know how to write checks or balance their finances.

Others are financially destitute and have few job skills. Some do not know how to continue their children's education, and others, how to pay for it. Some have never learned to drive and are stranded.

With education, the family has a much better chance of carrying on intact. The education of the surviving parent helps keep the family on keel emotionally and educationally, as well as financially, if need be.

Some time after the death of my husband, my parents told me how glad they were that I had teaching to return to. Later, how they enjoyed their visit to my classroom at Imperial School!

My younger sister, now also without her husband at her side, became director of nursing, and has a beautiful home overlooking the sparkling waters of Florida, which her grandchildren also enjoy. My father was so pleased when she tended him in the hospital.

Ladies, as you ponder decisions about your education, remember it is not only for yourself that you are doing so, but to serve others with your knowledge. You can help to make a better life for all whom you will have the opportunity to teach, train, help or otherwise influence. Isn't this what life is all about?

Yes, education definitely is necessary. Carry on!

Q&A from the Pastor General's Report

How should members figure when to begin the cycle of their third tithe years?

It is our recommendation that members count from the Feast of Tabernacles or Passover closest to their baptism date. For example, members baptized in August would count from the Feast of Tabernacles onward. If baptized in February, they would count from the Passover of that year, and so forth.

The Church does not have an ironclad policy as to when people begin their third tithe years. They may count before their baptisms (in the case of teenagers who grew up in the Church and began tithing before they became members), from the date of baptism, or, as stated, from either the Feast of Tabernacles or Passover.

We recommend counting from the Feast or Passover for ease of calculation and for sake of memory. However, members in business for themselves may have difficulty determining their actual income until the year's end. These individuals may find it more convenient to choose a date around the time they determine their income for tax purposes.

Whatever starting point chosen, they should continue that cycle from then on, the only exception being a woman who marries. In general it is easiest for the couple if she adopts her husband's cycle.

Third tithe years are the third and sixth years in a seven year cycle.

Should I get a polio vaccine if my child is given one? I have not been vaccinated and I heard I could contract polio if my child is given a vaccine.

Whether to receive vaccines—or any other medical procedure or drug—must be a personal choice. There are too many medical options and circumstances for the Church to make recommendations for individual cases.

The Church encourages members to gather information to make wise decisions. It is not wise to blindly trust every doctor's recommendation. Nor is it wise to blindly disagree with every doctor.

Many medical procedures, including some vaccines, have been tested for years. Numerous of these have been proven effective in reducing the frequency and severity of various physical, biological or biochemical problems. But almost all medical procedures also include a certain amount of risk for each individual.

There is a certain risk in taking a vaccine, and there is another risk involved in not taking it. Taking a vaccine is not sin, but some, because of conscience or personal choice, may choose to avoid vaccines.

The risks may be different for different vaccines, different in different nations, different for men and women, different for babies, children, adults and senior citizens or because of variation in health history.

With that in mind, we will give more information about polio vaccines, because many have asked about them. There are two types, named after their inventors.

The Salk vaccine uses dead, inactive viruses. It must be injected. The dead viruses help the body know what the "enemy" is. Antibodies will then be formed that fight any future polio virus that might somehow get into the body.

The Sabin vaccine uses live viruses that have been weakened. This vaccine can be swallowed. The viruses cause a weak infection in the intestines, where—under normal circumstances—they do no harm, but still cause the body to form antibodies that will fight polio viruses.

In the Western world, most polio vaccinations are given to children. Since children generally do not like injections, U.S. medical authorities prefer the Sabin vaccine, and the Salk vaccine is not often used.

In areas where most children have been vaccinated, extremely few get the disease—far fewer than before the vaccines were used. But, ironically, a few—very few—people get polio because of the vaccine.

Some medical authorities therefore recommend that anyone in the following categories should avoid the live Sabin vaccine:

- anyone with cancer, leukemia or a disease that lowers the body's resistance to disease
 - anyone taking cortisone or any other drug that lowers the body's resistance to disease
 - anyone who lives in a household with someone with low resistance to disease
 - anyone 18 or older
 - pregnant women
 - anyone sick with any disease more serious than a cold
- Note for parents who have not been given a polio vaccine:**
Children who have been given a

live polio vaccine can give active viruses to others. For four to six weeks after the child receives the live vaccine, dirty diapers, stools and vomit can contain live viruses. In most cases, this does not cause a problem. But in rare cases it can cause polio disease in an adult or child who has not been vaccinated.

Parents should take great care to ensure that their immunized children do not come in contact with people who have not been immunized. Those who have not been immunized should avoid those immunized with a live virus for up to one month.

The chances of infection are low enough that the U.S. Public Health Service recommends that children be given the live vaccine anyway. For those who want to reduce this risk, the dead Salk vaccine is still available, although not common.

The Salk vaccine injection is recommended for children who have low resistance to disease or are living with someone with low resistance. It is recommended for previously unvaccinated adults who plan to travel to a nation where polio is common, or for previously unvaccinated adults whose children will be given the live vaccine.

The Church does not approve nor disapprove these medical recommendations. We are merely reporting information that some members want to be aware of. The Church is not in the business of making medical decisions.

In Western nations, the risk of catching polio is small, whether the adult receives a vaccine or not. Medical authorities think the risk is smaller if the adult is given a vaccine. Each adult should make his or her own decision.

More information can be obtained from government health departments.

Seminars

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will arrive somewhere."

Analysts are not just talking about the unification of 12 nations, Mr. Toth said. They are talking of Europe as a whole from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ural Mountains.

Mr. Taylor said that the print media were noticeably absent from the conference. A public relations officer for George Mason University, where the conference took place, said that the media were notified, but the response was minimal.

"I suppose that the big news of the ECSA conference was that there was no interest in the print media," Mr. Taylor said.

Information from the conference is scheduled to appear in a future *Plain Truth*.

The two men also attended a press conference honoring the three Apollo 11 astronauts on the 20th anniversary of the first manned moon landing.

Deaf Program builds bonds between deaf and the hearing

By Nancy Blouin

PASADENA—For most of us language is the means of communication by which we exchange ideas and messages. But for brethren whose hearing is impaired spoken language is insufficient.

Nancy Blouin graduated from Ambassador College in Pasadena in May.

Deaf members, however, can overcome the communication barrier by using gestures and hand signals.

The language of many deaf people in the United States and Canada is American Sign Language (ASL). Some other countries have their own form of sign language.

To meet the needs of hearing-impaired brethren the Church designed its own deaf program, which is managed by Selmer Hegvold in Church Administration.

Deaf Program services

According to Mr. Hegvold, the program functions as a resource office for hearing-impaired members and those members who provide support for them. The Pasadena office coordinates U.S. Church pastors, interpreters and note takers to meet those needs.

Mr. Hegvold said the past 25 years of deaf research has provided important material for developing a program for the hearing impaired. The department passes this information on to pastors who have a need for a deaf program in their church areas.

"One of our primary purposes in the Deaf Program is to encourage more interaction between deaf and hearing members of God's Church, to develop bonding relationships," Mr. Hegvold explained.

One way the Deaf Program is helping to increase interaction between the deaf and hearing members is to improve the skills of the interpreters.

Annual sign-interpreter workshops, for selected Church interpreters, are conducted in Big Sandy. Ted Landis, staff assistant to Mr. Hegvold, said several deaf members serve as guest staff for

the summer seminars.

A hearing church

In the field of education disabled children are integrated into school programs through a procedure known as mainstreaming. Daniel Baroody, a Deaf Program employee who has a bachelor's degree in deaf education and speech communication, has applied the mainstreaming concept to the Church's Deaf Program.

The Deaf Program is concerned with the social, educational and emotional requirements of the hearing impaired and works to bring them into the mainstream of the Church.

When a person with a hearing impairment becomes part of a congregation, he or she becomes part of a new culture, David Barnett signed to an interpreter. Mr. Barnett, a deaf staff member, works for the Deaf Program and teaches conversational ASL courses at Ambassador College in Pasadena (see article this page).

By bridging communication differences, this new culture unifies both the hearing and deaf brethren. "Both are on equal footing and can learn from one another," Mr. Landis added.

Becoming involved

"Foresight is what we would like to encourage the Church members to have," said Mr. Landis. Just one person with a hearing impairment presents an immediate need for support services, frequently for note taking or interpreting.

The Deaf Program recommends that members interested in learning to communicate with deaf brethren look for continuing education courses. Community colleges or agencies offer courses in ASL and interpreting.

Note-taking guidelines are available to pastors through the Deaf Program Office.

Some people with hearing impairments read lips and others may use a hearing aid to amplify sound. The degree and type of impairment, the presence of language skills and educational background, require the different

supports mentioned above.

Attitude of acceptance

Hearing-impaired brethren need fellowship. Though there may be trained interpreters or note takers in the area, deaf brethren can benefit by fellowshipping with all brethren, according to Mr. Baroody.

Hearing members may be self-conscious trying to communicate with hearing-impaired brethren, but even those who don't sign can converse with deaf brethren who use sign language by writing or by using an interpreter, Mr. Baroody said.



SERVING DEAF BRETHREN—The Church's Deaf Program helps hearing-impaired members to be fully involved in the congregation. From left: David Barnett, Daniel Baroody, Selmer Hegvold, manager of the Deaf Program, and Ted Landis. [Photo by Hal Finch]

Ordination significant to deaf brethren

Deaf deacon beats handicap

By Lana Walker

PASADENA—David Barnett, a deaf member who attends the Imperial A.M. congregation, was ordained a deacon May 27.

Selmer Hegvold, manager of the Deaf Program in Church Administration, said Mr. Barnett's ordination was significant to the deaf brethren.

"Anything that happens in the deaf community spreads like a prairie fire," Mr. Hegvold said. "They are so interested in the progress of the deaf community because they've been suppressed for so many years. It's only been in the last 25 years that they've been accepted in society as being competent individuals who can handle any assignment given to them."

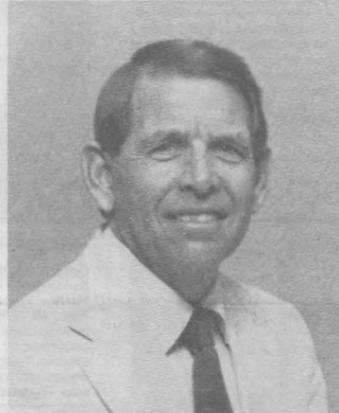
Mr. Barnett, his wife, Sally, and children, Cara and Chad, moved to Pasadena from Indiana in 1980. Mrs. Barnett and Cara are deaf. In 1989 Mr. Barnett accomplished the goal of graduating from Ambassador College.

Doing the impossible

"I could see no way he could go to Ambassador," said Mr. Hegvold, then pastor of the Imperial A.M. congregation. "We had no inter-

preters to interpret classes for him.

"But he tenaciously hung on, and I was able to get better acquainted with him. I had been totally unaware of his capabilities and was struck by the fact that the Barnetts



DAVID BARNETT

already had master's degrees from other universities."

Mr. Barnett earned his associate of arts degree from Ambassador College in May of this year. It was on graduation day that he learned of his coming ordination to deacon.

"I was stunned . . . and then I started to cry, naturally," Mr. Barnett signed through interpreter Ted

Landis. Mr. Barnett plans to earn his bachelor's degree, as well as to continue his responsibilities as instructor at Ambassador College in American Sign Language (ASL) and work with the Deaf Program.

"It was his tenacity that built up the Deaf Program, with Sally backing him up 100 percent," Mr. Hegvold said. "They had the interest of all the deaf people already in the Church in mind."

Helping the hearing brethren

Mr. Barnett signed: "It wasn't only for the needs of the deaf brethren . . . but for the hearing brethren as well. Hearing people feel they have to help the deaf all the time, but the deaf people often want to give service. There are misunderstandings on both sides."

Mr. Hegvold feels God led the Barnetts to come to Pasadena.

Mr. Barnett signed: "My wife and I discussed a great deal about the decision whether to move to Pasadena or not, until one Sabbath Mr. Dibar Apartian visited our church area in Indianapolis. He explained that with God's help you can do the impossible."

After that, the Barnetts decided to move to Pasadena.

One wants to go back to college

Members turn 100 years old

The Bible speaks of human life lasting 70 years (Psalm 90:10). The *Worldwide News* received the following reports about members who reached the 100-year mark.

Berlie Terry

Berlie Terry was born Jan. 12, 1886. Past President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, sent a letter congratulating Terry on her longevity.

Information about Berlie Terry, a member in Big Sandy, is excerpted from an article written by Barbara Rex that appeared in the Grand Saline, Tex., Sun and the Wood County, Tex., Democrat. Miss Rex, who attends services in Tyler, Tex., is a staff writer for the Sun.

the last 30 years.

One of 11 siblings, she was born in Mannerto, Ky., and is one-half Choctaw Indian.

Her family moved to Choctaw, Okla., when Terry was 9 years old,



BERLIE TERRY

and after 14 years she moved to Texas with her husband, Ben.

Terry said that "Ben and I were classmates, and I never thought he noticed me, but all the time he was noticing kind of quietlike."

"One day he walked up to me and said: 'Could I have a date with you? I'd sure like to.' I replied that I would have to study on that awhile.

"I finally said OK, and then Ben asked me if he could kiss me, and I said no, no—that was for married folks," Terry said. "Then he married me and he finally got to kiss me."

Their first daughter was born in 1907, and eight more daughters and sons followed. One son died during World War II.

Terry's husband died in the mid-'50s after eating a green plum and taking the wrong antidote for it.

After his death she went to college for the first time, attending Ambassador College in Big Sandy. She lived on the campus as a special student and resident for some years.

"That education is great stuff," she said. "I want to go back to Big Sandy and get on with that education business. I don't like sitting here at the nursing home, because I want to be out there doing something."

Terry first heard about the Worldwide Church of God in 1952, when she heard Herbert W. Armstrong on *The World Tomorrow*.

"I heard him speaking the truth, and I said to myself, Oh, that's my church, and I got on a bus to

Pasadena, Calif., where the church is based, and I got baptized.

"I met Mrs. [Loma] Armstrong, and Mr. Armstrong, of course," Mrs. Terry added.

Mrs. Terry still occasionally attends services on Holy Days and Passover.

Daisy Kirkland

Daisy Kirkland of the Northampton, England, church turned 100 Dec. 30, 1988.

Information about Daisy Kirkland was supplied by her pastor, David Bedford.

Mrs. Kirkland was born in Essex, England, the youngest of six girls in a family of 12.

She was married in 1912 at age 23 and later moved with her husband, a carpenter and joiner, to Coventry, England, where she has lived in the same house for 44 years.

They were married more than 50 years, until her husband, "the best husband and father anyone could want," died 24 years ago.

The Kirklands had one son and two daughters. One daughter, Joan, 74, also a member, lives with her mother. Mrs. Kirkland has six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

For many years Mrs. Kirkland asked God to show her where the

true Church was. In the 1960s she started reading *The Plain Truth* after answering a *Reader's Digest* advertisement. She wasn't aware of the Church for some time.

One day, shortly after asking God to help her meet another reader of the magazine, two copies of the Holy Day calendar arrived stuck to-



DAISY KIRKLAND

gether; the top one addressed to her, the other to a Mr. and Mrs. Robert Devine who lived about six miles away.

They arranged to meet, but she still didn't know of the Church. Today Mr. Devine is a local church elder in Nottingham, England.

Mrs. Kirkland started attending services and was baptized in 1976. She attended regularly until three

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ANDREW, James and Carol (Mogensen), of Memphis, Tenn., twin boy and girl, Jonathan Michael and Jillian Margaret, May 3, 1:57 and 1:58 p.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces and 4 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first children.

BRUNNER, David and Laura (Pent), of Tampa, Fla., girl, Kari Ann, May 21, 1:25 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BRYCE, Jesse and Cynthia (McLohan), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Lisa Amber Marie, May 1, 2:47 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CLARK, Kenneth and Janette (Morton), of Harare, Zimbabwe, girl, Allana Storm, May 14, 10:20 a.m., 3.3 kilograms, first child.

CRAWFORD, James and Cathy-Lee (Vanderwerf), of Caloundra, Australia, girl, Talitha Amber, Feb. 8, 6 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

DISHAW, Thomas and Kristin (Vreeland), of Detroit, Mich., boy, Michael Edward, Nov. 3, 1988, 4:30 a.m., 10 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DODDS, Trent and Debbie (Fecteau), of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., boy, Michael Elliot Terence, April 25, 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

DUNHAM, Dana and Angie (Schartner), of St. Petersburg, Fla., girl, Lauren Ashley, April 23, 8:51 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

EISENHARDT, John and Sharon (Wells), of Hattiesburg, Miss., girl, Emily Dawn, Jan. 17, 8:28 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FENSKY, Dan and Donna (Watson), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Serena Katherine, May 20, 6:01 p.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

FRIESTAD, Mark and Uerna (Steimack), of Minot, N.D., girl, Sarah Michelle, May 20, 12:50 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

GARCIA, Eleazar and Dina (Flores), of Urdaneta, Philippines, boy, Adriel, May 5, 9:20 p.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

GRIFFIN, Josh and Jennifer (Swihart), of Fort Collins, Colo., boy, Andrew Ryan, April 14, 11:58 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

GUENTHER, Harold and Wanda (Fittkau), of Battleford, Sask., girl, Kimberly Tamara, April 27, 5:45 a.m., 10 pounds, now 2 girls.

HESS, Robert and Julie (Weachter), of Lancaster, Pa., girl, Ashton Leigh, March 21, 2:55 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOOD, Ralph and Beverly (Elmore), of Jasper, Ala., boy, Matthew Wayne, April 28, 12:39 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

JACK, Alex and Olive (Jordan), of Ayr, Scotland, boy, Darrell Stephen Alexander, April 18, 2:45 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JONES, Mark and Cindy (Zastrow), of Wausau, Wis., boy, Kevin Ronald, May 11, 7:40 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

KENNEDY, Stuart and Angela (Feakes), of Winnipeg, Man., girl, Katrina Michelle, April 8, 5:40 a.m., 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KUSHNIRUK, Pat and Carol (Bennett), of Regina, Sask., girl, Janessa Danielle, May 13, 6:59 a.m., 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

LIESER, Mark and Jean (Muehlbauer), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Sarah Jean, May 9, 10:55 a.m., 6 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

MORRIS, Kris and Suzanne (Whitney), of Napa, Calif., boy, Tyler Timothy, May 10, 3:40 p.m., 10 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

MOSTUE, Larry and Karen (Scholberg), of Fargo, N.D., boy, Luke David, May 13, 6:33 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

RISSINGER, Joel and Karen (Wallbridge), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Rachelle Marie Joy, April 29, 7:25 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SASH, Ben and Lalia (Danford), of Denver,

Colo., boy, Jedidiah Klee, May 2, 9:17 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

SHOAF, Norman and Pamela (Strunk), of Temple City, Calif., girl, Lillian Kay, May 7, 12:09 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

SMITH, Leroy and Marguerite (Warren), of St. John's, Nfld., boy, Jonathan Philip, April 25, 9:10 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

SMITH, Scott and Lisa (Butler), of La Marque, Tex., boy, Stephen Anthony, March 24, 12:50 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys.

TAYLOR, Robert and Brenda (Purkapile), of Olathe, Kan., boy, Jeffrey David, May 3, 10:47 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

TWIGG, George and Janet (Hofmann), of Midland, Mich., girl, Chelsey Marie, Feb. 16, 6:19 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

WUNDER, Colin and Jill (Peterson), of Sioux Falls, S.D., boy, Colin Ross II, April 2, 11:27 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ZETA, Ernesto Jr. and Teresita (Cuares), of Tacloban, Philippines, boy, Joseph Ray, May 12, 6:32 p.m., 6 pounds, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Arthur Pryce Jr. of Yonkers, N.Y., and Cornelia Roberts of Newburgh, N.Y., are happy to announce their engagement. An October wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cuvelier are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Joy Leah to Stuart Anthony Travis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Travis of Vancouver, B.C. An October wedding is planned.

Sally Harris of Grand Junction, Colo., would like to announce the engagement of her daughter Karia Lyon to James Jones, son of Jerry and Barbara Jones of Ojai, Calif. A Sept. 3 wedding in Ojai is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beebe of Austin, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea to Jim Warkentin, son of Henry Warkentin of Edmonton, Alta. An Aug. 13 wedding in Austin is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Styer of Burns, Tenn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon Lane to Michael William Foose, son of John William Foose of Summerville, S.C., and Jeannette Richardson of Round Rock, Tex. An Oct. 7 wedding in Nashville, Tenn., is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES ODOM

Donna Renee McConnell and Charles Renee Odom were united in marriage April 30 in Tacoma, Wash. Guy Engelbart, Tacoma pastor, performed the ceremony. Brenda Rorie was maid of honor, and Richard Stagg was best man. The couple live in Tacoma.



MR. AND MRS. RICKI COLE

Laura Leah Diaz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Thomas S. Diaz of Laurel, Miss., and Ricki Thomas Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Cole of Carey, N.C., were united in marriage April 9. The ceremony was performed by Robin Webber, Pasadena Imperial P.M., pastor, on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. Stephanie Diaz was bridesmaid, and Jon Shigehara was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID JORDISON

Dorothy Hastie of Gold Coast, Australia, is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Sarah Jane to David William Jordison, son of Dorothy Jordison of Caboolture, Australia. The ceremony was performed July 3, 1988, by Terence Villiers, Sydney, Australia, North pastor. Susan Redgate was maid of honor, and Norman Crouch was best man. The couple live on the Gold Coast.



MR. AND MRS. BRIAN E. WHITE

Diana Marie Smith, daughter of Greg and Sande Smith of Portland, Ore., and Brian Eugene White, son of Dennis and Pam White of Tacoma, Wash., were united in marriage Aug. 13, 1988. The ceremony was performed by Terrence Graves, a Tacoma minister. Tammy Smith, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Brian Getz was best man. The couple live in Portland.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID OTTO

Kristal Lynn Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Griffin of Fort Collins, Colo., and David Michael Otto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Otto of Council Bluffs, Iowa, were

united in marriage April 2. The ceremony was performed by Terry Swagerty, Omaha, Neb., pastor. Heaven Lee Burkes, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Bill Lewis was best man. The couple live in Council Bluffs.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES GRIFFIN JR.

Donna Daily and James Griffin Jr. were united in marriage May 7. The ceremony was performed by Arnold Hampton, Chicago, Ill., Southside pastor. Mary Belamy was matron of honor, and Ricardo Murray was best man. The couple live in Chicago.



MR. AND MRS. ADONIS BLAKE

Anita Forde is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Feranda Rose Ann to Adonis Blake. The ceremony was performed March 26 by Carlos Perkins, Brooklyn, N.Y., North pastor. Marvina Anson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Claire Andrews was best man. The couple live in Brooklyn.



MR. AND MRS. ROBIN ASTBURY

Robin Astbury and Delphine Kearney were united in marriage Jan. 8. The ceremony was performed by Russell Couston, Grafton, Australia, pastor. Jony Parbery was matron of honor, and Tony Kearney was best man. The couple live in Canberra, Australia.



MR. AND MRS. K. LEASURE

Lorena Lynn Ridgely, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. William Ridgely of Frederick, Md., and Kent Douglas Leasure, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Leasure of Mercersburg, Pa., were united in marriage Dec. 24, 1988. The ceremony was performed by Peter Whitting, Frederick and Cumberland, Md., and Front Royal, Va., pastor, Mike Leasure, brother of the groom, was best man, and Fawn Leasure, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. The couple live near Mercersburg.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID RADER

Susan Adele Strawn and David Warren Rader were united in marriage March 11. The ceremony was performed by Gerald Flurry, Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., pastor. Michelle Adams was matron of honor, and Mike Adams was best man. The couple live in Yukon, Okla.



MR. AND MRS. BENOIT CAMBLARD

Benoit Camblard and Claudette Murphy were united in marriage April 15. The ceremony was performed by Roger Foster, Boca Raton, Fla., pastor. Elizabeth Burch was maid of honor, and Homer Barber was best man. The couple live in Tallahassee, Fla.

ANNIVERSARIES

Victoria, Gene, Donny, Stanford, Shane and Bradford Granger are pleased to announce the 29th wedding anniversary of their parents Victor and Louise Granger of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. The couple celebrated their anniversary May 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blythe celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a reception after Sabbath services March 25. Mr. Blythe is a deacon, and Mrs. Blythe is a deaconess in the Columbia, Mo., church. The couple have three sons and three grandsons, who also attend the Columbia church.

The children of Paul and Kitty Wright of Atlanta, Ga., are pleased to announce the 30th wedding anniversary of their parents June 6. Mr. Wright has been a Church member since 1975, and Mrs. Wright since 1977. They have two children, Kip and Paula.



MR. AND MRS. JEAN RICHOUX

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Richoux of North Vancouver, B.C., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary March 26. The couple have four children, Patricia, Joelle, Didier and Nadine; and two grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. E.G. OESTERLE

Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Oesterle, members who attend the Glendora, Calif., church, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary May 15. The couple have four children, three of whom attend Sabbath services.

The children of Charles "Chuck" and Dixie Marino are happy to announce the 30th wedding anniversary of their parents June 6. The Marinos have been Church members since 1966, and they attend the New Bern, N.C., church. The couple have two daughters and sons-in-law, Gina and Lloyd and Rosalie and Tim; and one son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Linda; all of whom attend Sabbath services. The Marinos also have five grandchildren, Melissa, Ray, Julie, Keila and Dougie.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scheidegger of Columbia, Mo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception after Sabbath services Feb. 18. The Scheideggers were married Feb. 15, 1939. Mrs. Scheidegger has been a Church member for almost 35 years, and Mr. Scheidegger has been a member for almost 34 years.

NOTICE

The Fort Worth, Tex., church will celebrate its 25th anniversary July 8 and 9. The Fort Worth brethren would like to invite members to the event who have attended in Fort Worth through the years. Please contact Don Waterhouse or Terry Mattson, pastors of the Fort Worth churches, for details.

OBITUARIES

ATHERTON, George, 55, of Martinsville, Ind., died May 17 of Creutzfeldt-Jakob syndrome. Mr. Atherton, a Church member since 1986, is survived by his wife, Nancy, also a Church member; three sons; three brothers; and two sisters. One brother, Don, is also a Church member.

MILLER, Orville, 79, of Neligh, Neb., died April 22 of liver failure. Mr. Miller, a Church member since April 1967, is survived by his wife, Freda; four sons, Larry, Norman, Carroll, and Warren; and one daughter, Connie.

TAYLOR, William George, 64, of the Isle of Man, died April 5 after suffering a stroke. Mr. Taylor, a Church member since 1975, is survived by his wife, Joy, and son, Paul.

BUNTING, Rita Jeanne Morse, 64, of Ocala, Fla., died May 1 after a long struggle with cancer. Mrs. Bunting, a Church member for 23 years, is survived by her husband of almost 40 years, Robert, a deacon in the Ocala, Fla., church. She is also survived by one son, Dan, and two daughters, Robin and Roberta Bastie, all Church members; another daughter, Bonnie Taylor; and two grandchildren.

ENESS, Amber May, 91, of Grand Rapids, Mich., died April 8 after a long illness. Mrs. Eness, a Church member for 17 years, is survived by her brother, Roland, and a daughter, Irene.

MILLER, Lewis August, 97, of Idaho Springs, Colo., died April 26. Mr. Miller, a Church member since 1971, is survived by his wife of 50 years, Gladys, also a Church member; three daughters; and one son.

MARLAR, Dolores, 57, of Warren, Mich., died April 30. Mrs. Marlar, a Church member since 1984, is survived by four sons, Harry, David, Michael and James Robinette; three sisters, Lorraine Gingell, Betty Tremba and Helen Obremski; and five grandchildren.

SHAFFER, Ruth Eileen, 68, of Dayton, Ohio, died May 2 after a long illness. Mrs. Shaffer, a Church member for 14 years, is survived by her husband, five sons, one daughter, and two great-grandchildren.

CHIPURA, Edward "Ted," 70, of Winnipeg, Man., died April 14 of a heart attack. Mr. Chipura is survived by his wife, Pearl, a Church member, and a sister, Nellie.

100 years

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years ago when the journey (80 miles round trip) and the sitting became too much.

When she turned 100 Mrs. Kirkland received a telegram from the Queen.

She also received flowers from the British Office and the mayor.

"I keep myself busy knitting and reading," said Mrs. Kirkland, who retired at age 91. She says, "I've never thought of myself as old."

Ray Schellenger

Nearly 200 family and friends honored Ray and Lenora Schellenger with a reception Jan. 15, 11 days before Mr. Schellenger turned 100.

Mr. Schellenger and his wife, Lenora, 96, attend the Wichita, Kan., church. Mrs. Schellenger was baptized in 1959 and Mr. Schellenger in 1960.

Stanley McNiel, pastor of the Wichita church, presented Mr.

Schellenger with a basket of 100 long-stemmed roses and cards signed by the brethren.

Mr. Schellenger was born Jan. 26, 1889, in Lebanon, Kan. In his youth, he and his brothers were outdoorsmen. They hunted, fished and trapped.



RAY & LENORA SCHELLENGER

When the couple met, Lenora was a schoolteacher in a one-room country school house while boarding with Mr. Schellenger's parents. She didn't even know he existed.

When he returned from California, where he had been living, the

romance began and they were married in April 1915. Last April they marked 74 years of marriage.

Mr. Schellenger was a farmer and owned a commercial apple orchard near Burlington, Kan.

Mr. Schellenger likes to study American Indian culture. The site

Delia Dean Arnold, daughter of Ray and Lenora Schellenger, supplied this information about her father. Mrs. Arnold attends the Alexandria, La., church.

of his farm was the former home of Kansas Plains Indians, and he has a collection of artifacts gathered from his fields.

Althea Jones

The oldest of 10 children, Althea Jones was born Nov. 2, 1887, and grew up in rural Prince Edward County, Va., where her parents were slaves before the Civil War (1861-1865).

After graduating as valedictorian in 1910 from a boarding school in

Christiansburg, Va., Mrs. Jones earned a scholarship to Cheyney State College in Pennsylvania, where she earned her teaching degree.

After teaching for several years she married William Anthony



ALTHEA JONES

Jones in 1921. The couple were married for 61 years until Mr. Jones died in 1982.

Mrs. Jones, 101, has six children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Despite having spent a lifetime of

learning and teaching, Mrs. Jones says that since coming into God's Church in 1973, "I have learned more than I ever dreamed."

"Althea Jones is a tremendous example for us in regard to attend-

Information about Althea Jones was supplied by Michael McDaniel of the Richmond, Va., church.

ing Sabbath services and participating in church functions," said Ray Harrison, a local church elder in Richmond, Va. "Even when she's not up to par physically, if at all possible she will be there.

"And at a time of life when she should be served, she continues to serve others," Mr. Harrison said.

Nov. 2, 1987, Mrs. Jones' family and friends honored her with a banquet commemorating her 100 years.

When asked to what she attributes her longevity, Mrs. Jones replies, "God's blessing—that's the only thing."

Students admire member Her light shines through glass

By Beverly Carriles

METAIRIE, La.—We live across the street from a parochial high school (grades 9 through 12) in a suburb of New Orleans. Our half-glass front door faces a classroom with large windows.

Beverly Carriles and her husband, John, are members who attend the New Orleans, La., church.

As my husband of 35 years leaves for work each morning, I either help him carry things to his car or on humid mornings (in New Orleans we have many of these), I dry off the car windows for him. Then we kiss good-bye for the day. As he drives away I give him a last wave.

One cold morning I hurried inside to watch through my glass door and wave good-bye, but this time I noticed hands waving back to me through those large classroom windows across the street. From that day on it became the thing to do. I waved—they waved back.

On a cold, rainy February morning just as my husband left, I walked away from the front door going about my daily chores. The doorbell rang. Who could that be? I was just there.

As I opened the door a beautiful young lady and handsome young gentleman, both about 17 years of age, said they represented the class across the street and handed me a bouquet of flowers.

I looked over at the classroom and there stood about 25 students and their teacher waving back. I was so pleasantly surprised. Why would these sweet teenagers bother with an "old" woman?

The next morning I decided I should reciprocate and bring them munchkins (small doughnuts). The teacher met me in his doorway and stepped into the hall to tell me how they had been admiring my husband and me every morning for months. He said that in their conversations they refer to us Fred and Ethel.

He also explained that most of

these young people have single-parent families; therefore, they have only seen relationships like ours in the movies. I was so surprised. I had no idea they were watching.

Thereafter, every morning I come out and wave good morning to my friends, even on Holy Days when my husband does not work.

Two months later the same couple appeared at my door. This time they handed me an invitation to their ring ceremony, which took place at 11:15 that morning.

I thought as I was getting dressed that the only two faces I would know are the ones who came to my door twice. As I walked into the hall looking for the assembly room, someone greeted me and asked whose parent I was.

"Oh, I'm just the neighbor," I replied.

"Well, hello," she welcomed me. "You must be Ethel. We want you on the front row so they can all see you." Immediately I thought, what is this? I would only recognize two of them. But she assured me every-

one at the school knew who I was.

The ceremony lasted about 55 minutes after which all the students surrounded me and asked that I turn their rings—I had no idea what I was doing or why. When I graduated in 1952 we did no such thing.

Later I was told that they have others turn their class rings the same number of times as the year in which they graduate, which, for 1990 meant 90 times. They wanted me to be the first to do so since I helped them have a happy, memorable junior year.

The parents had a covered-dish luncheon after the ceremony.

I felt that my mission had been

accomplished for the students. Resuming my daily chores and grocery shopping, I thought they certainly were finished thinking about Ethel. Not so.

About two hours later a mother, with camera in hand, and her daughter came to my door with balloon arrangements that had been part of the stage decorations. They presented them to me saying they wanted me to have a token of their activities.

Mom had both of us stand in my doorway and took a photo.

Now, I have really learned firsthand that one never knows who's watching.

Moving? Let MPC Know

PASADENA—The Mail Processing Center (MPC) processed more than 600,000 address changes in 1988. MPC should be notified of address changes so literature and other mail can reach those who request it. The post office returns magazines that cannot be delivered, but this service costs the Church 30 cents a copy.

MPC asks Church members to consider the following:

- When planning to move, please give two to three weeks advance notice of your new address.

- Notify MPC in writing or call toll free 1-800-423-4444 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Pacific Time, Monday through Friday. Calling is faster, and any questions or unusual circumstances are easier to resolve.

- If you miss a magazine, letter or other publication, please call or write. We will promptly replace the items you did not receive.

- You can help MPC serve you better by supplying the following information:

- (1) Notify MPC when a family member who receives Church literature dies.

- (2) When parents separate or divorce, send both addresses (if both are subscribers) and note where the children will live.

- (3) Please provide a change of address for all types of moves, including changes to a summer or winter residence or a student going to college.

- (4) Let MPC know if a family member will be away from home for an extended period because of employment or family illness. Literature can be sent to those individuals at their temporary addresses.

By notifying MPC of any address changes, you will help keep records up to date and enjoy uninterrupted service.

Travel

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service to the brethren—not an obligation," Mr. Peoples said. "We want members to use our services because they want to. We feel we can provide members with special fares and discounts, but we are not in competition with other agencies or Church members in the travel business."

The Travel Office is not soliciting non-Church-related business from members, according to Mr. Peoples. It is providing a service for existing programs at a cost-savings to the Work and members.

The office handles corporate and group travel for the Church, Ambassador College and the Amba-

sador Foundation, as well as travel to the Feast of Tabernacles for members. It also handles travel arrangements for the Summer Educational Programs.

Travel team

The Travel Office has a staff of seven full-time employees year-round and hires an additional 20 area Church members as part-time agents during the peak Feast-planning months, primarily March through October.

Frank Fish, Travel coordinator, estimates that agents answer an average of 300 calls daily.

"We realize we've gotten off to a less-than-ideal start," Mr. Fish said. "We had to express-mail tickets to people for the first session of SEP, for example. We were in the

process of training people and installing equipment, and working out bugs in the system. But we're picking up steam every day."

One of the greatest benefits of the new travel service is that the Church supervises the personnel who handle members' travel arrangements.

Serving the Family

"We feel we've put together a good team," said Mr. Fish. "We are dealing with our Family, and we want to provide the best service possible with a smile."

Office hours for travel arrangements are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time), Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. The toll-free number is 1-800-266-5555.

PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29, New King James)



Dayton, Ohio

By Kerri Dowd

Dayton, Ohio, in the Miami River valley, is the birthplace of aviation. Visitors can see air pioneers Orville and Wilbur Wright's bicycle shop and the U.S. Air Force Museum, the largest military aviation museum in the world.

Historical sites from Indian and pioneer history and fort and battle sites from the Revolutionary War are scattered through a terrain of lakes, rolling hills, streams, deciduous trees, farmland and forests.

Although many of the brethren

in Dayton's two congregations work in engineering, construction, research and development, five are at least part-time farmers. They raise corn, wheat, soybeans and some livestock.

Drought in the summer of 1988 "affected their yield, but not as badly as in other areas," said Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches since 1983.

Dayton brethren "are very friendly and zealous for the Work. Activities are well attended and supported," the pastor said.

Going on 25

The Dayton church was raised up in 1965 by evangelist Carn Catherwood, now regional director for the Church in Italian-speaking areas.

Sixty-five men have given sermons at Sabbath services as a

result of Graduate Club training in the last seven years.

"It is just a one-time thing in most cases, but they have all done very well," said Mr. Meyer.

Dayton has been a Feast of Tabernacles site since 1980, so brethren "are heavily involved in details and preparation. They also have a responsibility in the way they conduct themselves since they are the host congregation," said Mr. Meyer.

Fruitful fund raising

Each year brethren sell three semitrailer loads of citrus fruit to raise \$25,000 to \$30,000. In addition to supporting the Work through tithes and offerings, these funds subsidize activities, YOU gym rental, uniforms, entry fees and church equipment.

"Other fund raisers are incidental," Mr. Meyer said. The citrus sale provides most of the funds for the year.

Another use for these funds is a YOU trip each summer. Destinations have included New York City, the Great Smoky Mountains and the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit, Mich.

Dynamic church

Dayton youths are an active



MARRIED 61 YEARS—Wilkie and Jane Hughes have been married longer than any other members in Dayton.

bunch with three basketball teams, three cheerleading squads, three volleyball teams and a 40-member track team.

Annual sporting events include a YOU district track meet, an invita-

tional track meet to which 100 churches in 13 states are invited, a YOU invitational basketball tournament and a men's and women's invitational softball tournament.

Dayton also has four YES-age basketball teams and two cheerleading squads. About 60 teens sing in the YOU choir, and 90 children make up the YES choir.

The youths are not the only people in the Dayton churches who like to be involved. Members have placed more than 1,700 Plain Truth brochure holders at businesses, and magazines in more than 80 libraries and 3,000 waiting rooms.

More than 115 trained operators have answered in excess of 50,000 Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) calls in their homes since April, 1986.

"The churches are blessed with many multitalented people, and through their efforts, many large and varied projects have been accomplished," said Mr. Meyer.

"Brethren have been able to rise to every challenge set before them and accomplish the goals with flying colors."



WE ARE ONE FAMILY

Dayton, Ohio	
Attendance	710
Local church elders	3
Deacons	10
Deaconesses	4
Teens	89
Children under 12	140
Singles	61
Over 60s	78
Spokesman Clubs	1
Graduate Clubs	2

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the Feast sites in Segovia, Spain, and Rabat, Malta, have reached capacity. No further transfer applications can be accepted.

The Feast site in Puerto Rico was confirmed as San Juan. The site is open for transfers.

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PASADENA—A medieval banquet will take place at the Feast in Trabolgan, Ireland. Brethren may wish to bring costumes for the occasion.

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PASADENA—A post-Feast tour of London, Stonehenge and Stratford-upon-Avon, England, is available to all brethren who will attend the Feast in Europe.

The tour begins Sunday evening, Oct. 22, and ends Friday morning, Oct. 27. The cost is 390 pounds (about US\$614) for room and board for each person.

Those interested should apply now to London Tour '89, Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 111, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 1LU, England.

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ministerial change.

Ted Herlofson, associate pastor of the Denver, Colo., North and South churches, will now pastor the Denver South church. **Douglas Horchak** will continue to pastor the Denver North church.

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PASADENA—Evangelist **Larry Salyer**, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, presented a plaque for 25 years of service to **Gary Antion**, a pastor-rank minister and associate professor of theology at Pasadena Ambassador College, at a Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet June 8.

Arthur Roesler, a local church elder in Augusta, Ga., and **Jackie Spurgeon**, who works on the Pasadena campus custodial crew, also received plaques.

Along with their husbands, **Barbara Antion** and **Jacqueline Roesler** also received watches.

Billie Kay Huse, wife of **Clarence Huse**, was also presented a watch. Mr. Huse, a local church elder and a buyer in the Purchasing Department, received his watch earlier.

Roy and Norma Holladay received a plaque and watches at a Ministerial Refreshing Program dinner May 23.

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina—Brethren in Argentina were unaffected by food riots here May 29, according to **Alberto Sousa**, pastor



ALBERTO SOUSA

of the Salto, Uruguay, and Buenos Aires churches.

Riots occurred in the poorer sections of Buenos Aires and Rosario, 165 miles to the northwest.

Inflation, which was 70 percent for May, continues to create prob-

lems for members.

Though the riots have ended, the economic situation "is quite severe, but we help each other," Mr. Sousa said. "Prayers would be welcome."

No rioting took place at Mar del Plata, where the Feast of Tabernacles will take place as planned.

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PASADENA—Eighteen Ambassador College students and Church employees volunteered to answer telephone calls during a KCET pledge break June 8.

KCET, a television station of the Public Broadcasting Service, is supported by viewer pledges.

"Due to our increasing support of certain educational programs aired on the station, they asked us if we would assist by supplying volunteers to field pledge calls," said **Michael Snyder**, assistant director of Public Affairs.

"This was another opportunity to provide service to the community."

After a dinner the group toured the studio. Others at the station for the pledge break included actor **William Shatner** (Captain Kirk of the starship *Enterprise*), actors from various KCET programs and

area television journalists.

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PASADENA—Postal supervisor **Eric Shaw** and two of his assistants, **Coy Colbert** and **Ed Stonick**, attended the National Postal Forum West sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service's Western region.

Feast of Tabernacles applications

Why transfer requests denied

By Mark McCulley

PASADENA—Have you wondered why your Festival transfer request was approved, while others were denied? An explanation of the transfer process may answer your questions.

Mark McCulley is Festival Administration manager.

More than 106,000 U.S. members and their families began signing up in May for the Feast of Tabernacles.

By filling out a card listing the site to which they wish to transfer, members register their requests with their pastors, who forward the completed information to Pasadena.

The same system is used for the churches in Canada. Variations on this method are used in several regional offices.

The information on each family (listed by church area) is mailed to

Pasadena on the Festival attendance list.

After being recorded and checked, the lists are sent to the terminals section of the Mail Processing Center, where about 10 operators input each family's choices into a file in the Church's mainframe computer. Other information, such as needs for handicap seating, are also entered.

Computer reports are generated showing the number of people who would attend each Festival site if their first transfer choice was approved.

Those figures are compared to the capacity of each site. If it appears that too many members have requested a site, lists are printed of the members requesting transfers to that site.

Members' names are sorted according to where they have transferred in past years. Those who transferred to the same site the pre-

tional Surface Airlift, two reduced-rate bulk mailing systems.

Mr. Shaw received an award that is given annually to three mail center managers who set standards of excellence within their mail centers and in their relationship with the U.S. Postal Service.

vous year are most likely to be sent to their second choice, if it is available.

Other considerations include how often a member has transferred, and to which sites.

At this time, lists of family members who wish to transfer together are compared to the list of those whose requests are likely to be turned down. This helps ensure that families attend the Feast together.

When sufficient requests have been removed from the list, projected site attendances are checked once more to make sure no new overloads have been created.

The Festival attendance list is reprinted with the correct transfer site for each family and mailed to church pastors, who pass the information along to the members.

Last year only 3,028 people out of 55,562 requests were refused their first choice—only 5.4 percent of the total.



"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

PASADENA—An accident suffered by a member in the Philippines "undoubtedly saved his life," reported **Rodney Matthews**, Philippine regional director, May 22.

This report was received from **Honesto Rustia**, pastor of the Santiago and Roxas, Philippines, churches.

An elderly member was spared from cross fire when members of the New People's Army (NPA) sought overnight shelter in his house.

Early the next morning the NPA soldiers went to the other side of the river that separated his house from a forested area.

Within a few hours government troops arrived at the member's house, and he was told to guide them to the other side of the river

where the NPA soldiers were hiding.

While crossing the river, the member slipped, hurt his shin and was carried away by the swift current.

The military called off the operation when they lost the member, then left the area.

The member learned that the NPA soldiers were ready to fire on the government troops if they had crossed the river.

The member was spared from possible injury or death in the would-be firefight. God does indeed care for and protect His people.

A week before Passover, the same member and his wife were forced to evacuate their mountain property when NPA troops and the military clashed.



SOUTH AFRICAN PARADE—Participants line up behind church banners at the opening ceremonies of South Africa's third annual sports tournament May 4 to 7. In many events families competed as teams.

The military ordered all residents in the remote village to dismantle their homes and leave their land, because of a military offensive against some 100 heavily armed rebels in the area.

The couple have been helped by the Church to relocate.

Haiti visit

John Halford, a pastor-rank minister in Pasadena, and **Cyrille Richard**, an associate pastor of the Montreal, Que., North and South French-speaking churches, visited Haiti during the second half of the Spring Holy Days.

Because of Haiti's economic situation, many members have job skills but are unable to find work.

"Mr. [Joseph] Tkach has arranged for some projects under the auspices of the Ambassador Foundation to help members get training and build businesses for themselves," Mr. Halford told *The Worldwide News*.

"I told them Mr. Tkach said we will never abandon them, that they are a very important part of the family," he said.

Brethren are learning carpentry, bookbinding, printing and auto mechanics. The foundation supplies tools and equipment.

"The idea is for a member to become skilled, then train other members, and they will eventually be self-supporting and able to maintain necessary skills, as it mentions in Titus 3:14," Mr. Halford explained.

It was at first hoped that the Haitians could manufacture items for sale in the United States. "But the venture proved to be too expensive. There wasn't enough profit."

"Manufacturing things that are necessary in the Haitian economy is better," Mr. Halford said. "There is always a market for a particular trade."

Some who have learned carpentry now have more work than they can handle.

A soon-to-be completed book-binding area will produce note pads, office stationery and exercise books.

"This is very much in the spirit of what Mr. Tkach has wanted to use Ambassador Foundation funds for in developing countries—to help the members wherever possible," said Mr. Halford. "This helps them to support themselves."

He added, "We will do our part in

helping them, since they are willing to help themselves."

Southern Africa

Bloemfontein, South Africa, was host to 850 members and their families during the third annual national sports tournament May 4 to 7.

Participants represented 11 churches, with many traveling as much as 600 miles (about 1,000 kilometers), said evangelist **Leslie McCullough**, regional director.

Each evening members from a different church area catered for the group. Meals ranged from the traditional *braai* (barbecue) to *potjiekos* (stew).

After the sports weekend, the annual ministerial conference was conducted in a Bloemfontein hotel.

Mr. McCullough updated ministers and presented lectures.

Robert Klynsmith, newly appointed office manager, spoke about staff needs in the Cape Town, South Africa, Office.

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