

## Pastor general meets royalty during visit to United Kingdom

By Aaron Dean

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong returned here May 17, completing a 10-day trip to the United Kingdom where he met with Prince Charles; Princess Diana; Lord Spencer, the father of Princess Diana; Edmund and Leopold de Rothschild; and education and Church officials.

*Aaron Dean, a local elder, is Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide.*

The trip began at 9:45 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) May

8 when the Work's G-II jet left the Burbank, Calif., airport. Aboard with Mr. Armstrong were evangelist Ellis La Ravia, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, and his wife Gwen; Warren Watson, director of the Work's Photography Department; and Aaron Dean, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide, and his wife Michelle.

Eleven hours later, after flying through eight time zones, the G-II touched down at the Luton, England, airport at 5 a.m. local time.

That afternoon Mr. Armstrong met with evangelist Frank Brown,

regional director serving in the Church's office in Borehamwood, England. Mr. Brown gave the pastor general a preliminary briefing about a scheduled trip to Oxford, England, home of Oxford University.

### Trip to Oxford

At 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 10, Mr. Armstrong and his party were joined by Mr. Brown and his wife Sharon for the trip to Oxford, where they arrived at noon.

Oxford University is composed of 34 colleges with more than 7,000 students. The Armstrong party visited St. Antony College, a graduate school specializing in modern history, economics and international affairs.

The Ambassador Foundation sponsors the Mainland China Fellowship, held by Zhao Renwei, an economist from the People's Republic of China.

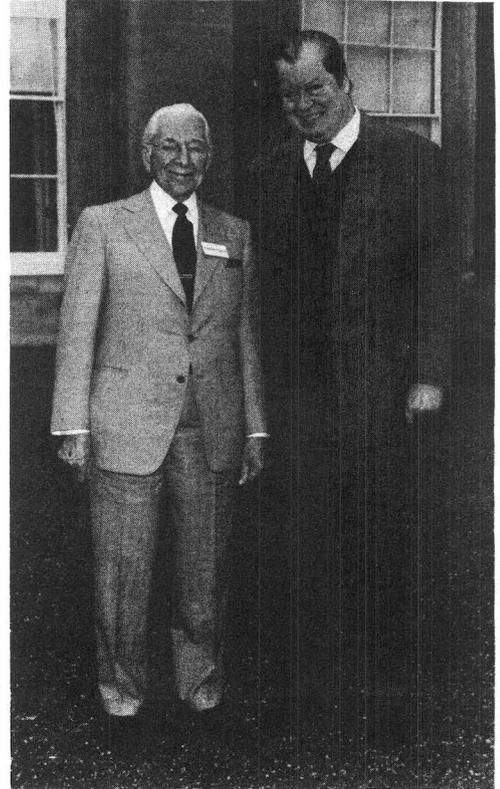
Mr. Armstrong was guest of honor at a reception where he was met by Warden Raymond Carr. Warden is a title equivalent of a college president in the United States. The college warden accompanied the pastor general to the reception, which was attended by 40 university officials. There Mr. Armstrong met Professor Zhao.

Mr. Armstrong delivered a brief but cogent message about the paradox of mankind's physical achievements and appalling spiritual problems.

Some had lectures to give or attend at 1 p.m., but about 24 remained for a private luncheon with Mr. Armstrong. During the luncheon, Mr. Armstrong explained in depth what he discussed at the reception.

Wednesday, May 11, was the only free day scheduled during the trip, and Mr. Armstrong prepared his sermon for Sabbath services May 14.

That evening, Mr. Armstrong and those traveling with him practiced the "give" way in a game of hearts. Hearts is a card game where the person with the least points is



**ENGLISH VISIT** — During a visit to England, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong met Lord Spencer, father of Princess Diana, at a tea in Althorp, May 17. [Photo by Warren Watson]

the winner.

Thursday, May 12, Mr. La Ravia and Mr. Dean preceded the pastor general to the Royal College of Music to ensure that a tour of the college would not involve excessive physical exertion for Mr. Armstrong. The college needs extensive repair and upgrading. The Ambassador Foundation made a contribution in response to their appeal for assistance.

Many of the musical artists that perform in the Ambassador Auditorium received training at the Royal College of Music. Ruth Walter,

professor of music at Big Sandy Ambassador College, holds a Royal College of Music degree.

The pastor general arrived at 3 p.m., and was met by Sir David Willcocks, director of the institution.

After tea with the director, the group went to the orchestra hall where the students were rehearsing. The tour continued to a newly opened museum of musical instruments.

Mr. Armstrong was impressed with the collection; some of the instruments date back to the 16th century.

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## Ambassador men serve as ministerial trainees

PASADENA — Six graduating seniors and four juniors from Pasadena Ambassador College will serve as ministerial trainees, announced Raymond F. McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College, in a college forum April 28.

The graduates are Michael Benjegerdes, Phil Hopwood, Ruel Guerrero, Phil Gray, Josef Forson and Cyrille Richard.

The four juniors, Paul Brown, David Evans, Dan Girouard and Mark Mounts, are assigned only for the summer and will return to college for their senior year.

### Graduates

Michael Benjegerdes from Postville, Iowa, is no stranger to Germany. Mr. Benjegerdes, 23, studied German for five years in high school and college, visited Germany during the 1982 Bonn, West Germany, Office Summer Program, and served as German Club president during his senior year at Ambassador College. He will leave for Europe May 31 to assist ministers in

central and northern Germany and Switzerland.

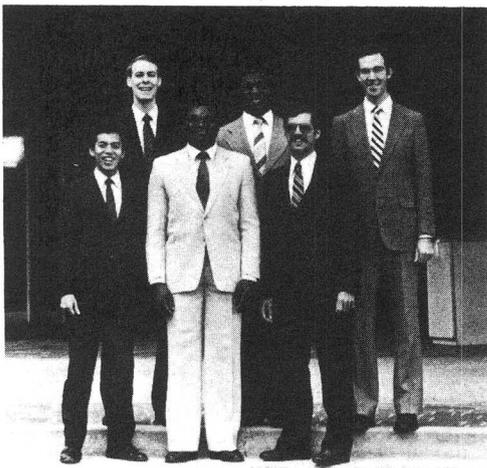
Phil Hopwood, 31, will return to Vancouver, B.C., where he served last summer under preaching elder Tom Ecker. Mr. Hopwood is originally from Launceston, Australia.

Ruel Guerrero, who, according to the Registrar's Office, is one of only four native-born Filipinos to graduate from Ambassador College, will return to the Philippines to work in the Church Office there. Mr. Guerrero was born and reared in Manila. He came to the United States after high school.

Phil Gray, 27, will serve in the London and Basildon, England, areas under pastor Robin Jones. Mr. Gray, originally from London, was a ministerial assistant in England last summer.

Josef Forson, his wife, Gloria, and 10-month-old daughter, Michelle, will travel to Ghana where Mr. Forson will assist pastor Melvin Rhodes. While at Ambassador, Mr. Forson worked 15 months with Los

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**MINISTERIAL TRAINEES** — Six graduating seniors from Pasadena Ambassador College who will serve as ministerial trainees are, from left: Ruel Guerrero, Michael Benjegerdes, Josef Forson, Phil Gray, Cyrille Richard and Phil Hopwood. [Photo by Wesley Webster]

## Quality workmanship goes into British Office Contractors win craft award

By John R. Schroeder

**BOREHAMWOOD, England** — The contractors of the Church's regional office here received the Partitioning Industry Association National Award for Craftsmanship for 1982-83, according to evangelist Frank Brown, regional director.

*John R. Schroeder is The Plain Truth's British regional editor and senior writer at the regional office in Borehamwood, England.*

The award is for the best quality workmanship done by any company throughout the United Kingdom. The company, DCB Integration Systems of London, received the award for the design and construction of the office interior.

The Church's offices are on the third floor (fourth floor by American reckoning, as Britons do not count the ground floor) of Elstree House on the outskirts of Borehamwood, 15 miles northwest of London.

In December, 1981, Church officials negotiated a contract with DCB for the interior design. "One of the conditions of the contract when it was let was that only the highest standard of workmanship would be acceptable," said Mr. Brown.

"Although Harrods [department store] advised on the furnishing of the executive wing of the new offices, the overall design was basically selected by the Church and only the highest quality materials were used," Mr. Brown said.

The award given to the contractors was based on every detail of the contract being fulfilled to perfection. The three wings in Elstree House, all designed for different functions, cover about 10,000 square feet, with a reception foyer in the center.

Not only did the contractors fulfill the Church's rigid quality specifications, they also met the quoted price — a rare occurrence in the building trade today, according to Mr. Brown.

Every effort was made to be sure the Church premises are up to Ambassador quality. As Mr. Brown said: "Many of the ideas used in the office came from those which Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong has used in

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# Weather crisis: millions to face starvation

PASADENA — "CRAZY WEATHER — What on Earth is Happening?" was emblazoned across the cover of the May 13 *Asia-week* magazine. The feature article detailed upset weather conditions around the world, especially in the Pacific rim countries.

The authors speculated that much of the turmoil may be caused by the "El Nino" phenomenon, an inexplicable reverse flow of warm water currents in the mid-Pacific, as well as a step-up of volcanic activity.

Regardless of the causes, 1983 has indeed been disastrous in climatic upheavals and their looming impact on world food supplies. So far, the following have been witnessed: searing droughts in Australia and much of Africa; floods in Western Europe; a California coastline battered by storms and high tides; and a topsy-turvy winter across the United States followed by freak springtime storms.

The biggest impact at the moment is in Africa, and India, where, unlike in Australia, saving rains are yet to come. Some meteorologists feel normal weather may be years away — which means millions of people could starve in the meantime.

Nations on the brink of famine are turning to traditional food exporters for emergency grain supplies. Yet Australia is hard-pressed to meet export obligations and

South Africa, an unpublicized supplier of food to black Africa nations, will be a net importer this year.

Irony of ironies, the biggest exporter of all, the United States, is faced with unmanageable surpluses. To alleviate this problem the government has instituted a risky program to curtail grain production this year.

Some experts believe the PIK program (for Payment-in-Kind, under which farmers take land out of production and are credited with comparable value in stored surpluses) could mean a severe cutback in food available for foreign sales in the immediate years ahead.

## Africa: bread a status symbol

Here is a rundown of the weather and food production crisis — a fulfillment of Matthew 24:7, "And there shall be famines . . ."

"Once again Africa is caught in a lethal drought," reported *Newsweek* May 9. "Unlike its predecessor a decade ago, the tragedy that is now sweeping Africa is not confined to a narrow band of arid nations. This time it runs from Mauritania in the west to Ethiopia in the east, from Chad in the north to the Cape of Good Hope. Nearly every country in Africa is affected."

"For a continent already losing the battle to feed itself, the result is nothing short of catastrophic . . . Few African governments are capable of dealing with the drought.

They are hampered by corruption, incompetence, high birth rates, a failure to learn from the past or lack of money. Already, observes one harassed U.N. relief worker, 'bread has become a status symbol in many parts of Africa.'"

Black Africa is not alone in facing the drought. This time almost all of South Africa is affected as well.

typhoid, cholera and measles.

The government of neighboring Botswana has proclaimed a drought emergency.

The situation is nearly as bad on the rest of the continent, continued the *Newsweek* article quoted above. "Zimbabwe's corn crop last year was but a third of that of 1980. Thousands of cattle in Matabele-

land have been slaughtered for lack of fodder. In Mozambique, the once-mighty Limpopo River is so low that sea water from the Indian Ocean has penetrated upstream, spoiling arable land . . .

"Just why Africa faces periodic droughts is unknown. The experts can only say that the droughts tend to be cyclical . . . Some scientists have noted a relationship between

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



This is an ominous development since South Africa, despised politically in the world, has nevertheless been a food lifeline to several black African countries. Without its exports, the lives of millions of Africans are in peril.

South Africa is now in the grips of its worst drought in 50 years, some say for 200 years. Agricultural production is devastated. Worse yet, the rainy season is over, with the country facing its traditionally dry Southern Hemisphere winter.

In South Africa's rural black homelands, some doctors warned that there could be widespread deaths from malnutrition and accompanying diseases such as

Your focus should not be on producing children, but should be God-oriented. Remember that the principal purpose of this life is to fulfill our commission as a Church, to be in the Kingdom of God and to teach others God's way of life.

If you are without children and have a talent for working with young people, become involved in the Youth Opportunities United activities in your church area. Support young people in their activities—go to their sporting events, participate in the fund-raising programs.

Even though church activities may not be directed specifically to the childless couple, you are a family and should be learning to be more a part of God's Family by actively participating.

Don't limit your friends to other families without children. If you also make friends with couples who have children, you will have opportunities to participate in parent-child activities and learn from them.

The member who wrote to me mentioned that they "rented" children for a weekend, giving parents a break and a chance to be with each other. That is all well and good, but don't forget why you are taking care of the children — to give — not to try to fill a void in your life.

Another couple I know who do not have children have a lot of young friends. Before and after services you can see the wife, especially, surrounded by youngsters of all ages — visiting and encouraging them. She also writes stories for children, using the knowledge she has learned to teach many more children than she could if she had her own.

Children are a gift and blessing from God (Psalm 127:3). But God also knows our needs, our desires and our potentials. He knows what we need to develop the right character to qualify for His Kingdom.

If you are childless you know nothing can satisfy the natural desire to have children (Proverbs 30:15-16). But remember and be encouraged by our incredible goal and purpose. Whether or not we can have children in this life, we are privileged to be an integral part of the most awe-inspiring reproductive process going on in the history of the universe — God reproducing Himself.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## 'A leader of principle'

"Britain has been adrift for some years, and it will take a Churchill-like leadership to rally the nation and to redeem it from the bondage of social theory, permissiveness and industrial strife." So editorialized *To the Point International* (published in South Africa) just before Margaret Thatcher assumed the post of prime minister in May, 1979.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### 'Just One More Thing'

I would like to express my appreciation for the articles . . . in "Just One More Thing." I always look forward to them and find them so helpful in our day-to-day Christian living. Especially enjoyed "Give the Neglected Gift," April 18 issue, stressing the need for encouragement . . . I know it works and I am going to make it one of my goals each day.

Ruth Bell  
Scarborough, Ont.

I especially hope to benefit from your latest article on "Give the Neglected Gift."

Regarding the point that you made about the person in the office, the machinist salesman, the shopkeeper, etc., is first a human being, then the skilled person. I never used to know how to conduct myself, and always felt a bit awkward, but now I will remember that they are human beings too, that need a smiling encouraging face like the rest of us.

The same with our ministers. I was always afraid of appearing too forward, if smiling and friendly, but now I will remember that the ministers, too, are human beings that need warmth from others as we ourselves do. Nothing is worse than a need to be encouraged that is not fulfilled. Very many thanks.

Mrs. Martin Ryan  
London, England

### Television programs

I have just finished the May 2, 1983, issue article on "Worldwatch," by Gene Hogberg. How plain can it be? That article.

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rainfall patterns and sunspot activity, but they cannot yet explain it. By following the sunspots, however, they believe they can forecast an end to the drought — in two to seven years. Sadly, for Africa, that will not be soon enough."

### India's unprecedented emergency

In 1967 India faced an extreme food shortage. For weeks an endless procession of freighters and tankers converted to grain haulage sailed from the United States to India. This oceanic pipeline rescued the Indian people from starvation.

That crisis abated. Since then, the monsoons have, in general, been good. Now wonder grains have enabled India to build up nationwide grain surpluses.

But now, India, especially in its southern states, is in the grips of a new drought. Fresh water is in desperately short supply. Only the country's reservoir of food surpluses, which can't last long, is keeping famine away.

"More than 100 million people in the South Indian peninsula," reported the April 6 *Daily Telegraph* of London, "face dehydration and diseases during the next two months because of lack of fresh drinking water. And most of the population of the drought-stricken

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## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## The loneliest problem

I received a letter from a member going through a trial that most of us in God's Church do not have to face and, therefore, may have little understanding of. It is the trial of being unable to bear children.

This member mentioned a number of situations that childless families face: feeling left out of church activities, primarily designed for singles, YOU, senior citizens and families with children; or being considered in transition between being single and having a family.

The Church's teaching centers on the family, and so it should, but those without children sometimes come up against such thoughtless suggestions as that they have taken the easy life instead of following God's admonition to multiply and replenish the earth (Genesis 2:18).

Most of us grow up assuming that we will get married and have children. That's the natural course of events. Many couples these days even put off having children for a couple of years. And it comes as a shock when children don't come along as planned.

Some statistics indicate that one out of six couples has difficulty conceiving or carrying a pregnancy to full term. I don't know if this holds true in God's Church, but there are childless couples in most of our congregations.

When people face trials, they go through a growing process — they are maturing spiritually. In the case of infertility, some couples ask: "Why is this happening to us?" "What have we done to deserve this?" "We really want children. Why can't we have them?"

Some feel defective, deformed, angry, hurt, empty and damaged. Others feel their spouses may come to no longer want them because they can't conceive. Others, still hoping

for children, live from month to month anxiously anticipating signs of pregnancy. These experiences are all a part of the growing process.

Some well-intentioned people, trying to make conversation, are not aware of this particular problem. These are usually people who have one or more children, and have had no problem adding to their families. In some cases fertility has been the "problem" they have had to face.

Asking the childless couple: "Don't you want to have children?" or "Aren't you doing your part?" are the worst questions and should be left unasked (Proverbs 15:2). When people are having to face a trial and overcome it, casual remarks, however well intentioned, may only cause hurt, grief and pain.

As brethren working toward the same goal and trying to be overcomers, we should avoid putting stumbling blocks in front of others trying to do the same. It doesn't really matter what the trial may be, we all need to be more aware of others' feelings and not be so quick to make critical comments, whether in jest or well meant.

On the other hand, those going through trials should be understanding of those who may be trying, however awkwardly, to show well-meaning concern. Give them the benefit of the doubt.

In overcoming any trial we grow spiritually. This process of maturing involves viewing our trials in relationship to the overall picture of God's plan for us. The same holds true for childlessness.

If you have been anointed for the problem, leave it in God's hands and accept what He has for you in life. Be like Paul: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11, King James Version).

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# Visit

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Present in the collection was an ancestor of the piano, the earliest antique harpsichord ever recovered.

Although the harpsichord was not playable, a replica was present to show patrons how it sounded. After a student demonstrated the harpsichord, Mr. Armstrong sat down and played Ludwig van Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata*.

The group continued to the opera theater where they learned of soundproofing problems. The opera theater is built directly below the orchestra hall, which makes it difficult for opera performers to rehearse during orchestra practice. The Royal College of Music plans to construct a new opera hall.

That evening the group, including Mr. and Mrs. Brown, attended a performance of the English Chamber Orchestra in London's Barbican Centre. The orchestra is conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas, a principal guest conductor of the Los Angeles (Calif.) Philharmonic.

Friday, May 13, Mr. Armstrong was driven to the Church's regional office in Borehamwood for the annual board meeting of the Worldwide Church of God. Mr. Brown gave a presentation on the Work's activities in Scandinavia, the United Kingdom, Africa and the Middle East, the areas Mr. Brown oversees as regional director.

After the presentation the group joined their wives and some of the British ministry for a buffet lunch at the office. Dessert was followed by some words of encouragement and education from Mr. Armstrong. Before returning to London, the Armstrong party stopped at the former Ambassador College campus in Bricklet Wood, England, for a visit.

### Sabbath address

On the Sabbath Mr. Armstrong and his group traveled to the Brent Town Hall outside of London where more than 1,000 brethren were gathered for services.

After Mr. La Ravia gave the sermonette, Mr. Armstrong spoke powerfully to the brethren. He recounted his visit to Oxford, and explained the inability of this world's great minds to see God's truth. He continued, showing how this is not God's world, and the need of God's spirit to understand and prepare for a new civilization.

The sermon was videotaped for later viewing by the other British churches.

### First of three meetings

After services the Armstrong party drove to Althorp, England, for tea with Lord Spencer, father of the Princess Diana. He was cordial as he pointed out the many rooms in one of the great houses of England (virtually a palace) and the history of the Spencer family.

The meeting was the first of three arranged by Leopold de Rothschild



**HWA IN BRITAIN** — Left, A.P. Spooner, director of the Royal Opera House, greets Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong during a visit to England May 8 to 17; right, inside the Royal College of Music, Mr. Armstrong plays Ludwig van Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* on a replica of an early harpsichord. [Photos by Warren Watson]



for friends of the Royal College of Music. Besides Mr. Armstrong's group were 14 influential Americans and an equal number of British hosts that changed with each meeting.

Sunday, May 15, the Armstrong party left London for Woburn Abbey, another of the great houses of Europe, and home of the Duke of Bedford. The group was greeted at the door of the house by the duke's son, the Marquess of Tavistock, and his wife the Marchioness and their friends the Baron and Baroness Gunsberg of Geneva, Switzerland.

The next room the group entered contained a remarkable collection of nearly two dozen self-portraits of artists from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. After drinks and conversation between guests and hosts, everyone was escorted to the dining area for lunch.

After lunch the group divided for a private tour of the estate. The Armstrong group viewed an extensive collection of painting, china, silver and gold artifacts.

The grounds of Woburn Abbey include a large animal preserve. Driving out, the pastor general and his group saw some of the estate's deer, elk, pheasant and partridge.

### Meeting royalty

The last full day of the trip, May 16, the Armstrong group went to the Rothschild estate at Exbury Gardens in Southampton, England. After tea Mr. Armstrong and his group were ushered to the entry to greet Prince Charles and Princess Diana. The guests were arranged in a semicircle and one by one were presented to the royal couple.

When Mr. Armstrong was presented, the prince recounted his two previous meetings with the pastor general and explained to Princess Diana who Mr. Armstrong was.

(No photography was allowed at this event.)

After tea Edmond de Rothschild took the entire gathering on a tour of the rhododendron gardens planted by Lionel Rothschild. The gardens, in full bloom, were breathtaking.

As the tour progressed Edmond de Rothschild recounted stories of his father building the gardens. One of the plants brought from deep in China cost the lives of many men before being brought to Exbury.

From the gardens the group was ushered into a large room where they listened to a performance by seven students from the Royal College of Music. Prince Charles addressed the group afterward, thanking the Americans for their support of England.

In dry wit, he asked the group why the United States sought independence from England when "they always seem to be coming to the aid of the British."

"Of course," he added, "we probably wouldn't have the relations we do, if you had not."

Exiting the main building, the group adjourned to the home of Leopold de Rothschild for a buffet dinner. With the informal seating, the guests mingled and spoke with one another, including the prince and princess.

Edmond de Rothschild spent about a half hour discussing the gardens and his various interests with Mr. Armstrong. The pastor general spoke of the gardens at the former

Bricket Wood campus of Ambassador College and invited Mr. Rothschild to visit the Pasadena campus. Mr. Rothschild is considering a visit to the campus in the fall.

Upon discovering that one of the women he was conversing with was from Chicago, Ill., the pastor general spoke of the Chicago Symphony.

"I understand that the Chicago Symphony is the top-rated symphony in the U.S. since [Sir Georg] Solti began conducting. They have not yet appeared at Ambassador Auditorium, but I hope to have them perform."

While the woman went to the buffet table, Mr. Armstrong was informed that he had been speaking to Mrs. Solti. When she returned, Mr. Armstrong said: "I feel embarrassed. You are Mrs. Solti, the wife of the conductor?"

"Yes," she replied with a warm smile, "but everything you said was absolutely true." She added she would speak to her husband about appearing at Ambassador.

Before leaving, Prince Charles made a special point to come over to Mr. Armstrong's table. With all the activities they had been unable to do much more than briefly greet each other. The prince then conversed with Mr. Armstrong for 20 minutes, speaking mostly of education.

The prince asked questions about Ambassador College, and Mr. Armstrong explained the history and goals of the college. Prince Charles is president of the World Colleges, which are trying to foster world unity by bringing young people from different nations to one campus. The World Colleges have six campuses, each with 25 percent enrollment

from the host country and the remainder from other countries.

Prince Charles invited the pastor general to visit the campus in New Mexico.

### Future queen

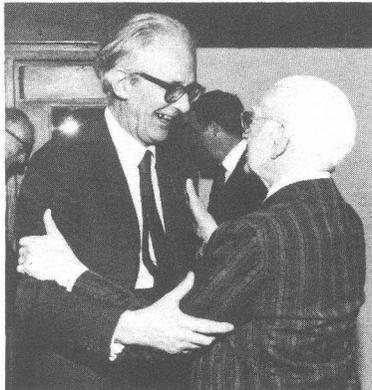
Partway through the conversation Princess Diana sat next to Mr. Armstrong and her husband on steps leading to an upper level. When offered a chair that was not as close to the pair, she declined, saying, "This is much better."

The princess chatted with the pastor general while the prince asked his aide to give Mr. Armstrong's staff information about the college in New Mexico. Although this was Mr. Armstrong's third meeting with the prince, it was his first with Princess Diana, and he said she thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

The royal couple departed first as protocol dictates. The Rothschilds said goodbye to each party as they left, with Leopold Rothschild presenting each couple with an autographed book on the Exbury gardens.

Mr. Armstrong and his party arrived back at the Dorchester Hotel at 11 p.m. Everyone remarked on how successful the day had been and voiced their positive impressions of the future king and queen of England.

At noon, Tuesday, May 17, the G-II lifted off from Luton airport, arriving back at Burbank at 4 p.m. PDT. After touching down, a tired group of travelers disembarked from the aircraft to conclude another successful trip.



**WARM RECEPTION** — Left, Warden Raymond Carr of Oxford University embraces Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong May 10 at a reception in the pastor general's honor; right, Mr. Armstrong conducts a meeting of the Church's board of directors in Britain. [Photos by Warren Watson]



**COLLEGE VISIT** — Above, at St. Antony College, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong exchanges greetings with Professor Zhao Renwei, an economist from the People's Republic of China. Professor Zhao was given the Mainland China Fellowship, sponsored by Ambassador Foundation. [Photo by Warren Watson]

# FOCUS ON YOUTH

## YOUTHS HONORED

**CALGARY, Alta.** — Shari Prosk, 16, a grade 11 student at Lord Beaverbrook High School, received a silver medal for floor exercise in the junior division of a citywide gymnastic meet March 30.

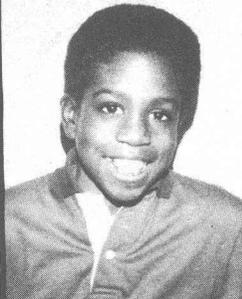


### SHARI PROSK

She was chosen to represent the city in the provincial meet but declined because the meet was on the Sabbath.

Shari attends the Calgary South church with her mother and sister and is secretary-treasurer for the YOU chapter.

**SHAKER HEIGHTS, Ohio** — Eric Brown, 10, won the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest on American history in the Shaker Heights school district in March. For his achievement Eric received a medal and a certificate of achievement at a dinner in his honor.



### ERIC BROWN

The assignment was to write an essay about any subject relevant to life in early America. Eric compared early American clothing to modern American clothing in his 600-word essay.

Eric, a fifth grader at Ludlow school, is the son of Bill and Ruthie Brown of Shaker Heights. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Cleveland, Ohio, East church.

**NORTH AUGUSTA, S.C.** — Loren T. Saxton, 14, an eighth grader at Merriwether School, placed third and received an award for Excellence in Expository Writing in the Lieutenant Governor's Essay Contest Nov. 15.

Nancy L. Stevenson, lieutenant governor of South Carolina, presented the award. Loren's essay discussed the long-term effects of women pursuing careers outside the home. He studied Church literature on the subject before writing his essay.

Loren, an honor student, is the managing editor of his school's newspaper, *The Merriwether Messenger*. Last year Loren placed third in the Central Savannah River Area Science and Engineering Fair, took first in the school's spelling bee and placed first in a 4-H essay contest. He is active in YOU, participating in basketball and track.

Loren is the son of Loren and Margi Saxton and attends the Augusta, Ga., church with his parents, brother Lucien and sisters Leslie, Larisa and Liana.

**PARIS, Tex.** — Becky Branson, 16, of North Lamar High School, was selected for the National Beta Club April 26. Membership is based on achievement, character, leadership and a 4.0 grade point average.

Becky is active in the Peer Councilors and also the Office Education Association (OEA). In the OEA she placed first in Typing II events, first in



### BECKY BRANSON

Information Communications I and third in extemporaneous Verbal Communications I events.

Becky plays volleyball and is active in YOU. She attends the Paris church with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Branson.

**AURORA, Mo.** — Julie Abris, 8, received a certificate of recognition and a first-place ribbon April 23 in the annual Language Arts Fair sponsored by the Southwest Missouri Language Arts Association. She entered her illustrated book *The Magic Dime*.



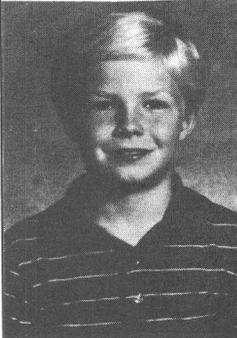
### JULIE ABRISZ

Julie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Abris and attends the Joplin, Mo., church.

**ELDON, Mo.** — Bret Dobson, 9, received the Good Citizen of the Year award for his third grade class at Leland Mills

Elementary School April 29.

On the same day Bret was awarded a pocket calculator for his efforts in the third grade



### BRET DOBSON

division of the Mills Elementary Science Fair. He also received two second place awards for projects entered in the school art fair.

His brother Brad, 6, took third place in the kindergarten division of the art fair for his picture of a garden scene.

Bret and Brad are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dobson. Their father pastors the Lake of the Ozarks and Rolla, Mo., churches.

**KAMLOOPS, B.C.** — Joy Cuvelier, 20, received the highest mark in grade 9 piano at the Yale-Cariboo Music Festival of the Performing Arts in March. She received the mark for proficiency in the following categories: sight reading, classical, Canadiana and Bach.

The festival winners performed for Hagood Hardy, Canadian composer and musician, March 25. Mr. Hardy



### JOY CUVELIER

presented each of the students with an autographed copy of his compositions. Joy received recognition in the YOU regional talent contest at the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles in Penticton, B.C., for her rendition of Mr. Hardy's composition "The Homecoming."

Joy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cuvelier, attends the Kamloops church where she has been the pianist for the past 11 years.

**NORTH AUGUSTA, S.C.** — Leslie Saxton, 9, was selected as a state grand winner in the South Carolina Beautification Poster Contest in March. She is a fourth grader at Merriwether School.

Leslie was one of 17 state winners and was invited to attend the annual Governor's

Conference on Beautification and Community Improvement Awards Luncheon April 13. At the luncheon she was announced as one of four state grand winners.

For her accomplishment Leslie received two \$50 savings bonds and a citation from Governor Richard W. Riley. Her poster will tour South Carolina and be on display in the state's Citizens and Southern National banks.

Leslie is the daughter of Loren and Margi Saxton and attends the Augusta, Ga., church.

**COFFEYVILLE, Kan.** — Rebecca Ann Foote, a ninth grade student at Roosevelt Junior High School, received a 1983 United States Achievement Academy Award in April.



### REBECCA ANN FOOTE

Receiving the award for achievement in studying Spanish, Rebecca's biography and picture will appear in the United States Achievement national awards yearbook.

Rebecca is an honor student and a member of the school band and Spanish Club.

Rebecca is a cheerleader, plays volleyball and is on the track team. She attends the Independence, Kan., church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Foote.

**COLLEGE CORNER, Ohio** — James E. Johnson II of Talawanda High School was chosen as a delegate to the Buckeye Boys' State at Bowling Green State University from June 11 to 19. Students from throughout Ohio gathered there to participate in a model state government.

James was selected by his teachers because of leadership potential, scholarship, interest



### JAMES E. JOHNSON II

in government and willingness to assume responsibility.

James' extracurricular activities include French Club, American Field Service, National Honor Society, Drama Club, Thespian Club 3050, choir and YOU.

James attends the Richmond, Ind., church.

**VISALIA, Calif.** — Tracey McCracken and Pam Schoenfeld, 16-year-old juniors at Sequoia High School, received United States National Leadership Merit Awards April 4.

Less than 10 percent of all eligible students receive this award for personal achievement and outstanding citizenship. Recipients are eligible to have their biographies printed in the 1983 United States Achievement Academy (USAA) national awards yearbook and can apply for USAA college scholarships.

Tracey and Pam are cousins who attend the Visalia church with their families.

**MONTROSE, Colo.** — Richard Hafer, son of George and Joanne Hafer, received the Principal's Award for primary grades at Morgan elementary school in February.

Lori Vidmar, Richard's teacher, said: "Richard is super special because his work is always done well and done right. In citizenship he is helpful and kind to his fellow students on the playground. . . He is a pleasure to have in class."

Richard is the son of George and Joanne Hafer, members of the Grand Junction, Colo., church.



### BRENDA WILLIAMS

**GOLD HILL, Ore.** — Brenda Williams, 16, of Crater High School in Central Point, Ore., was the most valuable athlete for the YOU district track meet in Salem, Ore., May 1.

Brenda, who has participated in YOU track since 1979, has won more than 38 medals in track and field. Besides playing YOU sports, she also participates in high school basketball, volleyball and track.

Brenda is on the Medford, Ore., YOU council where she attends church.

**CALGARY, Alta.** — Jim Peabody, 18, of Forest Lawn High School, received the bronze medal in the Alberta Open Wrestling Championship heavyweight division March 13.

Jim is the city high school champion in this, his first year of wrestling. Jim did not enter the provincial high school championship because the competition was on the Sabbath.

Jim attends the Calgary South church and is active in YOU.

# Evangelist addresses senior class at Imperial Schools graduation

By Ronald D. Kelly  
 PASADENA — Mr. Armstrong, Mr. [Joseph] Locke [principal], members of the faculty, students, our special guests and especially you graduating seniors. You have heard a thousand times before cliches such as "Today is the first day of the rest of your life," "You are the future leaders of this great country."

About 2,000 high school seniors in God's Church in the United States are graduating at this time of the year. The *Worldwide News* would like to share with them the *Imperial Schools commencement address* given May 19 by evangelist Ronald D. Kelly.

Or you have been warned: "It's a dog-eat-dog world out there." Or you have been encouraged: "Go forth — conquer!"

And all of us will be saying to you graduates, "We wish you every success."

Millions of students before you have completed their courses, donned their robes, listened to commencement addresses and have set forth to conquer.

Thousands of commencement addresses I have just made and many more. A majority of those who deliver those addresses well realize,

as Abraham Lincoln once wrote, "The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here." Strangely enough that speech by Lincoln is probably the most remembered speech in history. Commencement addresses are not in general so well remembered.

But somehow those who deliver them hope to reach out with one thought which might — just might — make a difference — leave an impression — inspire at least one who steps out to make his or her mark in this world.

About 17 years ago your parents tried to think of a suitable name for you. They wanted it to sound just right, to have special meaning.

Down the list they started. Since there was about a 50-50 chance you would be a boy or girl . . . they read every boy's name and every girl's name in the entire dictionary.

They put two or even more names together . . . Not only does that name have to sound right, it has to have the right meaning. You don't want your child to find out later in life his name means Son of Satan, Large Head, Vicious, Bearded One or Crusty. So their search for the perfect name began . . .

Have you ever realized how many hundreds of names your parents rejected till they finally settled on that just right name for you?

Sarah Mettable, Douglas Craig, Dove Lawana, Matthew David,

Michael Ben, Shawn Robin, Timothy E. or just plain Tim.

Up to this point in your life you have pretty well had to live with the name your parents gave you.

Some of you have probably resolved you will never do such a horrible thing to your children as your parents did to you by giving you such an awful name.

But in a few years the ritual will be repeated and you will sit with that dictionary of names trying to find that just right name for your own children.

And the chances are you will be asked when your children reach those magical years of junior high school, "Mom, why did you give me this perfectly dreadful name?"

Whatever your name, you're stuck with it — for life. We all know you by it: Jesse, David, Elizabeth, Russell, Randel, Anne and Roger.

All of you who graduate take a giant step forward this evening, and almost as though it were etched in stone, your name is engraved on your high school diploma.

From this day forward that name is no longer just a name your dad and mom gave you. It will be what you make it!

From now on what you do, how you do it, what you say, how you say it means everything.

From now on when people hear your name they will no longer say or think, "Oh yes, that's Mr. and Mrs. Blank's son or daughter."

When people hear your name, it is going to be, "Oh yes, you mean the one who blank." And they will fill in the blanks with the impression you have given them. They will think and describe what you have made yourself.

What I am trying to tell you tonight [is] you will start now to make a name for yourself. And what kind of name you make for yourself is a very great concern of all these guests who are here to share the joy of this occasion with you — your closest friends, relatives and most of all your parents.



IMPERIAL COMMENCEMENT — Joseph Locke, principal of Imperial Schools, congratulates David La Ravia, graduating senior and son of evangelist Ellis La Ravia, at Imperial Schools' commencement exercises May 19. (Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.)

At the same time we experience the joy of a milestone in life, graduating from high school, we all hold our breath just a little bit for you. Because you have found, as you have tested your wings, you really could fly. So you set out tomorrow to make that name for yourself, to become that independent, separate, free-flying entity you have longed to be.

Since this is my last chance to "preach" to you before you become those independent beings, I'd like to give you food for thought, one main point to remember.

Since there is little chance what we say here will be noted or long remembered, perhaps the advice from the wise King Solomon can better be remembered. He said in Proverbs 22:1: "If you must choose, take a good name rather than great riches; for to be held in . . . esteem is better than silver and gold" [Living Bible].

That advice may be hard for you to understand right now. To some of you financial success will be the greatest of your pursuits. You probably haven't given a lot of thought to your name, other than whether you like it or you don't.

What if you make a lot of money and you end up an eccentric old man

or old woman with a famous name. But you are weird, an oddball, locked up in a back room of your mansion for the last 25 years of your life without anyone seeing you. What have you accomplished?

Maybe some of you will become rich and famous, your name a veritable household word.

But if someday a few years from now you send your chauffeur to pick me up in your Rolls-Royce, drive me to your palatial estate to show me your art treasures and introduce me to your jet-set friends, but at the same time introduce me to your fourth wife or husband and tell me stories of your income being eaten up by alimony and child support payments, I will have only one short phrase to describe the great name you have made for yourself — so what!

Now don't get me wrong. I'm not opposed to being picked up in your Rolls and visiting your mansion.

I'd be delighted — if you have first established a good name for yourself.

First, before you do anything else in this life, establish your name. Your name reflects your character. If you do this every physical accomplishment you achieve will mean something.

Let me illustrate my point. There are dozens of famous people whose names are nearly as familiar to you as your own — movie stars, sports personalities, politicians, musicians.

But what you know about them is not just what they are famous for. You know about their illnesses, drug arrests (John DeLorean), legal battles (Groucho Marx, Lee Marvin, Helen Reddy), temperament (John McEnroe), dishonesty (Spiro Agnew, Richard Nixon), divorces (there are too many to list).

By contrast, there are a few famous names like Roger Staubach and Jerry West who prove "good guys" don't have to finish last.

Names like Bear Bryant, John Wooden, Golda Meir, Helen Keller demonstrate men and women of character and discipline not only can become well known but successful and respected.

And their names say it all.

For the past four years you have walked the halls of high school. You probably haven't left a whole lot behind — except your names.

Tonight, you take your first tottering steps on your own, to get on with the business of making a name for yourself.

In just a few minutes we'll all hear your names read. You'll come up to the platform, walk across the stage to receive a diploma with your name on it, the name your parents gave you.

You will walk off this stage, diploma in hand, and walk into life.

From here on out your name is the one you make for yourself. Make your name a good one.

# French director conducts Bible lecture in Quebec

By Robert Scott  
 QUEBEC CITY, Que. — Evangelist Dibar K. Apartian, regional director of the Work in French-speaking areas, conducted a public Bible study here the evening of May 22. One hundred fifty-five people attended, including 89 who had no previous contact with the Work.

Robert Scott pastors the Quebec City and Trois-Rivieres, Que., churches.

The average attendance of the French-speaking church in Quebec City is 80.

Though invitations were sent only to *La Pure Verite* (French Plain Truth) subscribers in the immediate Quebec City area, one subscriber who learned of Mr. Apartian's visit drove 250 miles (400 kilometers) from Matane,

Que., to attend the study.

Three other visitors drove three hours from Montreal, Que., to hear the evangelist speak. After the study the three requested a visit from Donat Picard, pastor of the French-speaking churches in Montreal.

Robert Scott, pastor of the Quebec City and Trois-Rivieres, Que., churches, visited three new people the next day. Others expressed a desire to attend the follow-up Bible study.

After the study about half of the new people surrounded Mr. Apartian and bombarded him with questions. The number grew so large that Mr. Apartian had to use a microphone.

Earlier in the day Mr. Apartian spoke to 154 brethren at Pentecost services in Quebec City. He spoke to 565 brethren at Montreal A.M. and P.M. Sabbath services the day before.



PUBLIC LECTURE — Evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director of God's Work in French-speaking areas, answers questions after a public Bible lecture in Quebec City, Que., May 22.

# Philippine minister dies in automobile accident

PASADENA — Mario Dulguime, 45, a Philippine local elder, died instantly in an auto accident near Gallup, N.M., May 16, according to Ministerial Services here.

The following is taken from a statement from evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services:

"It is with deep sadness and regret that we must announce the accidental death of Philippine local elder Mario Dulguime," said Mr. Tkach.

Mr. Dulguime, his wife Zenaida and their two daughters, Marianne, 10, and Elizabeth, 9, had just completed a year in Pasadena where Mr. and Mrs. Dulguime attended Ambassador College as part of a training program to aid the Philippine ministry. Their daughters attended Imperial Schools here.

At the time of the accident, the Dulguimes and the Rey Taniajura family were spending a few weeks seeing the United States before returning to the Philippines for reassignment. Mr. Taniajura was also in the Philippine training program approved by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong [See "Two-day Campaign in Manila Attracts Overflow Attendance," *WN*, Feb. 15, 1982].

Their vehicle left the road and



MARIO DULGUIME

overturned near Gallup. Mr. Dulguime was thrown from the car and killed instantly. Miraculously, none of the others suffered serious injuries.

Before his ordination as a local elder Oct. 6, 1979, Mr. Dulguime worked as a lawyer in Davao City, Philippines. He served in the Tagum, Monkayo and Manikling, Philippines, church areas before attending the yearlong program at Pasadena Ambassador College.

"Our love and prayers are with his wife and family," Mr. Tkach said.

At the time of *Worldwide News* publication, funeral services in the Philippines were pending.



**ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES** — From left: Clark Miller, Janet Young and Scott Weiner review a computer printout in the general ledger area of the Accounting Department. [Photos on pages 6 and 7 by G.A. Belluche Jr.]



**FACETS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES** — Clockwise from above: Production analyst Jim Roberts mounts a computer tape drive at the Work's Data Processing Center; Charles Roemer, manager of the Personnel Department, discusses a salary survey with administrative aide Renae Bechthold; Nathan Berg (left) and Christine Hutchison (partially obscured), Accounting Department employees, listen while Dave Monaghan, accounts payable supervisor, helps employee Ardys Parman with problem invoices; and a round-table meeting in the Accounting Department involves (from left) Murray McClung of the Legal Department, Fitchie Gaston, general ledger manager, Fred Stevens, Accounting Department manager, and Ted Budge, accounts receivable manager.

## Financial Services helps support areas of God's Work worldwide

By Michael A. Snyder  
PASADENA — What does the purchase of a ministerial fleet car, the payment for three million *Plain Truth* semiannual letter envelopes and rental payments for meeting halls during the Feast of Tabernacles have in common?

At some point, all of the above will involve one or more of the departments grouped under the heading of Financial Services.

Financial Services is directed by L. Leroy Neff, evangelist and Church treasurer, who reports directly to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

"Our area is one of support for many areas of the Work," explained Mr. Neff in a Pasadena Bible study April 29, adding that Financial Services is comprised of eight separate departments: Data Processing, Budgeting, Accounting, Internal Auditing, Travel, Purchasing, Insurance and Personnel.

The purpose of Financial Services, Mr. Neff said, is to "try to make sure that all business and financial transactions are done decently and in order according to man's law, and, more importantly, God's law."

"We are endeavoring to continue serving Church members, God's apostle and God's Church," he said.

Financial Services is not limited to the Pasadena area. "In addition to the overall corporate financial affairs managed by the headquarters office staff, Ambassador College Big Sandy, Tex., and overseas offices also maintain financial staffs," Mr. Neff continued.

"There is continual communication between each of these financial areas with headquarters [in Pasadena]. The Pasadena-based accounting area is responsible to the treasurer and to Mr. Armstrong," he said.

The Accounting Department is composed of seven areas: general ledger, income and banking, accounts receivable, payroll, accounts payable, fixed assets and international reporting.

### Keeping track

"The main objective of the Accounting Department is to accurately record all financial transactions of the Church, college and [Ambassador] foundation," the evangelist said.

"This job involves working with all of the departments of the Work. The accounting staff must also work closely with our external auditing firm, Arthur Andersen & Co."

Work performed by this department includes issuing payroll checks for more than 2,500 Church, college and foundation full-time

and part-time employees, keeping track of more than 30,000 pieces of Church-owned equipment, vehicles and furniture and issuing payment for maintenance of more than 200 Church-owned buildings worldwide.

"The accounts payable section... has the responsibility of paying the bills," Mr. Neff said. "Checks are generated twice weekly to clear properly approved invoices for payment. This section processes many thousands of invoices annually and disburses an average of over \$1 million per week."

"Various types of payments are issued," Mr. Neff said. "These include monthly printing and media time-buying payments, church hall rentals, third-tithe assistance payments and payments for other goods and services."

"Most of the checks that are sent out are actually generated and printed by the computer," he said. "This takes place after the payment information is typed on a computer terminal. The computer then writes the checks to the appropriate vendors at the appropriate time."

### Computer use

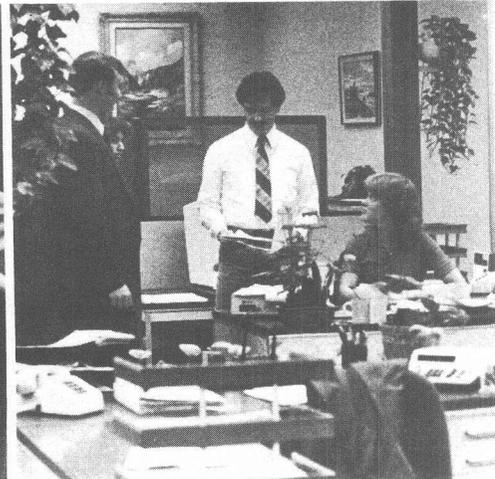
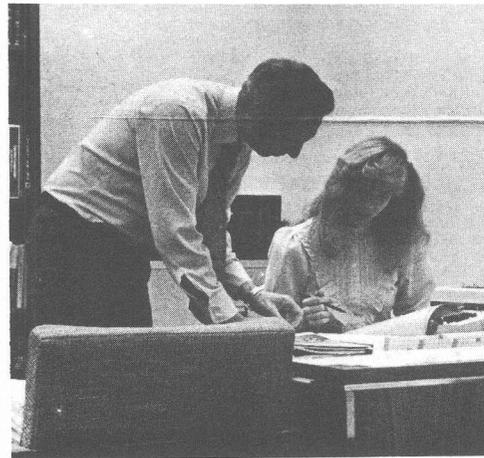
"The Data Processing Department is a support department for Financial Services and major departments of the Work," the Church treasurer continued. "The computer enables the departments to maintain lists of names and addresses of subscribers, generate receipts for donations and pay corporate bills."

The IBM Model 4341 computer used by the Church can print up to 40,000 subscription labels, like the one on the back page of this *Worldwide News*, per hour.

The present IBM computer takes between 40 to 50 hours to print more than two million labels for *The Plain Truth*. Newsstand copies don't require labels for delivery, and a few thousand labels for international editions are printed overseas, according to the Data Processing Department.

Mr. Neff pointed out that the Addressograph system purchased by the Church in the 1950s would take "approximately 39 days working around the clock, just to print all of the address labels for the present *Plain Truth* subscription list."

"This emphasizes the need for God's Work to take advantage, when possible, of up-to-date techno-





**FINANCIAL SUPERVISORS AND STAFF** — Above, standing from left: Dennis Stauffer, manager of the Work's Insurance and Purchasing departments; George Birdwell, manager of the Data Processing Center; Leslie Carlson, travel coordinator; Dale Hanway, internal auditor; and Donna Patillo, executive secretary. Seated: Don Miller, budget coordinator; evangelist L. Leroy Neff, director of Financial Services; and Fred Stevens, manager of the Accounting Department. Not pictured: Charles Roemer, manager of the Personnel Department. Above, right: Barbara Pebworth, administrative assistant, and Vic Johnson (center), senior buyer, examine a purchase order with Mr. Stauffer; right, Jerry Patillo, a Purchasing Department buyer, operates a microcomputer while purchasing clerk Estela Gonzalez looks on.

logical innovations and automation," he added.

**Fostering teamwork**

"A third area of responsibility is auditing," Mr. Neff said. "The Work currently retains professional and certified independent auditors: the Arthur Andersen Co.

"They provide an unbiased certification that the financial transactions of the Work are presented fairly."

In addition to external auditing, the Work employs an internal auditor... to make routine examinations of all areas in the Work which are involved in finances," the treasurer continued.

"This helps to ensure that business affairs of every phase of the Work are in proper order... the work of the internal auditor promotes teamwork by all departments to produce a common corporate, financial and business practice," he said.

The Travel Department was formed to handle domestic and international travel arrangements for Church employees. "This broad scope of service includes travel coordination of business travel for executives, ministers, other employees, Ministerial Refreshing Program participants, Young Ambassadors

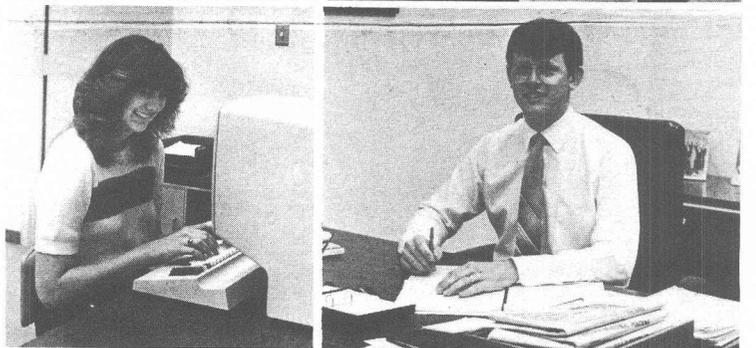
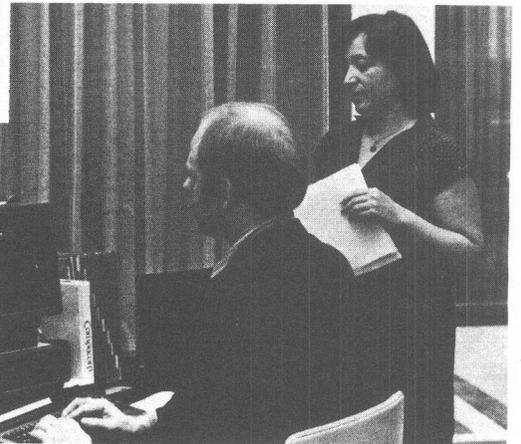
on filming expeditions, Summer Educational Program [SEP] staffers, various YOU [Youth Opportunities United] national contestants and others," Mr. Neff said. "A large amount of planning goes into corporate travel, especially for those traveling to international Festival sites and foreign offices around the globe."

The Work's Purchasing Department was formally organized in 1970. This department assists other departments of the Church and Work to find suitable equipment at the best prices, Mr. Neff said. The office supplies area of Purchasing provides essential items like typing paper, pens, pencils and other office-related materials for the Church.

The Insurance Department maintains various types of insurance coverage for buildings, equipment, the G-II aircraft, automobiles and personnel, Mr. Neff said.

The Personnel Department was formed in 1963 to help establish employee policies for the Church and Work. "Provisions were made to provide a permanent employment history file for every employee, in addition to various kinds of employee statistics," Mr. Neff said.

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**FINANCIAL SERVICES STAFF** — Above left: Lynn Reyngoudt, a Personnel Department employee, enters information from employment applications on a computer terminal; above, right: David Blue, employment interviewer, with an applicant's file; below, left: Barbara Edwards (left), assistant to the Accounting Department head cashier, and Afton Cheney, secretary to the manager of the Accounting Department, enter data on computer terminals; below, right: Jim Roberts (left), production analyst of the Data Processing Center, works with computer tapes, while Everett Leisure, computer operations supervisor, and Joe Roach, an International Business Machines customer engineer, work near a laser-printer console.



# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The first native Ghanaian was ordained at Sabbath services in ACCRA, Ghana, March 5. At the service pastor Melvin Rhodes, assisted by Steve LeBlanc, ordained Solomon Asyite to the rank of local church elder. *Melvin Rhodes.*

More than 100 people attended the ADA, Okla., church's first picnic of the season April 24 at the Winter Smith Park. The variety of games included volleyball and basketball. After a potluck lunch the eighth annual horseshoe-throwing contest was played. Pastor David Carley presented the winning trophy to the men's team of Ben Van Schuyver and Max Golden and to the women's team of Dorothy Edwards and Annett Roark. *Jan Walker.*

Families of the AKRON and CANTON, Ohio, churches participated in a social April 30 and May 1 at the Northeast Community Building in Canton. Activities Saturday evening and Sunday included swimming, basketball, volleyball, a variety of table games and charades. *Norma Costello.*

April 22 some 109 AUCKLAND, New Zealand, members set out for Orewa, a beach resort about 20 miles from Auckland, to enjoy a family camp-out. Some pitched tents, while others rented trailers. After rain Friday night, Sabbath morning dawned with clear skies and sunshine. Church services took place in the Community Hall, with the sermon by Neville Fraser. Noncamping members arrived for the service and the barbecue dinner. Dinner was followed by a square dance with caller Errol Collier. Entertainment throughout the evening included piano solos by Steve Gough and Maria Kennedy and some lighthearted singing by Arthur Bertelsen and Gary Dixon.

Sunday afternoon featured games of volleyball for men and women. After the evening meal and a sing-along a group of members drove to Waiters for a swim or to relax in the hot pools. A fishing contest took place on the wharf. Christine Fraser won in the 5- to 10-year age group. Alison Field caught the biggest for the 10- to 15-year olds, while Ray Cole did so for the adults. On Monday the members packed up and headed home. *Noreen Thompson.*

After the sermonette at the April 23 Sabbath services of the BEND, Ore., church, a new podium was unveiled as a surprise for pastor Leonard Schreiber. The material was financed by garage sales, and the podium was built by a member of the Portland, Ore., church. After services the congregation enjoyed a potluck dinner and then met again for a Bible study conducted by Mr. Schreiber. A display of talents followed, including vocals, instrumentals, readings of original poetry and a humorous German lesson. *I. Schreiber.*

The combined annual spring semi-formal dance of the BISMARCK, MINOT and DICKINSON, N.D., churches took place April 23 at the Bismarck Municipal Country Club. Featured were an hors d'oeuvre buffet with a punch fountain, a map noting church locations and ministers worldwide, a Plain Truth historical display booth, decorations and table centerpieces, solo and quartet singing, a Ukrainian skit and a puppet show. A four-piece dance band was hired for the evening. *Ronald L. Geisman.*

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., brethren enjoyed their first family camp-out and outing April 16 and 17 at the Gallagher ranch, which is along the Nueces River. Family activities included three-legged races, volleyball, a kite flying contest and a contest to see who could whistle first after eating a cracker. The camp-out came to a close Sunday evening.

The members attended their first dance of the year April 23. Brethren carried out the theme with costumes of many countries. Members from La Feria, Victoria and San Antonio, Tex., also attended. The King's Men, a band from the San Antonio church, provided the music for the gala occasion. *Donald A. Winn.*

The GARDEN GROVE, Calif., church was treated to special music by 52 members of the Ambassador College Choral April 16. The chorale, under the direction of John Schroeder, sang four selections. Allen Andrews accompanied on the piano. After services re-

freshments were served. *Knutte Josefek.*

The annual rummage sale of the Garden Grove church took place at the parking lot of the Eveready Lighting Co. in Huntington Beach, Calif., April 24. The sale was successful in terms of funds raised and many other ways in spite of the threat of rain, said Gordon Barr and Gordon Murray, coordinators of the sale. *Lee Allison.*

The GREENSBORO, N.C., church's annual talent show was April 16. The evening began with a potluck dinner. Kenneth Rice served as master of ceremonies for the talent show, which included performances of dance routines, singing, piano solos and comedy skits. A band from the Raleigh, N.C., church also participated in the show. *Vicki Hart.*

LAKELAND, Fla., brethren and their families attended a spring picnic at the Lake Parker Recreation Park April 24. The day was filled with activities such as women's and men's softball, horseshoes, volleyball and contests. *Dennis R. Pine.*

Brethren of the MACKAY, Australia, church participated in a family get-together evening April 23. Activities were fancy dress costumes, balloon-bursting competition, musical chairs and name the tune and instrument competition, followed by snacks and dancing. *E. Vella.*

Pastor of the Luton, England, congregation David Stirik visited the MALTA brethren during the Passover period March 26 through 29. He spent a Sabbath, Passover night, the first Holy Day and the Night to be Much Observed with them. The Maltese members spent the second half of the Spring Festival at a holiday village. Taped sermons were listened to, and games were played. *Daniel J. Frando.*

The MOJAVE, Calif., church had a multicultural evening April 30. Cooks prepared foods from different lands, and the 80 people present sampled the displayed food. Outstanding cooks for the evening were Dora Vee Teague with an Armenian meal of stuffed grape leaves and Armenian bread, Shanthi Moorthy with Ceylonese fish balls, Lura Lundberg with Dutch cabbage and meat and Marty Lane with Mexican enchiladas. *George Anderson.*

Following services of the MONTPELIER, Vt., church April 9 a YOU Bible study and regular Bible study were conducted by pastor Ken Williams. After a brown-bagged supper an arts and crafts exhibit was displayed. The Spokesman Club members sold sundries to raise money for SEP. Concluding the evening was a talent show. *Colleen Belanger.*

More than 430 people attended the NEW ORLEANS, La., church's country fair and picnic at Ama, La., April 24. In a softball game between the New Orleans and Slidell, La., teams, New Orleans won 13-8. Featured at the fair were an arts and crafts display and sales and numerous games, such as darts and balloons, water-balloon throwing contests and horseshoe pitching. Lunch consisted of beef sausage, barbecued beans, potato salad and French bread. Desserts were served by the YOU members. Andrew Bennet, Melvin Banks, Ed Messenger and Jim DeValt were clowns for the day. *Maurice Ledet.*

PADUCAH, Ky., members enjoyed an international dance April 17. Brethren dressed in costumes from different countries and danced to music provided by a band. A variety of food from different countries was prepared and served for members to sample. During the band's break an hour of entertainment was performed by YOU and Church members. *Teresa Hopkins.*

Seventeen PLYMOUTH, England, brethren took a hike through the Dartmoor National Park April 10. Angus Robertson organized and led the hike. The members met at Fernworthy reservoir for a picnic lunch before setting off to walk through the forest to the high open moor. The group viewed the remains of ancient hut settlements and field systems. *Kasey Jones.*

The evening of April 23 QUINCY, Wash., members and guests from Pasco, Yakima and Seattle, Wash., enjoyed a potluck dinner, including various flavors of homemade ice cream. A talent show followed, with a welcome by Sandra and Rene Foryan. Master of ceremonies Ian Leslie was costumed in authentic Scottish dress, as was Paul Love who gave a history and demonstration of the bagpipe. Twenty-four acts consisted of poetic recitations, skits, instrumentals, songs and a Polish dance.

For a finale the members participated in a sing-along conducted by Cecil Cleveland. *Marge White.*

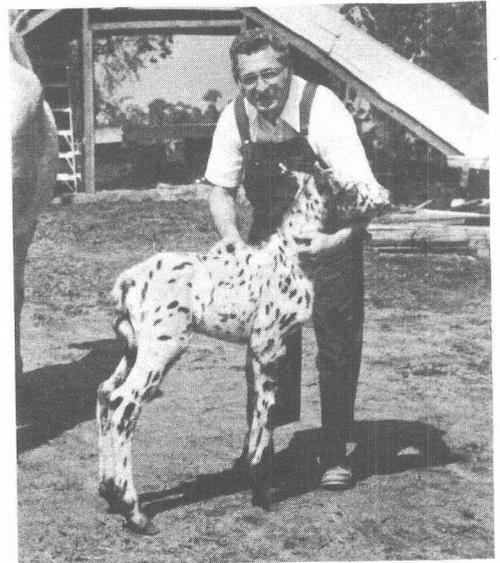
April 24 about 50 members of the RENO, Nev., church traveled to Squaw Valley, Calif., and in about 2½ hours loaded 2,300 chairs onto four pickup trucks, one Bronco and two trucks destined for Pasadena. Ken Williams traversed the Donner Pass to Sacramento, Calif., with one of the loaded pickups. The Sacramento church is to receive some of the chairs for its new hall. On March 29 a large portion of the roof on Blyth Arena collapsed under a heavy snowpack. It had been a site for the Feast of Tabernacles 19 times in the years since 1961. Because of the damages Blyth Arena won't be used for the Feast. *Naomi Yatzy.*

Fifty-four members of the ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., church took a 17-mile downstream canoe trip on central Florida's Alafia River April 17. Midway along the trip the group stopped for a riverbank picnic lunch at Alderman Ford Park. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

The SARASOTA, Fla., men's softball team played host to a doubleheader with the St. Petersburg, Fla., men April 24 at Fruitville Park. St. Petersburg won the first game 22-18, but Sarasota made a comeback in the second game with a score of 16-15. The day's activities continued with the Sarasota church's first fun show and dance, which took place at the Sheriff's Club. Dan Yoder was master of ceremonies. Rudy Rosa on the organ and Randy Atkins on the guitar accompanied most of the acts. The entertainment included dancing, singing and instrumentals. Refreshments were served. *Janice Walworth.*

The second annual fashion show and arts and crafts display of the SIOUX FALLS, YANKTON and WATER-TOWN, S.D., churches was April 23. After services a hot meal was enjoyed, and the YOU members served cake and ice cream. A wedding review centered on the celebration of the 25th anniversary of pastor George Affeldt and his wife Jackie. A film of the Affeldts' wedding ceremony was shown. Their daughter and son-in-law Joan and Dennis Lagge read letters from distant friends and relatives. Their daughter Jennifer was also present, but their son Steve was unable to attend. The members presented the Affeldts with a round trip airline ticket for Steve's visit home this summer. Several women modeled their wedding dresses.

Narrators for the fashion show were



**UNUSUAL COLT** — George Anderson shows off his red, white and blue colt at the annual family breakfast meeting of the Bakersfield and Mojave, Calif., Spokesman Clubs at his Tehachapi, Calif., area ranch May 1. (See "Club Meetings," this page.)

Betty and Ken Churchill, and Jane Call furnished piano selections as background music. Arts and crafts were on display throughout the evening. Musical entertainment was provided by Denny and Heather McCord with a flute duet and Heather McCord with a flute solo accompanied by Penny Larson. *Nadine Van Laecken.*

The second roadside garage sale of the SYDNEY, Australia, SOUTH church occurred March 13 at the property of Ron Osborne at Menai, Australia. Items such as clothing, books, furniture and kitchenware were displayed. Customers were also able to purchase cold drinks and bags of popcorn under the beach umbrella stand. The event was organized by John Newman, and all money raised is to be used for the YOU and other church activities. Thanks were expressed to the YOU teenagers, especially Paul Seymour, Klaus Goldmann and Jamil Afionni, for their assistance. At the end of the day the volunteers shared in a light supper as

the goods that were left over were stored away for another sale.

About 30 brethren met on the weekend of March 5 and 6 at the property of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Van der Eyk. The home, entitled Tell-Allon, is situated in the township of Milthorpe and has been undergoing restoration since the Van der Eyks moved in. The group attended Sabbath services at Bathurst, Australia, which were conducted by pastor Orest Solyma. Saturday night a Greek party took place in one of the rooms of Tell-Allon. Candy Raftopoulos, Andrew Marcors, Jim Mottee and David Crawford, brethren of Greek descent, led the traditional dancing to the music of the Greek bouzouki. The evening was balanced with some modern music as well as some waltzes. Greek food was prepared by the women, while the men provided drinks. Sunday the members relaxed under the colonial-style veranda and played cards and other games. After a barbecue in the afternoon the brethren departed for home. *Andrew Marcors.*

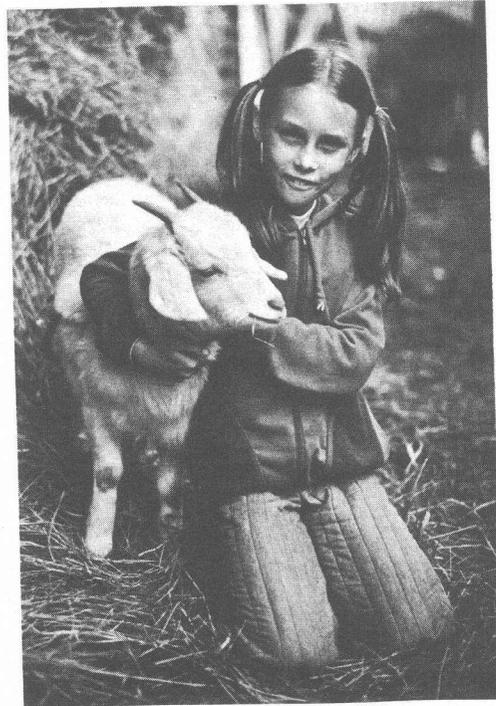
"How to Study" was the subject of a seminar presented for the TAMPA, Fla., brethren April 24. Speakers included pastor Ron Lohr, two local elders, a high school teacher, a college instructor and a university student, all members of the Church. Topics ranged from memorization to how to take notes. *Dianne McClelland.*

After Sabbath services April 16 the WATERTOWN, S.D., members honored their pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Affeldt, on their 25th wedding anniversary. A meal was followed by a program including the presentation to the Affeldts of an anniversary quilt by Ken and Diane Skorseth and three musical numbers by Becky Zemlicka on the flute, accompanied by Janice Spieker on piano. Frieda Tupper then read poetry for the anniversary couple. For the finale Orley and Peggy Wangness sang, accompanied by Mrs. Spieker on the piano. *Beth L'Amour.*

## CLUB MEETINGS

The BAKERSFIELD and MOJAVE, Calif., Spokesman Clubs had their third annual family breakfast and joint club meeting at George Anderson's Bashan Ranch near Tehachapi, Calif., May 1. After breakfast the club convened in the living room because of the intermittent showers. While the club was in progress the host led the children, ages 3 through 12, on a tour of the ranch. They were able to pet the new foals, one an unusual red, white and blue colt, and another a Wampus horse. They visited the creek, munched miner's lettuce and learned what stinging nettle and poison oak are. *George Anderson.*

Spokesman Club members of BILOXI, Miss., enjoyed a day of fun and food with their families April 17 at (See CHURCH NEWS, page 9)



**BARNYARD FRIEND** — Kylie Cullen pets a goat during a farm outing of the Melbourne, Australia, North YOU members and their families April 22 to 25. (See "Youth Activities," page 11). (Photo by Lorraine Alter)

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 the Gulf Islands National Seashore in Ocean Springs, Miss. Activities included basketball, horseshoes and volleyball. *William A. Walker.*

The **FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**, A Spokesman Club organized a church fund-raising project May 1 at a flea market. President Tracy Stevens was assisted by club members John Robertson and James Mitchell. Also assisting were Hal Duncan of the B club, Patricia Shattuck and YOU members Kenneth Plant and Ken Ellis. Members of the congregation donated the items that were sold at the flea market. *James Mitchell.*

The Graduate Spokesman Club of **GARDEN GROVE, Calif.**, along with wives and guests, spent the day April 17 at headquarters in Pasadena. A 2½-hour tour of Ambassador Auditorium was conducted by Dale Trow, director of tours. The group was next escorted to Ambassador Hall for a tour of the building. A rest stop was made at the student center dining hall for a meal. The day was topped off with a bluegrass music concert in the Auditorium featuring the McLain Family Band. *Peggy Pursell.*

The **KELOWNA, B.C.**, Spokesman Club's year-end ladies' night and dinner was April 17. A full-course dinner for the men and guests was catered and served by 27 YOU members. The club featured topics and five speeches. *Dennis Thibault.*

Members of the **KENT, Wash.**, Spokesman Club attended a graduation dinner May 5 at Anton's restaurant in Puyallup, Wash. Graduate Club members were invited to share the occasion during which three men received their diplomas. After a buffet dinner the meeting was called to order by President Shawn Foster, who thanked the wives for their support of club throughout the year. Following his comments James MacConnell introduced the speakers who were to be graduated: Al Chaffee, Mark DeSomer and Greg Richardson. The Graduate Club speaker for the evening was Howard Davis. Overall evaluation and closing remarks were presented by director Richard Parker. *Gale Ulickick.*

The **ROLLA, Mo.**, Spokesman Club had a ladies' night April 27. The dinner meeting was opened by President Tim Lea, who welcomed everyone and then introduced director Joe Dobson, who led the men in a humorous round of tongue twisters and read a poem by Edgar Guest. Tabletopping by Ron Smith followed. After a break toastmaster Myron Johnson introduced speakers Larry Bartel, Don Loveland, Don Crook, Clark Davis and Ray Luchetfeld. Mr. Dobson gave evaluations and closing comments. *Pat Dobson.*

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The **BIG SANDY** Silver Ambassadors met at Hillcrest Manor April 17 for their monthly meeting. After the business session the group was entertained by Ambassador students Kim Friesen, Heather Legere and David Novak, from Mrs. Roger Bryant's piano class. Mrs. Richard Ames gave a violin solo, and Mrs. Bryant concluded the program with a piano solo. Marie Dellinger was in charge of the program. *Minnie Jauch.*

The **50-Plus Club of JOPLIN, Mo.**, met April 23 after services. Pastor Vincent Szymkowiak asked the blessing on the potluck, and a Bible study was conducted on the book of Hosea. *Lotha E. Hamilton.*

The **PEORIA, Ill.**, Silver Ambassadors enjoyed a dinner at Bishop's Cafeteria April 23, after which they divided into two teams for a Bible quiz. The winning team was rewarded with first chance at the grab bag full of surprises. The remainder of the evening was spent playing the dice game beelines, which resulted in prizes for Bernadine Gauf, Donna Melton and Gerald Gauf. Bob Moulton coordinated the event, which was attended by pastor and Mrs. Jess Ernest and 32 Silver Ambassadors and guests. *Janice Keefer.*

The **SPRINGFIELD, Mo.**, 60-Plus Club met April 17. Blessing on the noon potluck was asked by Adford Peirce. Club director Jess McClain conducted a business session and discussed plans for taking pictures of the 80-plus and 90-plus members. Pastor George Meeker gave a Bible study on the subject of the Holy Spirit. *Polly Rose.*

## SINGLES SCENE

Singles and some other members of the **CARDIFF, Wales**, church visited the Welsh Folk Museum at St. Fagans April 30, after having a picnic lunch at the home of Peggy James. The weather was sunny for the tour of the exhibits of ancient Welsh buildings set in wooded surroundings, including a flour mill, a working smithy, a cockpit, a tannery, as well as thatched farm houses, the earliest of which dated from 1470. *Hilary Calwell.*

The **CINCINNATI, Ohio**, WEST singles sponsored their first spring dance April 16 at the Rockdale Temple. The theme for the dance was "South of the Border." More than 300 people from eight states attended. The evening began with a buffet. The rest of the social was devoted to music, dancing and fellowship. *Chris Rowlett.*

Sixty singles of the **MURFREESBORO and NASHVILLE, Tenn.**, churches met together after Sabbath services April 16 for a hayride and wiener roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hall. Host was Randall Hall. Voices joined in singing, which was accompanied by guests Ron Young and Johnny Johnson. *Everett Corbin.*

For the fourth year the European singles' annual get-together took place at the Hayes Conference Centre in the Derbyshire village of **SWANWICK, England**, April 17 to 22. Some 140 singles from ages 18 to 83 from all over the United Kingdom and Ireland, plus six French and two German visitors, attended the event.

Each day two ministers gave lectures on singles-related topics. The opening address was by regional director Frank Brown. Daytime activities began with exercises. Other attractions on the program were paragliding, a trip to a sports center, archery, riflery and horseback riding. Alternatively there were hikes, coach trips or dancing lessons. All day April 19 was spent at Alton Towers, offering some of the finest gardens of any private home in Europe and a fun park.

Evening activities included a barbecue and square dance, film shows and a talent show. The grand final night dance took place in the medieval surroundings of Castle Ashby. A buffet meal was served for the singles and about 60 members from surrounding church areas. Music was supplied by the 12-piece Ambassador Dance Band, under the direction of Stuart Channon. The cabaret included a display of Elizabethan dancing and a Romeo and Juliet style duet using the ornate minstrel gallery. The evening ended with records supplied by Neil Jackson. *Stuart Tweedie.*



**AWARDS NIGHT** — Brooklyn and Queens, N.Y., YOU members display trophies and awards they received at a basketball and cheerleading awards presentation evening April 23. (See "Youth Activities," this page.) [Photo by Royland Taylor]

Singles of the **TORONTO, Ont., EAST and WEST** churches were hosts for a singles' weekend April 16 and 17. About 300 people from four Canadian provinces and five American states participated. A Bible study Sabbath morning at the Constellation Hotel was conducted by George Lee, pastor of the Barrie, Ont., church. The afternoon sermonette was given by minister Trevor Brown, and the sermon was preached by evangelist Herman Hoeh, who was the evangelist of the singles. A buffet dinner at the 427 Holiday Inn was followed by dancing to music supplied by disc jockeys Wayne Woods and Sam Long.

Sunday's activities at the 427 Holiday Inn included a lecture on communication by Dan Fuller, a minister from Hamilton, Ont.; a lecture on coping with moods by Tony Wasilkoff, pastor of the Hamilton and St. Catharines, Ont., churches; and a final session conducted by Dr. Hoeh, who answered previously submitted questions on a wide range of topics. He was assisted by pastor Richard Pinelli. The weekend program was organized by deacon Keith Roberts and committee members Rudy Ens, Elaine Eveleigh, Andre Cutrara, Gwen Sheehan and Shamen Woods, under the direction of the ministry. *Ella Neale.*

Thirty-five **VANCOUVER, B.C.**, singles attended a costume party at the Simons' home in Surrey, B.C., April 23. The party began with a name-tag guessing contest. Next the group divided into three teams, scoring points for a name-that-tune and a joke-telling contest and a balloon obstacle relay. Prizes were awarded to the first-place

team and to Kathie Johnson and Ed Tadeuszow for best costumes. Runners-up were John Dupas and Bruce Armstrong. Refreshments of beer and snacks were brought by the singles. *Fred Whitehead.*

The annual **WASHINGTON, D.C.**, singles' dance April 24 attracted 105 people, representing 10 East Coast church areas. After lunching on roast beef and roast turkey, old friends and new acquaintances spent the afternoon dancing to the music of the Mel-O-Tones. *Bonnie Fairchild.*

## SPORTS

Families of the **AKRON and CANTON, Ohio**, churches enjoyed an evening of roller-skating April 19 at North Canton Skating Rink. *Norma Costello.*

The third annual fun run of the **CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.**, church occurred April 24. Distances of 1.5 and 5.5 miles were measured off at Chickamauga National Battlefield Park for runners, walkers and bikers. Top male and female runners finishing the 5.5-mile loop were Rick Bonine and his wife, Jean. The 1.5-mile loop top finishers were Julian Black and Jo Ann Peters. Proceeds from the sale of fun run T-shirts were donated to the church's SEP fund. *Barb Keeper.*

The first **DAYTON, Ohio**, YES-YOU track and field day took place April 24 at Northmont High School. In the morning the Dayton and Columbus, Ohio, YOU track teams competed in a dual practice meet, with the Columbus team outscoring the Dayton team. The YES activities in the afternoon featured a variety of races and field events for youths ranging in age from 4 to 12. The event was sponsored by the Dayton Singles' Club. *Gene Fox.*

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**BARBADOS** YOU members and their parents met at the Barbados Community College grounds for a family sports day April 10. Activities included a father and son cricket match, a relay race, tug-of-war and tossing the bean bag. Children in YOU without parents in the Church adopted parents for the day. A picnic lunch was enjoyed as part of the day's activities.

The Barbados YOU youths started a fund-raising venture to help finance educational activities and possibly a tour at the end of the year. The first fund raiser was a car wash April 12, 14 and 15 arranged by Ezekiel Mayers of the Adult Advisory Council. The sum of \$544 was raised. *Mrs. Palm Sargeant.*

The **BOISE, Idaho**, church was host for a family district weekend April 16 and 17. Families from the Blackfoot and Twin Falls, Idaho, and Salt Lake City, Utah, churches attended, as did YOU members from Ontario, Ore. Sabbath morning the Boise YOU and singles, under the guidance of Faye Peterman, served a pancake breakfast to 210 people. After afternoon services Bill Swanson,

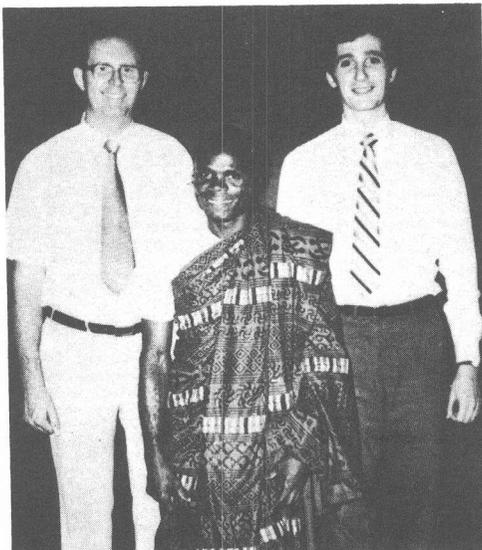
pastor of the Salt Lake City church, gave the sermon. A potluck followed services.

Events Saturday evening and Sunday included basketball and volleyball for the YOU teams and family volleyball and basketball with mother-daughter and father-son teams. The Salt Lake City team won two YOU games and Boise won one in the boys' basketball. The Blackfoot girls' team won the volleyball game. Gloria Harden provided games for pre-YOU children Saturday evening. A family dance concluded the activities Saturday night. Music was supplied by the Swanson family, Blackfoot minister Max Martin, Darryl Bennett, Barry Baker and Dan and Mike Johnson. YOU President Jerry Farley also provided taped music for dancing. Sunday YOU mothers and YOU members sold concessions during the ball games. *Irene Zeppenfeld.*

The **BROOKLYN and QUEENS, N.Y.**, churches capped off the YOU basketball and cheerleading season with an awards presentation April 23 attended by the young people, their families and brethren. A potluck supper preceded and a dance followed the presentation of trophies to the cheerleaders and the A and B basketball squads. Pastor Earl Williams served as toastmaster while cheerleading coach Deborah Swift and basketball coach Elton Gilkes presented the awards. A committee of brethren decorated the hall and provided the behind-the-scenes support. The Brooklyn-Queens Stars won the District 12 Division A basketball championship, the B squad was second in its division and the cheerleaders excelled in sportsmanship. The parents surprised Mrs. Swift and presented her with a plaque and a gift in appreciation of her service to the young people. Mrs. Swift served as American Sign Language translator for one of the basketball players on the A team. *Stanley Daniels.*

Thirty-two teens from southern Mindanao, Philippines, attended the Summer Educational Program at the GSP Camp Alano in **DAVAO CITY, Philippines**, April 11 to 15. Some of the activities were riflery, archery, softball, volleyball, swimming and dancing lessons and basic first aid. Morning lectures were conducted by camp director and pastor Bienvenido Macaraeg Jr. Question-and-answer sessions took place after the lectures. Individual and group awards were given during and at the end of the camp for exemplary performances, traits and achievements. *Julian Concepcion Jr.*

The **DES MOINES, Iowa**, church was host to a YOU spring prom April 16 at the Top of the Tower of the Holiday Inn. After an opening welcome by Eric Katz, dinner was served to about 200 guests from 17 areas on the revolving dinner floor, encircled in glass and overlooking the city. After dinner pastor Robert Cloninger spoke on the importance of planning for the future. Rick Wilson served as disc jockey for the dance that followed. Corsages were provided, as well as baskets of silk flowers with individual names. During the evening the youths searched for their flowers as keepsakes. As the dance ended Mr. Wilson read a poem conveying the feelings of the occasion. Sunday morning the YOU members served a pancake breakfast before the guests departed for (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 10)



**ORDINATION** — Pastor Melvin Rhodes (left) and local elder Steve LeBlanc (right) pose with Solomon Ayitey after ordaining him as the first native Ghanaian local church elder at Accra, Ghana, March 5. (See "Church Activities," page 8.)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**ARENDO**, Brad and Heather (Stankiewicz), of Tehachapi, Calif., girl, Hillary Brooke, April 10, 12:15 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**ARNOLD**, Richard and Kerry (Kahler), of Champaign, Ill., boy, Brian Richard Nelson, April 24, 12:59 p.m., 8 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**BERG**, Jeffrey and Jill (Smith), of Fargo, N.D., girl, Shesha Lynn, April 23, 7:50 p.m., 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, first child.

**BLANCHARD**, Rod and Sharon (Vardon), of New Orleans, La., girl, Keisha Lynn, Feb. 2, 7:35 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**BRAV**, John and Vicki (Watt), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Rodney William, April 23, 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys.

**BROWN**, Randall and Wendy (Ditmer), of Huntington, Pa., boy, Tyson Lynn, April 25, 6:56 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**COCHRAN**, Patrick and Donna (Day), of Kalamazoo, Mich., boy, Clifton LaVern, March 27, 7:58 p.m., 7 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**CRAFT**, Everett and Mary Sue (Drummond), of Princeton, W.Va., girl, Keturah Eileen, April 21, 4:50 a.m., 7 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**CROSBY**, Carl and Gilda (White), of New Orleans, La., girl, Tamaha Lee, May 2, 10:48 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**DALEY**, Richard and Patricia (Mehner), of Milwaukee, Wis., girl, Megan Erin, April 2, 3:19 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**DAVIS**, David and Evelyn (Stephenson), of Evansburg, Ala., girl, Heather Jennifer, March 17, 8:50 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

**DeMENT**, Fred and Donna (Griffith), of Marietta, Ohio, girl, Rochelle Marie, April 21, 8:59 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

**FINN**, Larry and Barbara, of Big Sandy, boy, Steven Ernest, April 18, 2:55 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys.

**GORDON**, Carlton and Rosie (Ximenes), of Kingston, Jamaica, boy, Paul Anthony, Jan. 21, 1 a.m., 8 pounds, now 4 boys.

**GREENAWAY**, Bruce and Debbie (Watt), of Gold Coast, Australia, girl, Suzanna Camille, April 17, 10:45 a.m., 7 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

**GRUBER**, Gordon and Wanda (Bryson), of Battle Mountain, Nev., boy, Jared Lucas, April 1, 11:59 a.m., 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**HAMMEL**, Michael and Gail (Rutter), of Denver, Colo., girl, Aisana Lynn, April 29, 8:45 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**HERDRICH**, Randy and Sandra (Machnick), of Enid, Okla., girl, Megan Renee, Dec. 3, 1:45 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**HEYKOOP**, Cor and Leona (Wilson), of St. Catharines, Ont., girl, Suzanna Camille, April 17, 11:56 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 girls.

**HUTTO**, Ronald and Sheri (Craibren), of Houston, Tex., girl, Hope Elizabeth, April 19, 4:29 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

**JARVIS**, Gary and Donna (Slimer), of Denver, Colo., boy, Cameron Blake, April 21, 10:13 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**JENKINS**, Trevor and Rita (Tuck), of Brisbane, Australia, girl, Trudy Anne, Feb. 21, 11:06 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

**KAPITY**, Gary and Carol (Osterloh), of East Grand Forks, Minn., girl, Kimberly Suzanne, May 2, 12:25 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**LUCKE**, Paul and Ronda (Rice), of Prescott, Ariz., boy, Ryan David, April 28, 8 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**MATTESON**, Thomas and Sheri (Beyer), of Tucson, Ariz., boy, Eric Thomas, March 1, 12:50 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**MAYNARD**, Michael and Joyce (Christner), of Tampa, Fla., girl, Michelle Linda, April 30, 2:17 a.m., 6 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**McGRUDER**, Keith and Carol (Grizzle), of Big Sandy, boy, Ryan Keith, Feb. 18, 10:15 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**McLEOD**, Mike and Karen (Lansford), of Houston, Tex., girl, Ashley Suzanne, March 3, 5:47 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 6 girls.

**MOORE**, Frederick and Laura (Summerlin), of Mobile, Ala., girl, Jennifer Nicole, March 31, 1:17 a.m., 4 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

**MORGAN**, Dennis and Stephanie, of Bellingham, Wash., boy, Alan Wayne, Feb. 3, 12:34 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**NICE**, Gregory and Debi (Trevino), of Pasadena, boy, Philip Raymond, May 5, 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

**OBERMEIT**, Tony Lee and Laurel (Hames), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Lloyd Edward, April 8, 3 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**OSBORN**, Nick and Cathy (Speicher), of Austin, Tex., boy, Joseph David Glen, March 11, 2:29 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**PATTON**, Christopher J. and Denise (Morrow), of Raleigh, N.C., boy, James Allen Stewart, April 30, 2:57 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

**PRESTON**, Alan and Rebecca (Henson), of Glendale, Calif., boy, Ryan Joseph, May 1, 12:08 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**REGAZZOLI**, Gary and Susan (Byrne), of Pasadena, girl, Shannon Bess, April 26, 8:47 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**RUSCAK**, Greg and Freida (Yoder), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Emily Christine, April 28, 1:43 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**SMITH**, Paul and Karen (Dunn), of Knoxville, Tenn., girl, Jessica Farris, April 26, 2:30 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

**STAMLER**, Richard and Shannon (Barber), of Lincoln, Neb., boy, Lucas Arthur, April 9, 2:59 p.m., 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, first child.

**SUBBOT**, Rick and Anita (DeMent), of Pasadena, girl, Jessica Rhee, April 13, 2:41 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**SUROWIEC**, Roman and Dianna, of Detroit, Mich., girl, Samantha Elizabeth, April 30, 9:32 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**TEDDER**, Ray and Rachel (Johnson), of Greenville, S.C., boy, Matthew Ray, April 8, 1:07 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

**TOTH**, Ron and Linda (Bradley), of Pasadena, girl,

Janet Lynn, May 5, 7:23 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**TREVINO**, Timothy and Susan (Black), of Pasadena, boy, Timothy Jay Jr., April 25, 3:59 p.m., 9 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**ZIMMERMAN**, Bob and Patti (Leasing), of Wausau, Wis., twin boys, Michael Robert and Matthew Nicholas, March 30, 7:28 and 7:29 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces and 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. and Mrs. C.W. Baldwin of Somerset, Pa., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Jane, to Franklin Boyd Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Thomas of Herndon, Ky. A June 26 wedding is planned in Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Youngblood of Reeds Spring, Mo., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Maxine to Samuel Middleton, son of Bill and Ramona Middleton of Miami, Okla. A July 1 wedding is planned.

Mrs. Albert Dushoff of the Washington, Pa., church is happy to announce the engagement of her daughter Denise to Todd O. Crouch of the Belle Vernon, Pa., church. A June 12 wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. PETER DITZEL**

Peter Simeon Ditzel and Mary Beth Reynolds were united in marriage April 10. Gary Antion, minister and faculty member at Pasadena Ambassador College, performed the ceremony in the college Recital Hall. The couple reside in South Pasadena and both are employed by the Work.



**MR. AND MRS. STEVE GOLDEN**

Karen Diane Stabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Stabe of Mount Clemens, Mich., and Steve R. Golden, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Muntean of Warren, Mich., were united in marriage Sept. 25 by Detroit minister Randy D'Alessandro. Mike Surawiec was best man, and Francis Dean was master of honor. The couple live at 21364 MacArthur, Warren, Mich., 48089.



**MR. AND MRS. VON D. KIMMONS**

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kimmons are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Audrey Earlene Smith and Von Denal Kimmons, Feb. 26.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Happy anniversary Bill and Ann Steel. Thanks for everything, but remember June 14 you both will have been together a total of eight lovely years. Love from all the gang: Carl, Lois, Donna, Karen, Randy and Marjorie.

Since our first year of marriage has been so blessed, I want to share it with the world wide. Happy

anniversary my dearest Hubert, Mary Lou.



**MR. AND MRS. SINCLAIR FRAZIER**

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Frazier celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary March 28. Mr. Frazier, a deacon in the Charleston, S.C., area, has been a member of the Church since 1987 and Mrs. Frazier since 1968.

To a wonderful husband, I'm on our 14th anniversary. Thank you for being such a loving person, and for a happy marriage all these years. All my love, "Your little Beauty."

To my loving parents, Keith and Pam Stoner: Happy 27th anniversary June 2. It's parents like yourselves with your never-ending love, incredible dedication and fine example that make our lives worthwhile. Thank you so much for everything you've both done for me, and may this day have many happy returns. I love you both, Amy.

April 17 about 70 Rochester, N.Y., brethren traveled to Clifton Springs, N.Y., to honor Jack and Theresa Ballastain on their 25th wedding anniversary. The surprise party, including a potluck and a sing-along by pastor Leslie Schmedes, was organized by their sons Dan, Ron, Dave and Kenny, and daughters Carla and Carolyn.

## Weddings Made of Gold

**LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo.** — April 24 Noble and Ezmul Wall were given a reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Wall was baptized July, 1955, and attends the Lake of the Ozarks church. The Walls were married March 18, 1933.

The reception, planned by their son Harold and his wife, took place at the Lions Club in Brumley, Mo. Cake, coffee and punch were served to the nearly 100 persons in attendance, including Church members, friends and out-of-town relatives.

## Obituaries

**HAMMONTON, N.J.** — Walter Hoenes, 78, died April 7.

Mr. Hoenes was a lifelong resident of Cologne, N.J., and a member of the Church since March, 1975. He first attended services in Penuasauk, N.J.

The funeral service was conducted by Vince Panella, pastor of the Hammonton and Trenton, N.J., congregations.

**WACO, Tex.** — Myrtle Fritz, 80, died April 20, in a Temple, Tex., hospital. She was a member of the Church since 1971 and lived most of her life in the Belton, Tex., area.

Mrs. Fritz is survived by one daughter, Helen Johnson of Houston, Tex., and one granddaughter.

## CHURCH NEWS

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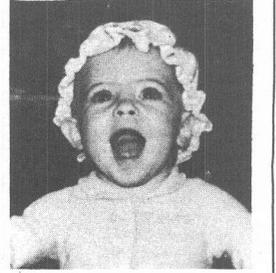
home. **Judy Rhodes.**

The **HATTIESBURG, Miss.**, Spokesman Club played host to a junior-senior prom in Laurel, Miss., April 23. About 170 high school students from church areas in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama were served a meal by the club members. A dance followed, featuring music by a band of members from the Hattiesburg, Jackson and Greenwood, Miss., churches. A photographer was on hand for those interested in having portraits made as a memento of the evening. Bill Walker served as chairman of the committee responsible for organizing the prom under the overall direction of pastor Paul Kurts. **Tom Diaz.**

The second annual YOU formal

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is Tarah Lee Kirkpatrick, daughter of Tom and Sarah Kirkpatrick of Blowing Rock, N.C.

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

**EVERGREEN, Ala.** — Oswald "Oz" Hansen, 65, died at home in his sleep after a prolonged illness.

Mr. Hansen was baptized in October, 1974, and was a member of the Montgomery, Ala., congregation. He had been a mailman, and after his retirement was a sign painter until illness prevented him from working.

**WHEELING, W.Va.** — F. Harold Robbins, 83, of Bergholz, Ohio, died at home of cancer April 15. His death marked the 58th wedding anniversary of Mr. Robbins and his wife, Velma. The Robbinses came into God's Church in 1969.

Mr. Robbins is also survived by two sisters, one daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel, pastor of the Cambridge, Ohio, and Wheeling churches, April 18 in Bergholz.

**MINOT, N.D.** — George Stroebel, 66, died April 23.

Mr. Stroebel is survived by his wife, Ardella, a member of the Church, and daughters Carolyn Anderson, Theresa Ballantine, Georgia Prenevost, Janice Gueller and Elaine Hackett.

Services were conducted in Glenburn, N.D., by Dan Creed, pastor of the Minot church.

**CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.** — Herman Fisher, 87, died April 13 after a long illness. He attended the Cape Girardeau church for several years with his wife, Susie, a baptized member.

Mr. Fisher was born in Sharon, Tenn., and lived most of his life in Mississippi County, Mo. The former heavy-equipment driver is survived by his wife, four sons, one daughter, 19 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, a sister and a son.

Mr. Fisher was buried in Anniston Cemetery near Anniston, Mo. John Cafourek, pastor of the Paducah, Ky.,

and Cape Girardeau churches, officiated.

**TYLER, Tex.** — Grady "Brooks" Ramsey, 66, died April 20 after a short illness while on a trip to Florida.

He was hired as the head of the Big Sandy Ambassador College Landscaping Department in the fall of 1965 and worked in that position until shortly before the college closed in 1977. Mr. Ramsey, in his 12 years of service to the college, became acquainted with hundreds of students and members. He was not a member.

He is survived by his wife, Faye.

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — Daisy Mae Corbett, 82, died April 16 at her home in Neeches, S.C. Baptized July 16, 1958, she was a member of the Columbia church. Mrs. Corbett had eight children and many grandchildren. Her husband, Walter, died in 1972 and was also a Church member.

Keith Thomas, pastor of the Columbia church, officiated at the funeral April 18.

**FORT MYERS, Fla.** — Mary Lou Holland, 88, died April 25. She was baptized March 19, 1965, at the age of 70 by Kenneth Swisher.

Mrs. Holland is survived by her son, four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Two of her grandchildren and their husbands, Allen and Pat Bilbo of Tampa, Fla., and Lloyd and Beverly Norheim of Pasadena, are members of God's Church.

Graveside services were conducted by Daniel Bierer, pastor of the Fort Myers church.

**CHARLESTON, S.C.** — Thetis Camlin Wiehrs, 76, a member of the Church since 1967, died March 26 in a Charleston hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Wiehrs is survived by four brothers and three sisters. Mike Hechel, pastor of the Savannah, Ga., and Charleston churches, conducted funeral services.

**CHARLESTON, S.C.** — Lena Beatrice Nicholes, 90, died March 29. Mrs. Nicholes was born July 8, 1892, daughter of Andy Joseph and Etta Mabel Rhodes. She was a member of God's Church since 1965.

Mrs. Nicholes is survived by her brother Jennings, a member of God's Church in Waycross, Ga., five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and nephew Harold Rhodes, pastor of the Waco and Austin, Tex., churches.

Mike Hechel, pastor of the Savannah, Ga., and Charleston churches, conducted funeral services.

**DALLAS, Tex.** — Walter Dervey Washburn, formerly of Eastace, Tex., died April 1 after a short illness with pneumonia. He was a member of God's Church since March 30, 1974.

Funeral services were conducted April 21 in Canton, Tex.

Mr. Washburn is survived by three children, several grandchildren and a niece, Eddie Jane (Laughlin) Parker, and her husband, Earnest D., of the Dallas East church.

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

# UPDATE

PASADENA — Pianist Vladimir Horowitz performed before capacity audiences at the Ambassador Auditorium May 22 and 26 in his only recent appearances on the West Coast for this concert season.

Evangelist Ellis La Ravia, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, said, "We are certainly delighted to have the return of Maestro Horowitz, who is certainly the greatest pianist in the world."

Mr. Horowitz selected the Auditorium for his only West Coast performance because it is his personal preference to other concert halls, according to Mr. La Ravia.

A review in the Pasadena *Star-News* of Mr. Horowitz' May 22 performance said: "Hearing Vladimir Horowitz play the piano is like hearing the piano for the very first time. That sounds like exaggeration, but for those lucky enough to have tickets Sunday for the first of Horowitz' two sold-out performances at Ambassador Auditorium it is close to the truth."

After asking Mr. Horowitz' permission, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong made arrangements for a closed-circuit telecast of both concerts to the Imperial School gymnasium where brethren viewed the concert free.

Mr. Horowitz performed the same program each concert: Beethoven's *Sonata in A Major, Opus 101*; Schumann's "Carnaval, Opus 9"; and Chopin's "Polonaise-Fantaisie, Opus 61"; "Three Etudes," and "Polonaise in A-flat Major, Opus 53."

Mr. Horowitz last performed in the Auditorium Feb. 28, 1982, before a capacity audience.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the June and July itinerary for evangelist Gerald Waterhouse.

Ann Arbor, Mich., June 2; Detroit, Mich., East and West, June 4; Toledo, Ohio, June 5; Findlay, Ohio, June 7; Cleveland, Ohio, East and West, June 8; Erie, Pa., June 9; Buffalo, N.Y., A.M. and P.M., June 11; Rochester, N.Y., June 12; Syracuse, N.Y., June 13; Corning, N.Y., June 14; Binghamton, N.Y., June 15.

Mount Pocono, Pa., June 16; Bethlehem, Pa., June 17; Harris-

burg, Pa., June 18; Huntingdon, Pa., June 19; Johnstown, Pa., June 20; Cumberland, Md., June 21; Hagerstown, Md., June 22; Winchester, Va., June 23; Washington, D.C., June 25; Baltimore, Md., June 26; Laurel, Del., June 27; Wilmington, Del., June 28; Vineland, N.J., June 29; Trenton, N.J., June 30.

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BONN, West Germany — Ambassador College students working in the Bonn Office for the summer met Karl Carstens, president of West Germany, at the 1983 Youth Garden Party here May 18, according to Frank Schnee, director of God's Work in German-speaking areas.

Mr. Carstens personally invited the students to attend the annual reception, which took place in the garden area of the president's home. This was the third consecutive year Ambassador students spoke to the

president at this reception.

Media coverage included television news spots showing Mr. Carstens with the Ambassador students. Also the *General-Anzeiger*, a Bonn newspaper, printed a photograph of the president with the students.

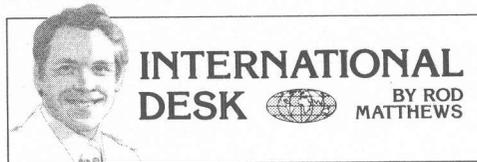
The Youth Garden Party is an annual social, cultural, sporting and political event aimed at exposing the youths of West Germany to the political leaders of the country.

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PASADENA — Tornadoes spawned by a severe storm system struck southeast Texas May 20, but no brethren were hurt or suffered major property damage, according to John Ogwyn, pastor of the Houston, Tex., North church.

The tornadoes struck between 2 and 3 a.m., cutting electrical power to about 200,000 people. More than 3 inches of rain and baseball-size hail accompanied the storm, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

"None of our members were seriously affected... it was the worst natural disaster in the Houston area since Hurricane Carla in 1961. The winds were comparable to a hurricane, being clocked at over 75 miles per hour," Mr. Ogwyn said.



PASADENA — God's Work is booming in Jamaica. This Caribbean island of 2.3 million people has a congregation of 180 in the capital city, Kingston. Pastor Charles Fleming wrote:

"Perhaps the biggest development has been the fact that the *World Tomorrow* telecast is now on Jamaica's only TV station every Sunday morning at 9:30. The programme, which was first shown on Jan. 2, has raised the Church's profile significantly.

"In the first three months of this year, we received a total of 5,950 letters, which is an impressive 85.9 percent increase over the corresponding period in 1982.

"TV responses totaled 1,554. The increasing popularity of the programme is readily apparent when we look at the monthly responses: January, 355; February, 507; March, 692.

"The presence of the TV programme, coupled with the fact that we are now inviting people to write to the Worldwide Church of God instead of the Ambassador College Agency as we did for many years on radio, has meant that a number of persons have written in, asking for a visit now that they realize we have a local church.

"To date, we have received over 70 visit requests. These range from those who are merely curious, to those who are serious enough to be invited to services. So far, we have invited 31 persons, nine being children.

"The TV programme, however, is only the newest and most dramatic of the doors to be used for preaching the Gospel locally. For over a decade, the radio programme has been carried on radio in the island and is becoming increasingly popular. Together with the newsstand programme, which distributes 1,000 magazines a month, the radio broadcast has built us a PT subscription list of over 5,600 by the end of 1982.

"Requests for the PT so far this year total 2,325, a 401.1 percent increase over last year's first quarter. Correspondence Course requests totaled 791, up 490 percent over last year's figure.

"Needless to say, paying for television time has greatly increased our expenditures, but God has blessed

us with a year-to-date increase of 45.9 percent in income.

"From April 3, we started advertising telephone numbers that our TV viewers could call to request literature. In the first two weeks this has resulted in 98 calls — and so one more point of contact between the 2.3 million inhabitants of Jamaica and God's Church has been opened up. The rest of 1983 promises continuing growth."

### Spanish-speaking areas

The Church is attempting to send an elder from Colombia, Mauricio Perez, to Venezuela. Please pray that Mr. Perez finds favor in the eyes of Venezuelan government officials.

April *Pura Verdad* circulation rose to 182,254, a gain of 1.6 percent over March, and only 6.4 percent below the beginning of 1983. However, PV circulation is 51.4 percent higher than a year ago.

Mexico is now the top country for *Pura Verdad* subscriptions. Circulation figures and the number of donors and co-workers for the top 10 countries only are listed in the accompanying box.

The number of active co-workers reached an all-time high in April, with 1,281 listed in the files, a 33.4 percent increase over a year ago. Donors number 3,287, or 27.3 percent more than April, 1982. The number of donors hit a record high in February at 3,536. Sixty-four percent of donors and 54 percent of co-workers are in the United States (including Puerto Rico). Only 24.6 percent of the subscription list is in the United States.

Herbert Cisneros is planning six *Pura Verdad* Bible lectures on three

One family in a low-lying area received a few inches of water in their house, and another member received some damage to her garage. "The remarkable thing was we had a number of brethren living in the affected area, but none received major property damage," said Mr. Ogwyn.

According to Robert Peoples, pastor of the Greenwood and Jackson, Miss., churches, no brethren were affected by severe flooding in Jackson May 22. Five thousand people were evacuated from their homes, according to the *Times*.

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PASADENA — With the 50th observance of Pentecost, May 22, by the Philadelphia era of God's Church, the Work experienced noteworthy growth around the world, according to Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center.

• More than five million pieces of literature, including magazines, letters and booklets were sent out by the Work each month since the beginning of the year. This is an all-time record.

• Almost 500,000 names were added to the U.S. files since the

beginning of this year, surpassed only by last year's record number.

• More than 250,000 Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) calls were received, a new year-to-date record.

• Almost 100,000 students enrolled in the Ambassador College-Bible Correspondence Course this year, already the highest number added in all but three years.

• In the past four months co-workers increased 21 percent over the same time last year.

This year the Work will receive its 50 millionth letter. Fifty million *Plain Truth* magazines will be read this year, and the Work will print the 500 millionth copy of *The Plain Truth*, Mr. Rice said.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services announced the following churches started since the list of congregations was published in the Jan. 24 issue of *The Worldwide News*: Blue Springs, Mo.; Hammond, Ind.; Kingston, Jamaica, P.M.; Norton, Va.; Ocala, Fla.; Park Forest, Ill.; Raytown, Mo.; Santa Fe, N.M.; Vineland, N.J.; and Yuma, Ariz. Plattsburgh and White Plains, N.Y., were inadvertently left out of the published list.

consecutive weekends in June in Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala.

A total of 500 to 800 people are expected to attend one or more of these meetings. Please continue praying for the brethren in Central America and for the safety and success of these meetings.

### Dutch news

April 1 one of the first members of the Dutch-language churches in the Netherlands, John Ursem Sr., died of cancer. Mr. Ursem was baptized in October, 1967, and served the Tilburg church as a deacon since October, 1978.

Mr. Ursem was an example of kindness and faithfulness. Even during the long period of his illness he was an example to all. Without complaining he carried the excruciating pains dying in the hope of God's promise, the resurrection at the return of Jesus Christ.

In the same month the Dutch Office in Utrecht received a visit from Dexter Faulkner, executive editor of *The Plain Truth*, and his wife Shirley. Mr. Faulkner discussed with Bram de Bree, regional director, and his assistant Johan Wilms various aspects of Editorial Services provided by Pasadena and the interrelationship of articles for the Dutch-language *Plain Truth* and *Good News*.

Although the Netherlands has the highest unemployment rate among skilled laborers in the European Economic Community, God blessed His Work in April with an increase in income year-to-date.

*De Echte Waarheid* (Dutch *Plain Truth*) subscription list is 62,800.

Incoming mail for April increased 30.4 percent, while Church attendance increased 7.9 percent over April, 1982.

### South Pacific

Rex Morgan, circulation manager for New Zealand and the South Pacific islands, spent the last day of Unleavened Bread in Suva, Fiji.

From there he traveled to Vanuatu (formerly the New Hebrides), to visit the brethren and prospective members there, some of whom are English speaking and some French speaking. He placed three newsstands in Vanuatu.

In March an advertisement was run for *La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) in *Trente Jours*, a magazine circulated in the French-speaking areas of the Pacific. About 50 responses have been received so far, mainly from Tahiti. Those subscribers were sent the April edition, featuring a storm on the cover, at the time a cyclone, the fourth this year, was causing immense damage in Tahiti.

Last year the average *Plain Truth* circulation (subscriber and newsstand editions combined) in New Zealand increased almost 100 percent higher than that of the previous highest year, 1981. The Church is looking forward to seeing the fruits in terms of new growth in donations and visit requests.

April's mail began to give a welcome indication of potential growth of this type. An encouraging number of people expressed deep interest in the Work, and voiced a desire to contribute to God's Work and become more involved in it. This was encouraging in the light of a leveling off of income in March and April.

## Services

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"The three main functions of the department include general employment procedures, employee compensation and employee benefits," he continued. "The Personnel staff, in order to provide basic services, works in close harmony with the Data Processing, Accounting, Legal and Insurance departments."

The Budget Coordination Department "supplies timely financial data for management and assists in financial planning for the future," Mr. Neff explained.

Mr. Neff, 59, lives in the Pasadena area with his wife Maxine, marking the third time they have lived here. Since receiving his bachelor of arts degree in 1959 and master of arts in 1962 from Pasadena Ambassador College, Mr. Neff has managed the Pasadena Mail Receiving Department, taught theology, speech and history at the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses, served as business manager and controller for Big Sandy Ambassador College, and pastored churches in Texas, California and Louisiana.

The Neffs have three children: Larry, pastor of the Tucson, Ariz., church; Carol of Big Sandy; and Don of Union City, Calif.

## Spanish statistics

Area	'Pura Verdad' subscribers	Co-workers	Donors
Mexico	35,233	222	347
United States	33,895	560	1,600
Colombia	20,433	78	160
Argentina	17,401	18	59
Puerto Rico	11,011	133	490
Spain	10,045	15	48
Chile	9,669	37	46
Peru	8,423	49	122
Guatemala	4,888	29	66
Costa Rica	3,925	21	33

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