

Pastor general speaks in Texas, gives Sabbath sermon in Florida

By Michael A. Snyder

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong returned here Dec. 10 aboard the Church's G-II jet at 7:45 p.m. Pacific Standard Time from meetings at Big Sandy Ambassador College and a Sabbath sermon in Orlando, Fla.

During the three-day trip, Mr. Armstrong took the Dec. 9 assembly and evening Bible study in Big Sandy and spoke to 3,037 brethren Dec. 10 at Sabbath services in the Tupperware Convention Center near Orlando, according to Aaron Dean, the pastor general's personal aide.

Mr. Armstrong, evangelist Ellis La Ravia and his wife, Gwen, evangelist Leslie McCullough, Mr. Dean and Mr. Dean's wife, Michele, left the Burbank, Calif., airport at 11:30 a.m. PST Dec. 8 en route to Big Sandy.

Flight to Texas

The plane touched down at 4 p.m. Central Standard Time. "After we arrived at the campus, Mr. Armstrong took a tour of the campus, inspecting the construction work going on and the condition of the grounds," said Mr. McCullough, deputy chancellor of the Texas campus. "He continued his tour Friday morning before taking the 11 a.m. college assembly."

"It was the first time he's addressed the students since orientation in August," Mr. Dean said. "He was pleased to be able to come back to the Big Sandy campus."

Mr. McCullough added that Mr. Armstrong's trips are always helpful for the students and the college administration. "While he was here, we went over some ideas and projects for the campus," the deputy chancellor said. "I discussed with

him the needs in the Music Department, and discussed in general the way events are progressing at the college."

After the assembly the pastor general attended a luncheon with the faculty in the faculty dining room.

That evening Mr. Armstrong conducted the Friday night Bible study.

The next day, Dec. 10, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. La Ravia, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean boarded the G-II for the trip to Orlando at 10:30 a.m. CST.

The group landed at the Kissimmee, Fla., Municipal Airport at 1:40 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. They were met by Robert Bertuzzi, pastor of the Orlando church, and his wife, Coesta; Craig Bacheller, pastor of the Melbourne and Fort Pierce, Fla., churches, and his wife, Linda; and the elders from the Orlando congregation.

"We drove right to the convention center," said Mr. Bertuzzi. More than 3,000 brethren, including four members from Honduras and other Caribbean members, applauded the pastor general as he entered. Brethren throughout Florida had driven up to four hours for the opportunity to hear Mr. Armstrong.

Orlando sermon

No sermonette was scheduled. Barbara Wagner of the Fort Pierce church sang *The Lord's Prayer* before Mr. Armstrong's sermon.

Before Mr. Armstrong spoke, Mr. Bertuzzi presented a cluster of crystal grapes to the pastor general on behalf of area churches. "Grapes are both the fruit of the vine and a symbol for peace," said Mr. Bertuzzi.

"We presented a symbol of peace to God's ambassador for world peace."

The pastor general addressed the Sabbath meeting for an hour and 45 minutes, discussing the fulfillment of the prophecy that Elijah would restore God's truth to the Church.

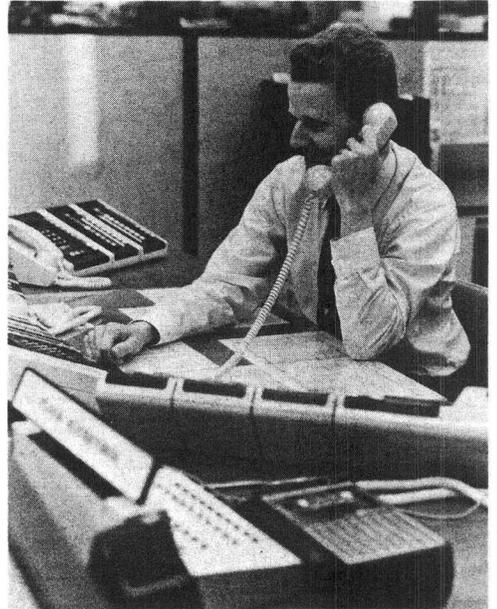
"It was a very warm and personal sermon," Mr. Bertuzzi said. "His sermon had a great impact on everybody, and I heard several remark that it was a real privilege to see and hear him."

After his sermon the pastor general conducted a ministerial meeting for 44 ministers and wives.

"He shook hands and chatted with practically everybody before he began his personal talk," Mr. Bertuzzi said. "He expressed his appreciation for the work the ministers and wives are doing and strongly encouraged us to remain unified under Christ."

After the ministerial meeting, the pastor general and his party left the convention center for the Kissimmee airport, leaving the area at 6 p.m. EST.

The G-II arrived back at Burbank at 7:45 p.m. PST.



TELEPHONE RESPONSE — Manning the floor supervisor's desk, Ken Richardson speaks with an operator in the telephone response area of the Mail Processing Center (MPC) in Pasadena. A smaller but similar operation for Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines will be installed at Big Sandy Ambassador College in January, according to Richard Rice, MPC director. [Photo by Kevin Blackburn]

HWA OKs Big Sandy WATS lines

BIG SANDY — Ten Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines are scheduled to be operational here in late January, according to Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC) in Pasadena.

The new lines on the Ambassador College campus will handle about 10 percent of telephone responses received from the *World Tomorrow* program and will use the Church's 800-423-4444 number.

"We've just about exhausted our manpower reserves in Pasadena, and the Big Sandy campus operation will give us an entirely new pool of people to work with," Mr. Rice said.

Mr. Rice and William Butler, supervisor of the telephone response area of MPC in Pasadena, were here Dec. 14 to 15 to complete arrangements for installation.

Students excited

"The students are extremely excited about the opportunity to be part of the front line of God's work,"

said evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor of the campus here. "We will be assisting wherever we can to get the new lines in operation as quickly as possible."

Mr. Rice said that Frank Parsons, a local church elder, will head the Texas WATS operation. His wife, Jane, an employee of Editorial Services in Pasadena, will assist him as department secretary. The Parsons have two children, Todd, 17, and Amy, 15.

Mr. Parsons, 40, holds a master's degree in educational administration and was a director in the Jackson Public Schools in Jackson, Miss., from 1978 to 1982 before attending Ambassador College.

He graduated from Big Sandy with an associate of arts degree in 1983, and was finishing his bachelor's degree at the Pasadena campus when he was named to head the Texas operation. He worked in the Pasadena telephone response area of MPC and taught college physical education classes in Pasadena dur-

ing the fall semester.

"We are very pleased to have someone of Mr. Parsons' caliber," Mr. Rice said. "He's an excellent administrator."

Mr. Parsons said he was excited to go to Big Sandy to help pioneer the WATS operation there.

Lynn Hebert and his wife, Sherry, both Pasadena WATS employees, will move to Big Sandy to assist Mr. and Mrs. Parsons in the operation's start-up.

Calls to be routed

Area codes of specific cities and areas will be assigned to the Big Sandy WATS operation. "The telephone company has the technology to do this," explained Mr. Butler.

He added that portions of the response from television stations WOR in New York, N.Y.; WGN in Chicago, Ill.; and WTBS in Atlanta, Ga., will go to Big Sandy. "These are the superstations that account for much of our television response," he said.

"Since they are aired by cable and satellite over much of the United States, some response will be channeled to Texas."

The Pasadena operation, which has 94 telephone stations, will not be reduced. "We're aiming to catch some of the calls that come into the queue, but hang up before we have a chance to answer the call," Mr. Butler continued.

The Pasadena telephones are controlled by a campus computer installed by the Northern Telecom Ltd. When calls exceed the number of phones available, the call is switched to a recorded voice that asks the caller to wait until an operator is available. The call is then switched to a recorded tape of classical music until an operator is free to answer.

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Auditorium views opera in international linkup

By Sheila Graham

PASADENA — The music world entered the new age of international television Sunday, Dec. 11, when live performances, originating in four of the world's major opera houses, were telecast by satellite to each of the houses' audiences in Italy, France, England and the United States. Ambassador Auditorium was included in the live television hookup.

In its continuing celebration of the 10th anniversary of the opening of Ambassador Auditorium, the Ambassador Foundation helped sponsor the program. Evangelist Ellis La Ravia, vice president of the foundation, described the foundation's involvement in this first-of-its-kind musical event as "certainly worthwhile."

Mr. La Ravia remarked that "bringing live performances together from several continents is a historical event in the performing arts world — certainly a precursor of events to come."

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, founder and chairman of the foundation, attended the opera gala

and was host to a reception following the live telecast.

Stars donate services

The two-hour performance by operatic stars at La Scala in Milan, Italy, the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Ill., the Paris Opera in France, and

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Treasurer summarizes budget

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — In November there was only a 2.3 percent increase in income over November, 1982. Because of this only being a small increase, the year-to-date income figure dropped from 13.1 percent over 1982 to 12.5 percent.

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

Even though the November financial trend was down, early figures indicate that December started

off well financially.

The big financial news for November concerned the development of the 1984 budget. The Church's budget team, consisting of Fred Stevens, manager of the Accounting Department; George Birdwell, manager of the Data Processing Center; Don Miller, budget coordinator; Dale Hanway, internal auditor, and me, developed a program for a 1984 balanced budget for the Church.

This program was presented to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and approved. For an over-

German question resurfaces in Europe

PASADENA — The last quarter of 1983 is turning out to be a historic milestone in the post-World War II politics of Europe. The nations of Western Europe are passing from one era into another.

Fading away is Era No. 1: European acceptance — almost blind at times — of America's leading role in military matters in the NATO alliance. Era No. 2 is beginning, albeit on a political downside, with doubts in West Germany about NATO and fears about West Germany's future role in Europe on the part of her neighbors.

The catalyst for this change is the beginning deployment of new American-made intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

The Europeans, specifically the West Germans and even more specifically, former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, had asked for the weapons in 1979, barring an agreement with the Soviet Union, to counter the rapid buildup of Soviet SS-20 missiles targeted on West German and other European sites.

What seemed to be a good idea then looks like it may backfire now. Instead of further cementing both sides of the Atlantic alliance, the new missiles are proving to be high-

ly divisive.

This is especially true in West Germany. The Social Democratic Party (Mr. Schmidt's) now overwhelmingly rejects the deployment. Its supporters fear that the Pershing 2 and cruise missiles only guarantee that in any war, West Germany is certain to be destroyed in a nuclear heap.

The missile debate has coincided, says Michael Binyon in the Oct. 19 *Times* of London, "with a revival of German feeling, a belief, especially on the left and among the young, that it is time for the country to assert itself more, stand up to the Americans and follow policies it believes to be in its own interests."

This feeling, notes author Binyon, is not limited to peace-movement supporters on the left, but "is beginning to sweep up in its wake people and politicians who have long subscribed to the . . . view of the Federal Republic anchored in the Western alliance and the main European pillar of which transatlantic friendship rests."

As a result, the Americans are being cast more in the role of occupiers than of protectors. The search for German roots and identity invariably collides, says Mr.

Binyon, "with what is seen as the Americanization of German society . . . And the contrast is made with East Germany. Despite its political servility to Moscow, visitors find with surprise it has remained more traditionally German, more Central European, in both sentiment and

and factory workers. There is a widespread feeling that the era of stability and security is over and that they can do little to restore it."

As Bonn's economic miracle — which absorbed the energies of the West German people for so long — fades into the past, a more subject-

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



way of life."

Bonn's 'identity crisis'

Once the cornerstone of European stability, West Germany is being hit by a crisis of confidence — some call it a midlife identity crisis — that threatens to erode ties with the United States and undercut the strength of the Atlantic alliance.

U.S. News & World Report noted Dec. 19 that "a sense of frustration is replacing the usual optimism of Germans ranging from politicians and businessmen to students

and emotional question looms larger on the scene: "What does it mean to be a West German?"

"Ask a young American what being an American means," writes Julian Crandall Hollick in the Aug. 8 *Christian Science Monitor*, "and you will most likely receive a clear and confident reply. Ask a young West German and the answer will be at best unclear . . . West Germany has been left stranded, neither

fish nor fowl, a wealthy, orderly society with a midlife identity crisis . . .

"What does being West German mean? Who are its heroes? What is the Federal Republic's history? . . . How can a young German think his country is worth defending when he or she is discouraged from the normal feelings of emotional and cultural attachment with its past?"

It doesn't help, Mr. Hollick, further observes, that the Federal Republic is still a provisional state, with a provisional capital and institutions, officially waiting to become something else — meaning a reunified nation somewhere down the road.

"Nazism penetrated to the core of Germany's being," continues Mr. Hollick, "leaving a black hole in the country's history that neither parents nor teachers have managed to fill . . . There comes a time when the past has to be forgiven, if not forgotten, and wounds, however dreadful, allowed to heal . . . Refusal to allow this natural process to begin will only further encourage apathy, nationalism, and, maybe, a resentful nationalism that would be detrimental to the West's security."

Stephen Szabo, a Rand Corp. (See GERMAN, page 10)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Keys to contentment

Somewhere, sometime, someone must have said it, so I won't claim it as my own thought. It's a truth everyone has to struggle with sooner or later: "Until you're able to be happy in every situation, you can't really be happy in any situation."

The trick is to get the right inflection on the two key words. It might be helpful to repeat that bit of wisdom out loud. Shut the door if you're afraid someone will think you've gone bonkers and lost your mind. Then say it a few times to the mirror on the wall.

Check it out for the best way to emphasize the words *every* and *any*. It shouldn't take long before the truth comes through loud and clear, no matter our age or status in life, single or married.

Life is full of ups and downs — financially, physically, emotionally and every other way we can think of. That we are on top of the heap today is no guarantee we'll be up there tomorrow.

A close friend begins to ignore you. You blow a big test and have to settle for a *D* in speech or world history. Someone you really love and need moves away — or dies — or someone you look up to falls off his or her pedestal.

Sometime ago I received an anonymous letter from a single woman (I really dislike anonymous letters and usually don't read them because most anonymous people have something to hide) berating us for not addressing a problem.

She said: "I am writing you in hope of you writing on a problem that seems to be avoided in the Church. The Church is geared to families, and young singles. It seems like the age group 40 to 60 years of age has no place in the Church."

There is a segment of Scripture found in Philippians 4:10-13, 19 that must have been written with a few singles ages 40 to 60 in mind. The apostle Paul sets forth three things that helped him in his own growth. I think we all can learn from this.

• The first one is learning to accept where you are. In verse 11 he says, "Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content" (Revised Standard Version, throughout).

"I have learned . . . to be content." Paul doesn't say he got instant contentment the moment he was baptized. But through the years, as he grew in grace and knowledge and went through many hardships and tough experiences, he *learned* to be content in any circumstance.

For Paul, this positive statement was framed by what he had gone through in his past: numerous shipwrecks, angry mobs, trials and imprisonments, questions about his leadership from his own people. Paul knew what he was talking about. He was seldom out of a crisis.

Remember, he's the one who sang songs of praise to God in the jail in Philippi. He disciplined himself to rejoice and to give his anxieties and worries to God, and to program his mind with positive thoughts.

In order to deal more effectively with being single (or any trial), we have to accept it for now. Peace of mind comes with acceptance, and knowledge that God is with us in our situation. We are not alone.

There will be many days when we will want to look up and shout, "Why me, Lord?" If we listen, we might hear an answer coming back: "Why not you? I will give you the strength you need."

• The second thing Paul is saying is to grow where we are. There is an old slogan, "Bloom where you are planted." It is sometimes difficult to believe that and do it when we would rather take our garden, flowers and tools and move to an easier place to bloom.

Paul showed his own strength by doing some of his blooming while in prison. He longed to be free, but he used the experience. Read Philippians 1:12-14.

His secret is in chapter 4:13: "I can do all things in him who

strengthens me." Paul wasn't growing on his own. Neither can we. God was infusing him daily with the strength he needed. This same growth-producing strength is available to us, through contact with God. Also read Philippians 2:13-14.

Some single or single-again people put off growth and development of Christian character until they feel better or their circumstances change. They reason that God will excuse their lack of change because of the situation they find themselves in. All that does is cause us to stagnate and watch things worsen.

Still others wait to be rescued. Their hope is that eventually someone will notice their plight and motivate them to grow. If no one does, other people's neglect becomes their excuse for not changing.

Some say I'm too old and tired to attempt anything. I am always amazed because in the Bible I find that God really doesn't seem to care much about age. Retirement is not mentioned in the Scriptures. Moses was well into his 80s when he undertook his greatest leadership and growth assignment.

The plain truth is that we have to do our own growing. Now! No one can do it for us.

• The third thing Paul talks about is *building*. In verse 19, he says, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

You can't build anything until God supplies you with materials. His building design for our lives is in the area of supplying the things we need rather than the things we want. The problem is that we see what we don't have rather than what God does have.

Matthew 6:31 tells us, "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" Matthew goes on to say, "But seek first his kingdom . . . and all these things shall be yours as well" (verse 33).

We need to ask ourselves: How would my problem be affected if I changed my attitude from negative to positive? Can I see a possible purpose God might have in allowing me to experience this difficulty? If so, try writing out this sentence: "I believe God's purpose for me in the problem is . . ." and complete the sentence.

Paul had a proven formula he was eager to share with the Christians at Philippi — and with all of us today. Use it.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Lutheran dispute cools

BOREHAMWOOD, England — This year marked the 500th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, the man who founded the Protestant movement in Germany. Wittenberg, in what is now East Germany, is the town where Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of a church in 1517 — an act symbolic of the start of the Reformation.

Efforts were made to rehabilitate the image of Luther in East Germany. Communist authorities now

refer to him as a social reformer and one of the "greatest sons of the German people."

Various civic and church ceremonies have taken place in East and West Germany, and tourists have flocked to historical sites related to Luther's life. West Berlin features an exhibit including newly discovered correspondence between Luther and Prussia's first duke, Albrecht.

It is a paradox that the man who divided mainstream Christianity may wind up as a central figure in reunifying it. This Luther anniversary refocused the attention of the Christian world on church unity.

Theologians from both sides are sifting through 16th century church documents with the idea of bringing divided Christendom together again.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Armstrong's trips

How nice it is to receive each issue of *The Worldwide News*, to look inside and discover how God's people are faring all around the world. What a tremendous service this small newspaper is to those of us in the work of God.

I especially want to commend the efforts of all of those who continually write for the paper, keeping us up to date on world events, and other articles that give us food for thought about our own lives.

A special thanks goes to Aaron Dean, for the excellent manner in which he details Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong's travels. His exacting diaries are a tribute to his dedication.

Gene Griffin
Jacksonville, Ark.

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Thanks and appreciation

We'd like to say a big "Happy Jubilee" to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and to thank him so very, very much for all he has meant in our lives.

Thanks for getting our attention and for pointing us towards Christ; for emphasizing the importance of obeying God's commandments, rather than man's; for helping us to know the importance and the benefits of God's Sabbath day and all His feasts of Leviticus 23.

Richard Witham and family
Mason, Ohio

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Thank you for all the work that goes into each publication. Each article is so full of useful, needed information, and

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TRIMMING PROJECT — Ray Tucker (in truck) and Michael Arguien of the Landscape Department's tree-trimming crew load brush Dec. 12. The crew is trimming and removing trees and shrubs to improve visibility across the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. [Photo by G.A. Beluche Jr.]

Pasadena tree pruning begins

By Robert Taylor
PASADENA — The Ambassador College campus is taking on a new look. Some of the 7,500 trees and shrubs are being moved.

Robert Taylor is a Pasadena Ambassador College senior.

For decades the college campus has been, to many, a first exposure to the values maintained by God's Church. Three times Ambassador College won the grand award for the

best-maintained college campus in the United States. The award is sponsored by *Grounds Maintenance* magazine and the Professional Grounds Management Society.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong initiated in October a landscape project to further improve the appearance of the campus. About 40 trees and more than 150 shrubs will be taken out over the course of about eight months, according to Joel King, tree crew supervisor.

"Mr. Armstrong took a walk

around campus and decided he wanted it opened up a little so we could see throughout the campus from a few vantage points," said Mr. King.

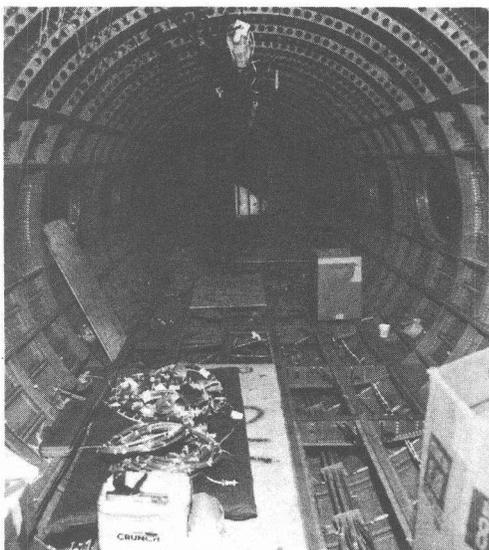
"Twenty to 30 years ago when he helped plant those trees, and showed where he wanted them planted, they were small. He had those vantage points in mind," Mr. King noted.

"We discussed the overall impact of the campus, and Mr. Armstrong noted that some of the trees and shrubs were quite overgrown from the time of installation," said Ellis La Ravia, facilities manager.

"We've tried to maintain an openness throughout the campus. The blending between the buildings and landscape is what is most aesthetically beautiful," said Mr. La Ravia.

The removal of certain trees will enhance the appreciation of campus architecture and give the campus an "open countryside" look, added Mr. King.

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NEW AIRCRAFT — Above photo shows cabin area inside the fuselage of the Church's newly purchased Gulfstream-III jet, which has greater range, speed and efficiency than the G-II aircraft. Right, construction of the Church's G-III began in March. Members of the Church's Photography Services and Media Services departments visited the Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. in Savannah, Ga., Dec. 7 to record construction of the jet. Delivery of the G-III will take place in early summer, according to Aaron Dean, an aide to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. [Photos by Warren Watson]

HWA approves faculty exchange between Big Sandy, Pasadena

By Kerri Miles
PASADENA — "The year has started off well with very few problems of any kind," said evangelist Raymond F. McNair, deputy chan-



RAYMOND F. McNAIR
cancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College, Dec. 9.

"We are quite pleased with the progress of students in preliminary reports," Mr. McNair said. "The caliber of students is as good as we've ever had."

Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong approved a faculty exchange between the two campuses for the spring 1984 semester. The current semester ends Dec. 30.

Mr. McNair, Greg Albrecht, Pasadena dean of students, and evangelist Roderick Meredith, professor of theology, will spend one week each in Big Sandy. Evangelist Leslie McCullough, Big Sandy deputy chancellor, and Larry Salyer, Big Sandy dean of students, will spend one week here.

This year's senior class is divided into 18 groups of 11. Each group is invited to the campus Social Center for a formal dinner with Mr. Armstrong. Thirteen of these dinners have taken place so far this semester.

The faculty and administration began Student Evaluation Meetings

the week of Dec. 5. The purpose of these meetings is to determine which seniors could potentially be used in various aspects of the work after graduation and which juniors will serve as student leaders next year. The meetings, which take place twice weekly, should be completed in February. Decisions will be based on each student's academic performance and recommendations of faculty members, employers, club directors and Mr. Albrecht, Mr. McNair said.

More than 1,200 applications were sent out from Pasadena for the fall 1984 semester. The number of completed applications received is down from last year, but the college expects to receive applications "from more suitable people than we can accept. I would urge all to get their applications in well ahead of the March 1 deadline," said Mr. McNair.

U.S. agency clears way for international students

By Tom Delamater
PASADENA — International students will be able to attend Big Sandy Ambassador College in January for the first time since the campus reopened in August, 1981, according to evangelist Leslie

"We have now accepted our first international student for next year, a girl from New Zealand," he said, adding that the Registrar's Office in Big Sandy also received applications from prospective students living in Canada.

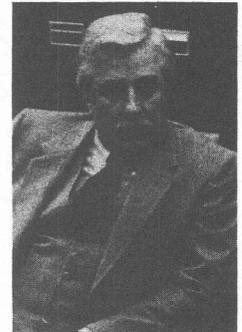
The college is now accepting U.S. students for the fall 1984 semester. Mr. McCullough said that anyone interested in attending the Big Sandy campus should send an application there "as soon as possible."

The college in Big Sandy is in its third year of operation since the campus reopened, and Mr. McCullough reported steady progress during that time. "The academic and extracurricular programs are coming together much more clearly. It takes time, but overall, things are going well," he said.

The newest course offered is a computer language class, and a continuing education class in German is available in the evening to college students and other area Church members. An international club was organized this semester by Kenneth Herrmann, a longtime Ambassador faculty member and a writer for *The Plain Truth*.

Five Big Sandy students will participate in a 600-mile bicycle tour in New Zealand Dec. 21 to Jan. 12. The tour was organized by Big Sandy faculty member Larry

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LESLIE McCULLOUGH
McCullough, deputy chancellor. Mr. McCullough was here Dec. 4 to 8 for meetings with college and Church officials.

Mr. McCullough said the college received recertification from the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington, D.C., to admit international students.



FOCUS ON YOUTH

YOU INITIATES SPEECH CLUB

MAIDSTONE, England — Members of the YOU here participated in their first speech club based on the Spokesman Club, Nov. 13. Plans are to incorporate the speech club into monthly YOU meetings.

Parents of most members attended the meeting at the King's Head Hotel near Maidstone.

John Meakin, pastor of the Maidstone, Brighton and Croydon, England, churches, directed the club. YOU representative Mike Anderson acted as president. After the minutes and business sections, the toastmaster, Paul Tate, introduced Matthew Frohn, who gave tabletops. Speeches were given by Rachel Tate, Philip Hurd, Julie Urquart, Mark Anderson and Louise Frohn.

Mr. Meakin ended with an evaluation and a Bible study on friendship.

After the meeting the teens went to Mr. Meakin's house where they watched the movie *Heaven Can Wait* and had refreshments. *Matthew Frohn.*

DISTRICTS SPONSOR FAMILY WEEKENDS

MELBOURNE, Australia — Nine church areas from Victoria and South Australia participated in a YOU district family weekend Oct. 22 and 23 here.

Events began Sabbath morning, Oct. 22, with three mini-Bible studies, which 480 attended. Rodney Dean, pastor of the Melbourne West and Geelong churches, spoke on peer pressure; and Gavin Cullen, pastor of the Melbourne North church, spoke on dating. William Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne East church and senior pastor of the area, spoke at afternoon services on YOU guidelines.

Saturday evening eight YOU teams competed in a Bible bowl. The Melbourne East team, consisting of William Bradford Jr., Jeremy Orchard, Leanne Bradford and Chris Orchard, placed first. Ballarat came in second, and Morwell was third.

Then in a YOU district talent contest, David Chivers of Melbourne East was awarded first place in the junior division for his piano performance of "Jessica's

Theme." Second place went to Annette Bale of Morwell, and third place was awarded to Renie Banham of Melbourne South. First place in the senior division was Peter Raymakers with a piano rendition of "Ballade Pour Adeline." Robyn Brown took second place, and third went to Jerome Raymakers. Senior division winners are from the Melbourne East church.

Sunday began with a pancake breakfast followed by father-son cricket and mother-daughter volleyball. The winning cricket team was Melbourne West, and Melbourne South was first in volleyball.

Sportsmanship awards went to Peter Elliston of Ballarat and Kathy Womersley of Geelong. Events were organized by district coordinator Mark Gully, assistant pastor of the Melbourne East Church. *Ruth Garratt.*

CALGARY, Alta. — Two hundred sixty-six teens from Alberta participated in a YOU district weekend Nov. 12 and 13.

Sabbath services included a split sermon by Neil Earle, outgoing district coordinator and pastor of the Calgary congregations, who said it is a pleasure to serve teens who express appreciation.

Teens surprised him by presenting an engraved plaque to express their appreciation for his five years of leadership in YOU district and national activities.

Robert Millman, newly appointed district coordinator, followed with a split sermon on how to build friendships. Services were followed by a YOU banquet catered by the Calgary members. Afterward Jim Brandenberg, disguised as the Great Brandini, auctioneer extraordinaire from the east, conducted a comedy sale. Unclaimed items from previous district weekends were auctioned.

Next, teens viewed a 40-minute movie presentation of last summer's national track and field meet in Calgary. Bruce Fraser, a deacon in the Calgary South congregation, coordinated the production team. Response warranted transferring the movie onto video cassettes for viewing throughout the district.

Teens were then transported to Lloyd's Rollerade for three

hours of roller-skating.

Sunday morning, Nov. 13, teens and adult volunteers assembled at Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School for a volleyball tournament. The Calgary South A Team placed first in the Junior division and Edmonton South A was first in the senior division.

Douglas Smith, pastor of the Edmonton church, said, "Attitudes, cooperation, respect for officials, sportsmanship — all showed marked improvement." *Robert J. Millman.*

ATLANTA, Ga. — A YOU District 34 family weekend took place here Nov. 19 and 20.

Sabbath services, Nov. 19, featured family-oriented messages delivered by Rick Beam, pastor of the Moultrie, Ga., and Tallahassee, Fla., churches, and Michael Hanisko, district YOU coordinator and pastor of the Anniston, Ala., and Rome, Ga., churches.

Anniston won a Bible bowl. The Athens and Gainesville, Ga., team finished second, and Rome was third. The Atlanta church band played at a family dance.

YOU volleyball began Sunday morning, Nov. 20. The Athens and Gainesville team won the district championship, in which Atlanta West No. 1 finished second and Anniston placed third. Anniston also won the sportsmanship award.

Members of the all-tournament team were Vicki Bice and Kathy Brooks, Atlanta West; Gay Dispain, Athens and Gainesville; Crissandra Garrett and Laura Nelson, Anniston; Marie Grant, Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga.; and Paula Wright, Atlanta East. *Michael Hanisko.*

TEENS PERFORM IN TALENT CONTESTS

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — David Kangas of Concord, N.H., was awarded first place in the senior division of a YOU district talent show here for his vocal rendition of "Truly."

The show, which included 16 acts, took place after a chicken dinner Oct. 29.

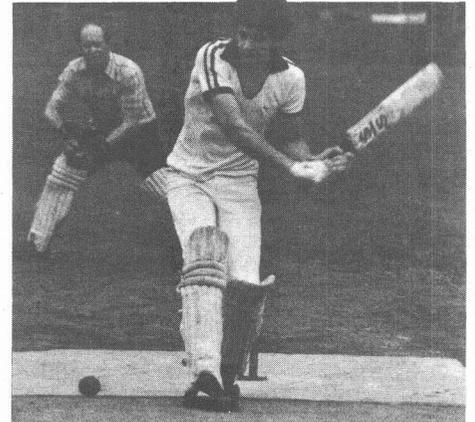
Second place in the senior division went to Sandy Swanson of Boston, Mass., with her saxophone solo, "The Minute Waltz." Third place went to Christina Marino of Springfield who sang, "It Won't Be Long Now."

In the junior division Cindy Kendall of Montpelier, Vt., placed first with a piano solo, "Rhapsody in Blue." Second place went to Theresa Nelson of Albany, N.Y., who sang "Matchmaker," and Jason Arsenburg of Providence, R.I., placed third with his vocal, "Hard to Say I'm Sorry." David Kangas, Sandy Swanson and Cindy Kendall qualified for the regional contest. *Ken Blanchard.*

ATLANTA, Ga. — About 300 brethren attended a YOU regional talent contest here Sunday, Oct. 30.

Trina Glaze of Atlanta took first place in the senior division with a vocal performance, and Susan Shigehara of Raleigh, N.C., placed second with a piano solo. Lisa Orban of Knoxville, Tenn., took first place in the junior division with a piano solo. *Michael Hanisko.*

APPLETON, Wis. — Dave Daniels, who performed a trum-



IN THE SWING — Andrew Lorimer of the Melbourne, Australia, East church attempts to hit a cricket ball in father-son cricket competition at the YOU district weekend Oct. 22 and 23. Colin Power, of Melbourne South is the wicket keeper.

pet solo, earned first place in the senior division of a YOU district talent show here Oct. 30. He attends the Appleton church.

The show took place in Harper Hall at Lawrence University.

Amy Taylor, who attends the Milwaukee church, placed second with a vocal solo, and Dana Resler of the Madison, Wis., church placed third with a vocal and guitar performance.

In the junior division, first place went to Rod McNair, who performed a trombone solo. Second place was awarded to Anne Douglas for her violin solo and third place went to Kathy Daley for her piano solo. Junior division winners are from the Milwaukee church.

Dave Daniels, Amy Taylor and Rod McNair qualified for the regional talent contest in Des Moines, Iowa. *Rich Daniels.*

YOUTHS MATCH SKILLS IN VOLLEYBALL TOURNEYS

WHEELING, W.Va. — Sixteen teams participated in the District 15 YOU girls' volleyball tournament at Wheeling College Nov. 6.

Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel, pastor, and Ron Smith, associate pastor of the Wheeling and Cambridge, Ohio, congregations, presented the awards. Pittsburgh received the first place trophy, and Youngstown

took second place.

Three shared honors for coach of the year. They are Janette Calendine of Parkersburg, W.Va., Nancy McCracken of Wheeling and Dan Summy of Belle Vernon, Pa.

The Spirit of YOU award, which goes to the team that best represents the actions and attitudes of the YOU program, was presented to the Johnstown, Pa., team. *Ron Kennedy.*

FORT MEYERS, Fla. — Twelve Florida churches participated in the annual District 35 volleyball tournament Nov. 12 and 13.

Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Tampa church, and Daniel Bierer, pastor of the Fort Myers and Sarasota churches, gave split sermons at Sabbath services.

Ribbons were awarded to players on the top three boys' girls' A and girls' B teams.

First place in the boys' division was St. Petersburg; in the girls' A division, Orlando; and in the girls' B division, Melbourne.

Awards were presented to the most outstanding athlete in each division: Mike Frahn, St. Petersburg; Wendy Kaleho, Orlando, girls' A; and Melissa Lobdell, Lakeland, girls' B. Sportsmanship awards went to Fort Myers, Miami girls' and the Gainesville girls' B team. *Janet Hendershot.*

How to write 'Focus on Youth'

In the Feb. 11, 1980, issue of *The Worldwide News* we started the "Focus on Youth," column "to acknowledge and publicize the many positive and outstanding examples" among young people in God's Church.

In past issues we have published mostly "Youths Honored" articles, about outstanding achievements or awards received by teens. We have such a backlog of these articles we simply cannot publish them all.

We appreciate the time spent in writing the articles and sending them to us and the time and effort spent by the teens in attaining such awards.

We will now run more articles on subjects like those covered in the "Youth Activities" section of "Local Church News," renamed "Accent on the Local Church." We would like to receive articles detailing district

and regional events as well as service projects, and other recreational, athletic and educational Youth Opportunities United (YOU) activities.

As in the "Accent on the Local Church" guidelines published in the Oct. 24 issue of *The Worldwide News*, we stress that "Focus on Youth" writers be selective in what they send in. Include interesting and innovative youth activities. Include ideas youth groups in other areas might want to try.

We will also consider for publication articles on the outstanding achievements or personal experiences of teens.

With the cooperation of all you reporters, "Focus on Youth" will include better coverage of youth activities in your area and highlight interesting ideas from YOU groups around the world.



TALENTED GIRLS — From left: Lisa Orban, Knoxville, Tenn.; Trina Glaze, Atlanta, Ga.; and Susan Shigehara, Raleigh, N.C., display awards they won in a regional talent contest in Atlanta Oct. 30.

On-line terminals save mail center time, money

By Ed Stonick

PASADENA — With all of the attention, advancement and advertising given to computer games, the tendency is to forget that computers were originally designed for more practical uses. The Mail Processing Center uses the Church's IBM computer to accomplish much of its work.

The author is Response Analysis Supervisor at the Mail Processing Center.

According to Hugh Mauck, an assistant to Richard Rice, MPC director, "Probably 90 percent or more of our work in MPC is done by using the computer." Mr. Mauck oversees some of the computer programs designed to assist MPC.

The first large-scale computer used in the Church was bought in 1967. Its primary function was to consolidate 14 mailing lists manually maintained in seven offices on the Pasadena campus.

Mr. Mauck explained: "At the time the computer was ordered, our mailing list was approximately 700,000 and was growing by about 2,500 people per day. Since then, it has saved us millions of dollars and done work we could never do without it."

Another indication of the impact

of the computer is that while the volume of mail processed by MPC has increased greatly in the past few years, the number of full-time employees needed to handle the work remains about the same.

More than three million names and addresses are stored in the computer files maintained by MPC. The use of a unique number for every subscriber (the number found at the top of your *Worldwide News* mailing label) enables records to be located for updating or entering literature requests in a matter of seconds.

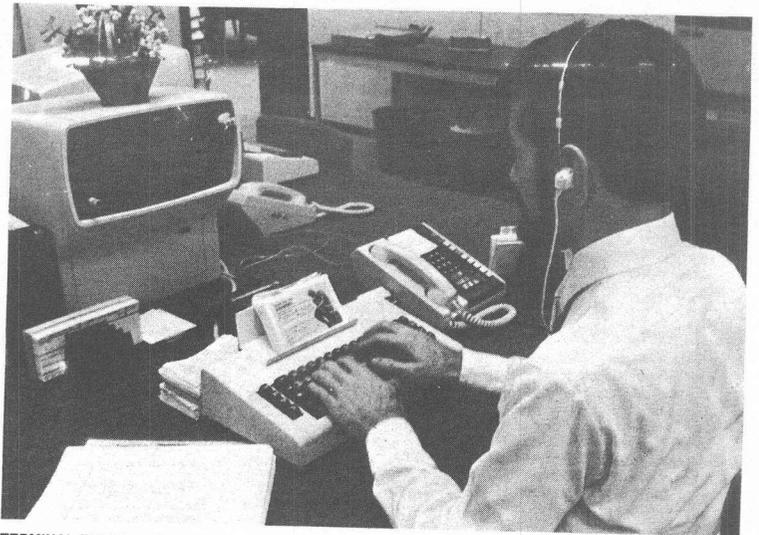
The computer itself, an IBM 4341 Model 12, is housed in the Church's Data Processing Center and linked to MPC by underground cables.

Besides name and address files, many auxiliary systems are used.

In Telephone Response specialized programs assist phone operators, according to Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) supervisor William Butler. By entering a zip code in media mode, all radio and television stations on which the program may be received in a particular area are listed.

A WATS memo mode allows operators to check the most up-to-date information on policies and procedures, even with the caller on the line.

Two other modes are used to schedule the more than 350 employees and 700 volunteers who



TERMINAL ENTRY — Robert Di-Angelo, an employee of the Mail Processing Center, demonstrates how to update a computer file while a person is on the telephone. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

regularly answer calls. What once took hours, is now accomplished quickly and accurately in minutes.

"More and more WATS calls are now being handled by Direct Terminal Entry (DTE)," said Mr. Butler. "With DTE literature requests, address corrections and other file updates are made directly by the

WATS operator, who is also trained to use the computer terminal."

A mode called X-Lit gives access to a list of all articles written for the Church's periodicals, including *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News*, *The Worldwide News*, *Tomorrow's World*, *Youth 83* and *The Pastor General's Report*. Entries are made according to subject, title, author and scripture.

The Postal Center mails millions of pieces annually and at times several dozen mailings are made in the same week, according to Eric Shaw, Postal Center supervisor. The computer prints out daily job schedules and production reports.

Also, inventories of books, booklets and envelopes are managed more effectively with the computer automatically calculating the amount of any given item on hand.

The Personal Correspondence Department has available a Bible mode, which operates like a concordance. In their research, writers can enter one- to four-word phrases and in seconds every scripture containing those words is displayed.

Employee time-keeping records are entirely computerized, replacing the traditional time clock. Since nearly all MPC employees use or have access to a computer terminal, they now clock in by entering their names and employee numbers into the terminal.

In addition, a weekly record is kept of each worker's hours. "The convenience and accuracy of this method is a great time-saver," said Mr. Mauck.

"Because confidentiality of address files and other information is vitally important, there are careful controls on the use of computer modes in MPC," said Mr. Rice. "Accessibility is limited to only those employees who use them directly in their work. Names of subscribers and members are never sold or given out as is the practice of many other organizations."

MPC employees enjoy the ease and speed of using the computer in their work. April Waybright, who processes visit requests, said: "I was doubtful at first, but now I wouldn't want to go back to anything else. The computer cut down so many steps, what had been an eight-hour job now takes about half that time."

Mr. Rice added: "We in MPC are particularly grateful to Mr. George Birdwell [director of the Data Processing Center] and all DPC employees. They are always ready to help when we have a particular need. Without their cooperation, none of what we do by computer would be possible."

"Even with the increased use of the computer in MPC, every effort is made to retain the 'personal touch' in serving our subscribers," Mr. Rice said.

Editorial uses microfiche system

PASADENA — The acquisition in September of a microfiche system by the Editorial Services Department will help solve storage-space problems and give more people access to Editorial's publications and news clippings files, according to Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications.

"We live in an information society," said Mr. Faulkner. "The problem is how to store that data economically and yet actually increase our ability to retrieve it faster while giving a greater audience access to it."

Editorial Services has taken a major step toward solving both of those problems by acquiring a state-of-the-art A.B. Dick System 200 Microfiche Camera/Processor.

According to Dan Taylor, a writer and researcher for *The Plain Truth* and director of the microfiche project: "We add the equivalent of two, four-drawer filing cabinets of paper every year to the files in the Editorial and News Bureau areas. We were simply running out

of room to put filing cabinets."

"The sheer volume of news articles that we process, code and keep has increased tremendously as world troubles have mounted," said Gene Hogberg, News Bureau director. "We just came to the conclusion that microfiche was the best way of storing the material," added Mr. Hogberg.

Mr. Taylor noted that the word *microfiche* comes from a French term meaning small slide. It is a means of reducing a document by 24 times on a 4x6 card that will hold 98 such documents, in the case of the machine Editorial purchased.

"What makes the A.B. Dick different," noted Mr. Taylor, "is that it will enable us to put a file on a fiche, then anytime later, go back and add to that same fiche as more information comes in or until the fiche is full."

"It's operated much like a photocopier, so the machine is quite simple to use," said Mr. Taylor. "At our current rate of progress, we should have all of the Church's major pub-

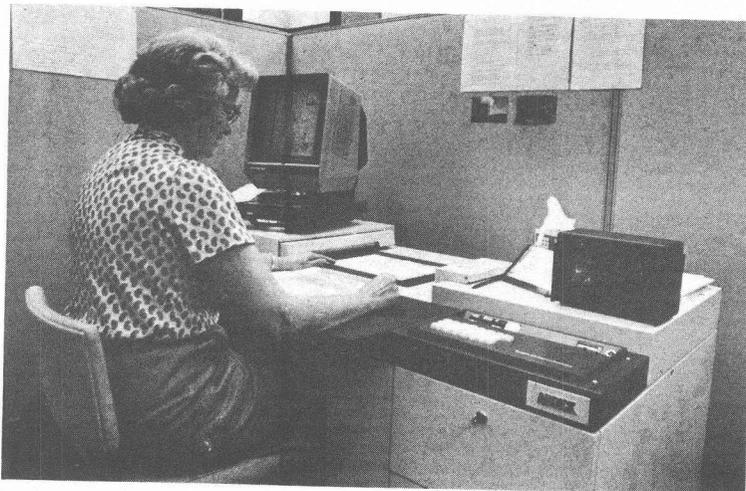
lications as well as the News Bureau files on fiche in about 10 to 11 months," added Mr. Taylor.

However, a 90 percent reduction in space requirements for storage is not the only benefit, noted Mr. Taylor. "Every office around the world will have a complete set of all major publications we've ever produced."

Use of microfiche storage will help make the retrieval of information faster for the News Bureau, thereby increasing the overall efficiency of its manpower, Mr. Taylor said.

"It has tremendous potential as far as the archives are concerned," said Mr. Faulkner. "We can eventually put everything the Church has ever printed on microfiche and make copies available to the international offices, the libraries and other areas of the Church," said Mr. Faulkner.

Mr. Faulkner pointed out that eventual applications could include personnel files, student records and business records.



MICROFICHE PROCESSOR — Shirley Rhoades of Editorial Services copies Church publications onto microfiche, a process similar to photocopying. Transferring the Church's major publications to microfiche results in a 90 percent reduction in storage-space requirements. [Photo by Craig Clark]

Widow attends Festival with help from members

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Provisions have always been made for Dorothy Kennedy, a member of God's Church since 1970, to attend her assigned Feast site each year.

For the 1983 Feast, however, Mrs. Kennedy, a widow, thought it would be nice to transfer to Pasadena. "God has always seen that I have been taken care of," said Mrs. Kennedy. "But this year He certainly outdid Himself!"

Mrs. Kennedy, who doesn't give out her age — "I'm over 50 though!" — received a pleasant surprise. A few singles from her area invited her to travel with them to Pasadena for the Feast.

"I excitedly agreed to go and immediately began to pray for faith enough to board and fly in an airplane and [for the] necessary funds to pay for the expenses," Mrs. Kennedy recalled.

"I prayed all year," she continued, "... knowing that God would take care of each detail if it was truly His will that I should go."

Mrs. Kennedy saved throughout

the year, but the total didn't amount to much as Feast time approached, she said.

Then God's blessings came in abundance, she says. "First, God moved a loving young brother to provide for me a brand-new suitcase."

A family presented her with a flight bag to carry on the aircraft. She visited an airport and watched planes land and take off. "This helped me have the courage to get on the airplane when we left out of Atlanta [Ga.] the day after Atone-ment," she said.

Mrs. Kennedy was also given round-trip plane tickets to California "and so many other necessities that I just can't list them all," she added.

During two weeks, Mrs. Kennedy flew to San Francisco, Calif. She took a two-day van trip down the West Coast to Pasadena for "a wonderful eight-day Festival at God's headquarters Church," where she twice answered calls on the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines.

Character: determining factor in abuse or right use of alcohol

By Donald D. Schroeder

How we use alcoholic beverages is a measure of our character.

If we drink alcohol God holds us responsible for the use and control of it.

Donald D. Schroeder is a senior writer for The Plain Truth.

Members come into God's Church from diverse backgrounds. Some come from families where drinking was moderate. Some come from backgrounds where alcohol was abused. Some come from backgrounds where there was little or no drinking, but no real teaching about alcohol either. And some come from backgrounds where abstinence was practiced because of religious beliefs, health problems or discomforting physical responses to alcohol.

Too many come from backgrounds that encouraged drinking for show — to prove some quality about the drinker. In God's Church you don't need to drink to prove masculinity, sociability or maturity.

Avoid abuse

When you came into God's Church, you learned that the Bible does not prohibit all use of alcohol — that it teaches a right and beneficial use of wine and, on occasion, other alcoholic drinks. But what is right use? And what is abuse?

"Be not drunk," commands Scripture (Ephesians 5:18). Drunkenness is a sin, a work of the flesh (Galatians 5:21).

What is drunkenness? It is common to claim that one is only under the influence of alcohol, but not drunk. This is a false definition. Being under the influence is the first stage of drunkenness. It is abuse! Alcohol has been abused when it causes damaging consequences to your mind or body, or when it causes you to have improper relationships with others around you.

Alcohol has been abused when one's mind and body become so drugged as not to properly bear the fruits of God's Holy Spirit. That's the Bible definition. One of the fruits of the Spirit is self-control (Galatians 5:22-24, Revised Authorized Version). Alcohol abuse — being under the influence — results in a lack of self-control.

Scientific studies show there are

differences in responses to alcohol among various races, and also among individuals. Some persons cannot tolerate as much alcohol as others without damaging effects.

In God's Church if members find they cannot control their drinking without overdrinking or becoming drunk, they must do everything in their own power, and draw on help from God's power, to discipline themselves *not to drink alcohol* — except at the Passover.

The ministry is willing to help and encourage any member with a drinking problem. But if a person cannot overcome drinking problems by his or her own effort and help of the ministry, then he or she needs to seek additional professional help from those who deal with alcohol problems.

Christ warned his followers not to be drunk (Luke 21:34). Drunkards will not enter the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). The apostle Paul told the Corinthian church to "put away from among yourselves" any member who was a drunkard — to have no fellowship with a person who cannot control his or her drinking (1 Corinthians 5:11-13). This, of course, refers to persons who simply will not face up to or try to overcome drinking problems, not persons who are working on and overcoming their problems.

Why abuse begins

It is unfortunate there is so much alcohol abuse in the world. There can be, for persons who use them properly from the beginning, a positive and beneficial side to alcoholic beverages.

The Bible says "wine . . . maketh glad the heart of man" (Psalm 104:15). It is not wrong to experience this beneficial state of mind. But you need to be aware of the dangers of passing the alcohol level that produces it.

Remember, any alcoholic drink, no matter what its alcoholic content, can be abused and lead to drunkenness or alcoholism. Unless we are careful we can gradually slide into alcohol abuse by using alcohol for the wrong reason, like many do in society around us.

Unfortunately, many in society, and too many in God's Church, use alcohol to cope with their daily problems, frustrations and feelings of inferiority. God did not intend for alcohol to be used to escape problems or cure loneliness, boredom or

personal relationships.

2. Emotional immaturity
3. Ambivalence toward authority (forms dependent relationships and then resents the dependence)
4. Low frustration tolerance
5. Grandiosity (defends hypersensitive ego)
6. Low self-esteem and excessive insecurity
7. Feelings of isolation
8. Perfectionism
9. Guilt
10. Compulsiveness

"There can be little doubt that psychological maladjustment is an important part of the soil of addiction," concludes Dr. Clinebell.

Brethren who have problems with or because of alcohol have a tremendous array of tools to deal with the above conditions. Why not discuss matters with your minister before your problems worsen?

depression. Using alcohol for such reasons is habit forming.

Alcohol use has already gone too far when a person automatically reaches for alcohol whenever he or she has difficulties or emotional problems. Over a period of time a person may become psychologically addicted to alcohol as a method of coping with personal problems. By persistently keeping alcohol in his or her bloodstream, a person may become physically addicted to alcohol as well.

Research shows that the problems of alcohol abuse can usually be traced to one or two basic weaknesses: (1) wrong early environmental or emotional upbringing, which has ill-prepared individuals to handle alcohol properly — often from the beginning of its use, or (2) immature handling of personal problems, which leads a person to abuse alcohol as a solution to his difficulties.

When we come into God's Church we repent of wrong ways of living. The Bible teaches us to resolve our problems God's way.

God's way to solve personal problems and frustrations is through prayer, seeking forgiveness and setting our minds and values aright or straightening out interpersonal wrongs. God's way is not first reaching for an alcoholic drink. "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess:

but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

Benefit in moderation

The vast majority readily metabolize small quantities of ethyl alcohol with no harmful physical effects. Most also metabolize alcohol at about the same rate — about three quarters of an ounce of pure

alcohol an hour.

Please note the words *vast majority* and *most*. Not everyone metabolizes alcohol with the same results.

Some, because of health problems or a metabolic reason, cannot properly utilize or enjoy alcohol. To them, just a little alcohol is a toxin, producing distressing symptoms.

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time (often two to three years) develops many of the symptoms and subsequent consequences that a clinical alcoholic suffers.

Once developed, both kinds are difficult to overcome. But both kinds of alcoholism can be prevented through application of God's law and the exercise of character.

A terrible aspect of beginning alcoholism is that the victims become masters of self-deception. Drinking habits become more and more regular and increasing quantities of liquor are consumed. Victims quickly lose the spiritual capacity to understand the coming consequences, instead rationalizing reasons for their excessive drinking. ("You don't understand the pressures of my job.") They soon lose control of their drinking. That is why everyone must ask God for the ability to rightly discern good and bad uses of alcohol before alcohol-related problems develop (1 Kings 3:9, Ezekiel 44:23).

Small beginnings

Statistics reveal that millions of alcoholics began as apparently responsible drinkers. Through misunderstandings, wrong knowledge and often a lack of character, they allowed their drinking to progress to levels of abuse.

Prevention is the only way to avoid this tragedy. It involves planning and application of character.

Do you know your personal limit of consumption? Used sparingly, alcohol can enhance life. But regular use ends the enhancing effect. People soon begin to medicate themselves with the drug.

Note this comment: "A shot of whiskey, a glass of wine, or a bottle of beer will trigger a variety of stimulating responses throughout the body. Numerous studies report that low doses of alcohol increase blood flow, accelerate heart rate, step up the conduction of spinal and brain stem reflexes. Performance on highly complex problem-solving tasks is improved with low doses of alcohol, memory and concentration are

sharpened, and creative thinking is enhanced" (*Under the Influence*, page 23).

These effects of alcohol are quickly negated by a potential alcohol abuser. Brethren, especially those with family backgrounds of either total abstinence or alcohol abuse, should *preset* limits to their drinking. For example, a half glass of beer or a small glass of wine with food on a day they may choose to drink.

It is unfortunate that some in God's Church neglect this advice. Soon one beer a day becomes a six-pack; a single glass of wine develops into a full bottle consumed; a rare mixed drink becomes a daily routine.

Brethren in this state are no longer using alcohol to enhance their lives — they are now medicating themselves.

Abuse often begins when individuals medicate themselves with alcohol under stress. Pressure increases at the office or family problems worsen. Then out comes the bottle for an innocent drink. Predinner cocktails and after-dinner cordials become more frequent.

Over a period of time, either physical or psychological alcohol dependence develops and the person is in real trouble.

Brethren should therefore not use alcohol to relax. Instead, they should learn to relax *first*, so they can use alcohol in an intelligent manner.

Alcohol is like a gun. In the hands of unaware or immature adults or children, it can turn from something beneficial into something lethal. If you find yourself experiencing problems listed in the two boxes on this page, talk to your minister immediately. Your spiritual and physical lives are in danger.

If you don't yet have a problem, educate yourself to prevent one. And while you're at it, make sure your children learn the right use (Deuteronomy 6:7) from *your* right use.

Are You an Alcoholic?

1. Do you lose time from work due to drinking?
2. Is drinking making your home life unhappy?
3. Do you drink because you are shy with other people?
4. Is drinking affecting your reputation?
5. Have you ever felt remorse after drinking?
6. Have you gotten into financial difficulties as a result of drinking?
7. Do you turn to lower companions and an inferior environment when drinking?
8. Does your drinking make you careless of your family's welfare?
9. Has your ambition decreased since drinking?
10. Do you crave a drink at a definite time daily?
11. Do you want a drink the next morning?
12. Does drinking cause you to have difficulty sleeping?
13. Has your efficiency decreased since drinking?
14. Is drinking jeopardizing your job or business?
15. Do you drink to escape from worries or troubles?
16. Do you drink alone to hide how much you are drinking?
17. Have you ever had a complete loss of memory (blackout) as a result of drinking?
18. Has a physician ever treated you for drinking?
19. Do you drink to build up self-confidence?
20. Have you ever been to a hospital or institution on account of drinking?

One yes answer indicates problems with alcohol may be ahead. Two or three yes answers indicate alcohol has already become a problem in your life. More than three yes answers indicate you should seek professional help immediately. (Source: School and College Service, Columbus, Ohio.)

Set limits to prevent alcoholism

Alcoholism is no respecter of persons. It strikes executives, workers, housewives and husbands alike, observing no line of demarcation.

Alcoholism is ranked the No. 2 killer in the United States behind cancer, according to James R. Milam and Katherine Kertcham, authors of *Under the Influence: A Guide to the Myths and Realities of Alcoholism*.

Articles on pages 6 and 7 that deal with alcohol use were prepared in cooperation with Ministerial Services in Pasadena and evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of The Plain Truth. Dr. Hoeh presented lectures on alcohol and alcoholism during the second Ministerial Refreshing Program.

There are 10 million known alcoholics in the United States, and many officials believe the figure is closer to 20 million, as millions of alcoholism cases go unreported each year.

It is unfortunate that many brethren in God's Church are more susceptible to developing alcoholism than they might want to believe.

Professional research shows that persons who come from a family background where alcohol was either not used at all or used to excess, have a high degree of probability of experiencing alcohol-related problems.

Many brethren in God's Church come from these backgrounds. Perhaps you do.

Two types

Professionals narrow alcoholism down to two general types. One is what some call clinical alcoholism, where an individual is physically addicted to ethyl alcohol (ethanol). Some professionals suspect that this form of alcoholism is significantly inherited.

The other form of alcoholism is developed by choice. While not physically addicted, an individual over a surprisingly short period of

Right use can enhance certain foods

Tailoring alcohol use at meals

By Jeff Zhorne

When dining at home or elsewhere, many face a decision of how to tailor alcoholic beverages to fit the meal, or whether to serve alcohol at all.

A moderate amount of alcohol before or with a meal serves to stimulate the appetite. Food tastes better because of the small bit of astringency in dry table wine.

Taken in small quantities, alcohol stimulates the saliva flow and gastric juices to aid in digestion.

Along with wine, however, serve water during the meal. This will prevent people from quenching their thirst on wine or other alcoholic drinks.

The alcoholic content in wine or other alcoholic beverages serves to help people relax and fellowship. People in a pleasant mood seem to enjoy food more.

If serving wine during the meal, what wine is appropriate? Here are some suggestions from the Hilton at Rockefeller Center in New York.

The cover of the wine list reads: "Our simplest rule of thumb is to drink the robust wines with hearty foods, the gentle wines with the delicate foods, the more expensive wines with the richer, more elegant dishes, and the inexpensive everyday wines with the less extravagant meals."

A truly fine red wine should be

opened at room temperature before the meal, because such wine needs 20 minutes or so to breathe before it is at its best. Most white wines — except for the very driest — should be served chilled. A rule of thumb: The sweeter the wine, the cooler it should be served.

Wine or drinks (such as cognac or brandy) served after dinner may be sweeter, because sweetness is deadening and tends to complete a hearty meal.

After dinner, be sure that amounts of alcohol served are within limits of safe driving. Before guests drive home, allow at least one hour after the last drink is served to converse or share coffee.

Opera

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The Royal Opera, Covent Garden in London, benefited the Maria Callas Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides scholarships for aspiring singers. Lyric soprano Maria Callas died in 1977. All participants in the performance, entitled *Callas: An International Celebration*, donated their services to the foundation, Mr. La Ravia said.

"To be able to hear and view these artists as we have here today is the impossible made possible through the wonders of modern electronics, and this is just the beginning," said Carl Princi, narrator of the program in the Auditorium. Mr. Princi is announcer of *The Ambassador Hour*, an Ambassador Foundation sponsored classical music program on Los Angeles (Calif.) KFAC radio.

Mr. Princi expressed pride in being a part of the performance and praised Ambassador Foundation and the Auditorium. "Ambassador people are the most cooperative I

have ever been privileged to work with in my life. The facilities are not just adequate, they are perfect."

Singing artists performing in the televised gala included Placido Domingo, Agnes Baltsa, John Vickers, Alfredo Kraus, Ileana Cotrubas, Renata Scotto, Jessye Norman, Jose van Dam, Kiri Te Kanawa and James McCracken. Conductors were Lorin Maazel in Milan, Bruno Bartoletti in Chicago, Seiji Ozawa in Paris and Sir Colin Davis in London.

A splendid evening

"The whole evening was splendid, but the performance from La Scala was the best. Agnes Baltsa was marvelous," said Lucy Martin, professor emeritus of music at Ambassador College.

Miss Baltsa, a mezzo-soprano, was the first winner of the Maria Callas Scholarship, according to Mr. Princi. In Milan she joined tenor Placido Domingo to sing the final duet from Bizet's opera, *Carmen*, in the first of the four 20-minute live segments of the program.

Mrs. Martin also described Jes-

sey Norman's performance in Paris as "superb, one of the highlights of the evening."

Each of the opera houses was linked by satellite to a central broadcasting studio of the BBC (British Broadcasting Corp.).

Rare film excerpts of Maria Callas performances were incorporated, along with pretaped narrative material, into the telecast viewed in each of the participating opera houses; also in West Germany, Greece and Italy, and by special arrangement, in Ambassador Auditorium, according to Mr. La Ravia. The program was a coproduction of the BBC and Columbia Artists Management, Inc., Antenne 2 of France, RAI of Italy, PBS WNET-TV of New York and ZDF-TV of West Germany.

The benefit was broadcast on U.S. television as part of the *Great Performance Series* on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) Monday evening, Dec. 12.

Two Types of Liquor

Scripture describes two basic kinds of alcoholic beverages: wine made from grapes (Hebrew, *yayin*; Greek, *oinos*) and strong drink (Hebrew, *shekar*). The latter was an alcoholic, naturally fermented drink made from dates or other fruit.

High alcoholic drinks, sometimes called hard liquor (40 percent to 50 percent ethyl alcohol or 80 to 100 proof), are produced by distilling grain-based mash or other vegetative sources, a process not used until the Middle Ages. These drinks should be used far less often — and then only highly diluted. High alcoholic drinks lend themselves to rapid abuse, drunkenness and alcoholism.

Character

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You must consider this fact of life when you are a host to any affair involving alcohol. Nonalcohol options should be provided.

Researchers have independently confirmed that 1½ ounces of pure alcohol a day is the upper limit of moderate drinking before noticeable health damage seems to occur in human beings. One and a half ounces is the amount of alcohol in three one-ounce drinks of 100-proof whiskey, four eight-ounce glasses of beer or half a bottle of natural table wine.

That's a statistical upper limit average for a healthy 150-pound person. But please note. This amount cannot be applied to all individuals. Many persons have a much lower tolerance for alcohol. Individuals in every country will vary.

God's way is not always pushing to the edge of some upper limit. Unfortunately, the problem with trying to discuss any kind of limit is that those who abuse alcohol nearly always kid themselves that they can handle much more than others, when they can't. Abusers are usually the last to admit they drink too much.

God holds each of us responsible for what we drink. Because of

worldly influences some persons feel when they drink they are not as responsible for their actions. They are wrong! God holds us responsible for staying well back from levels that produce ill effects in our lives. How we handle alcohol is a test of our character.

Make alcohol a blessing

Alcohol can be either a blessing or a curse. God is judging all of us in this matter — our eternal life is at stake.

Moderate drinking should rarely entail more than a couple of drinks a day, or at any social occasion. And if more than one drink is taken a day, our drinking should be spread out over a period of several hours, not all at once. The higher the alcoholic content of a drink, the more careful we must be. God's way is not walking along or anywhere near a precipice or danger point.

If we cannot drink this way then we should not drink alcohol at all — except at the Passover.

The way we drink, what we mix alcohol with, what we have in our stomachs, what our surroundings and attitudes are — and, not the least important, who we drink with — all have significant effects on the way alcohol will affect us.

Only if we are living God's way can alcohol be the blessing God intended it to be.

Tree

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In several locations, the beauty of campus buildings could not be fully appreciated because of the size or number of trees and shrubs.

"The college gymnasium has some multicolored stained glass on the west side under the eaves that was completely covered by trees," said Mr. King. A sculpture on the gym's north wall was partially obscured.

The benefits of the renewal project extend beyond appearance. "The better visibility will enhance

our security," commented security director Jim Snook. "The overgrown areas were potential places for the wrong kind of individuals to hide."

Mr. La Ravia concluded: "Mr. Armstrong has always been very closely involved with the campus and its appearance. He was the real architect of the campus. He's made all of the major decisions and a lot of the minor ones."

"Mr. Armstrong wants the campus to be the most pleasing and beautiful that we can construct and maintain. There are many fine buildings that are built in the world, but not all of them devote attention and moneys to the maintenance of those facilities. Mr. Armstrong does. He realizes that's God's way."

Treasurer

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expected in income. The second year [in 1982] it was down to \$18 million more than our expected income.

"All of the work of the individual departments to prepare these voluminous budgets was in vain! Everyone still had to go back and start all over again."

"This year we have decided to approach the problem from a new perspective that should require much less work from the departments and still produce the desired result. The budget team, after considerable deliberation, balancing and figuring, met with Mr. Armstrong to present a proposal, which he approved.

"But before I explain more, let

me mention some of the special considerations this year.

"This next year, for the first time, we are required, both employer and employee, to pay a social security tax. An exception, according to the law, is [certain] ordained ministers.

"This tax starts with payroll checks issued after Jan. 1, 1984. It requires the employer to pay 7 percent and the employee 6.7 percent. In 1985 the employee amount will be increased slightly.

"In order to help in this new personal expense, we will automatically increase by 7.2 percent the salaries or wages of those employees subject to this tax starting Jan. 1. In addition all employees will receive a cost-of-living raise of 3 percent, with a few exceptions, such as contract employees and certain executives, who will not.

"This increase is not enough to cover the additional *tithes* on the [gross] income... We wanted to increase salaries enough to cover this, but that is not possible unless we drastically cut other allocations.

"In 1984 it is estimated by our advertising agency [Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn] that television and/or radio costs will increase 15 percent over 1983. Therefore, we must allocate sufficient funds to maintain our present level.

"Paper costs, which are considerable for all our publications, are expected to go up by 10 percent...

"In 1984, we will have... payments toward the purchase of a new G-III [jet aircraft]. However, these are approximately the same as we were setting aside during 1983.

"[The Church in] Canada has been assisting the U.S. in providing subsidy to certain of our international offices. That assistance will [be less]... for 1984. This means that the U.S. will have to pick up this difference... if we continue existing programs.

"When we add all of these consid-

erations together, you might wonder if there is anything left over for the departments [of the Church]. Even though it is very tight, we expect to allocate an increase for all departments.

"In 1983 we were not able to give an increase to the departments but had to maintain the 1982 level, with the exception of the cost-of-living [salary] increases, which had already been instituted.

"This year we will allocate a 5 percent increase for operations of the departments. This does not include salaries, which are provided for by the above, nor does it include equipment. It also does not include any special projects paid from contingency funds. This equipment will again be handled on a corporate rather than departmental level.

"He [Mr. Armstrong] thought our analysis of the income and expenses was good and conservative. At times in the past he said he stepped out on faith when we did not have the money to do some things. I mentioned that I thought that it was my job to present a balanced budget and that he was the one who should decide when we should step out on faith if doors open and we do not have the money.

"He noted that this has not been necessary in recent years. He said, 'God will supply all our needs, not our extravagant wishes or desires.' He referred to Christ's words, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' not 'our needs for a long time to come.'"

Some of the budget work papers have not been returned from the various departments yet. There are a few new or unexpected expenses not covered in the approved financial program that must be resolved. The budget team will probably not be able to satisfy these budget needs until late December. We hope we will be able to allocate sufficient budget to take care of the real needs of all departments in God's Church.

WATS

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About 200 students and Church brethren are expected to be employed part-time for the Big Sandy WATS area. "We hope eventually to expand to 25 lines, which will require about 300 to 400 part-time employees," Mr. Rice said. Mr. Butler added that job interviews will take place about the middle of January.

Mr. Rice said that Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved the start-up of the Big Sandy operation about a year ago, but no funds were available.

"It's amazing how things suddenly came together," Mr. Rice said. "We've peaked here in the Pasadena area so far as our manpower reserves are concerned, but the need for additional lines is still growing. Through [treasurer] Mr. [Leroy] Neff's efforts, we were able to budget for the program, and with Mr. and Mrs. Parsons and Mr. and Mrs. Hebert, we have the supervisory staff we need."



BIG SANDY WATS — Supervisory personnel of the Church's Mail Processing Center and staff of the new Big Sandy Wide Area Telephone Service operation meet Dec. 12 in the telephone response training room in Pasadena to discuss the start-up of the Texas facility. Clockwise, from left: Sherry Hebert; Lynn Hebert; Richard Rice, MPC director; William Butler, telephone response supervisor; Jane Parsons; and Frank Parsons. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

91 attend deer barbecue

Nov. 13, a deer barbecue took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stirret of the VICTORIA, B.C., church. An invitation was extended to brethren at services Nov. 12, and 91 people attended.

Paul Jones and Mr. Stirret donated three deer for the event, and fresh herring were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bohn.

In preparation for the barbecue, Ray Baron built seats around the fire area, and a frame covered by tarpaulins protected brethren from rain.

The fire was started early so that there would be a good bed of coals.

While cooking the meat, only hardwoods such as oak and maple were used, because they give off less smoke to affect the flavor of the meat.

The meat was marinated in wine, vegetables and spices to cut down on cooking time and to increase flavor.

The meat was placed beside the fire on a spit and in a purse of chicken wire, hung from a metal frame.

Other foods were brought by women.

Rob Hasanen, John Bullock, John McCrea and Mike Hughes assisted with the barbecue. Anita Jones.

Children perform musical

About 43 children from the CHAMPAIGN, Ill., church participated in an all-children musical Nov. 5 depicting the world tomorrow. Besides performing with the choir, children performed piano solos.

Member Dale Goulden said, "I didn't know whether to laugh or cry when I saw Jimmy and Wendy [her children] perform onstage."

Deaconess Ruby Wait got the idea for the musical two years ago. Eventually the project grew, drawing on

talents of many brethren. Mrs. Wait and Linda Bushert wrote words for the songs, and Roger Day put the words to music. Anita Sills accompanied on piano, and Jonnie Perry, Janice Young and Libby Mattis directed the choir. Sara Baillie was the dance director, and deacon David Perry narrated the event.

Afterward, children learned how to square dance with the help of caller Joel Bryan, then the adults joined in. Peggy Huckstep.



WORLD TOMORROW — Children from the Champaign, Ill., church perform a musical depicting the world tomorrow Nov. 5. [Photo by Dwayne Baillie]

Areas mark anniversaries

Two congregations celebrated anniversaries in October and November.

The GREENSBORO, N.C., church celebrated its 20th anniversary Nov. 12. Invitations were sent to churches that branched out from Greensboro and to ministers who served in the area.

The event took place at Western Guilford High School and drew an attendance of 1,017 brethren.

A bulletin board displayed letters and photos of ministers and their families who could not attend, along with a scrapbook of past church activities. Brethren served a chicken dinner to the group.

Behind the Work and slides were shown, followed by cutting of an anniversary cake made by Jane Ellison. Afterward a family dance took place.

A family social celebrating the 10th anniversary of the MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., church took place Oct. 29 at the Krueger Junior High School.

About 300 brethren attended the event. Jim and Cleone Colvin, Ed and Bivian Hellman, and Bob and Peggy Thorne, with the assistance of local church elder Preston Fritts, planned the evening of dinner, dancing and a slide show.

A roast beef and turkey dinner was served. The meat was provided by donations from Church members, and cooked by committee members. Families contributed salads, vegeta-

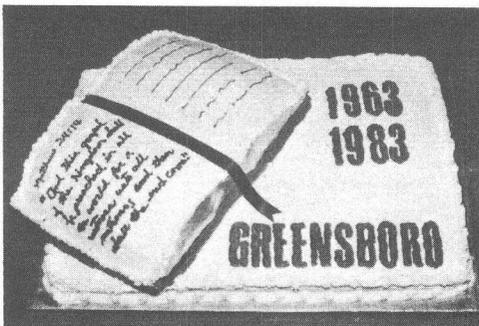
bles and desserts.

Afterward, Rand Millich, pastor of the Michigan City and Plymouth Ind., churches, presented a slide show of the history of the Michigan City church. Previous ministers and various members contributed slides.

Randy Curran provided taped music, and while some danced, others relaxed and visited at candlelit tables.

Drinks and an anniversary cake baked by Arlene Yerington were served throughout the evening.

Vicki Hart and Preston and Pauline Fritts.



20TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE — This cake was baked for the Greensboro, N.C., church's 20th anniversary celebration Nov. 12. The scripture on the Bible is Matthew 24:14. [Photo by Alan Todd]



PERFORMING PUPPETS — Members of local elder Tom Smith's family perform a skit at the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., family night social Nov. 11. (See "Ambassador Activities," Dec. 5 WN.) [Photo by Dominick Furlano]

Canadian youths present chorale concert

Musicians, singers and dancers ages 5 to 19 entertained members of the WINNIPEG, Man., church at a YES and YOU chorale concert Oct. 30.

The 1½-hour program featured the talent of about 70 young people, and included 15 instrumentals performed on the piano, organ, accordion and guitar, six vocal solos and three modern and tap dance acts.

Nestor Guspodarchuk, director of the Winnipeg East children's chorale, and Don Kane, director of the adult chorale, organized the concert.

John Stryker, associate pastor of the Morden, Man., and Williams, Minn., churches, and master of ceremonies for the evening, introduced each act by reading how each child responded to the question: "What do you look forward to most in the world tomorrow?"

The 60-member combined East and West children's chorale sang *The Wonderful World Tomorrow*, composed and accompanied by Mr. Guspodarchuk, for their final number. The song was based on Isaiah 11:6-8 and was directed by Lawrence Zacharias.

Mr. Guspodarchuk, who teaches junior high school, said it gave the young people in God's Church an opportunity to perform outside the public school system. He explained that children often cannot participate in school concerts because of the themes they usually revolve around. The concert

"gave [the children] an opportunity to serve and become part of the Church," besides being a training ground for the YOU talent show and senior chorale, he said.

Royston Page, pastor of the Winnipeg East and West churches, added that the audience benefited by being able "to see the talent that is available, even at that young age."

Mr. Guspodarchuk said plans for

the concert began early in the spring of 1983, and advised anyone wishing to organize a similar concert to "keep it simple and along the lines of a piano recital," without stage sets or auditions.

He said the show ran smoothly with the help of the stage manager Ike Hofer and backstage assistants Christine Birkholz and Ted Goralchuk. Teri Cathro.

Church areas raise funds

After Sabbath services Nov. 12 the BINGHAMTON, N.Y., congregation had a chili supper, and Britton Taylor, pastor of the Binghamton and Corning, N.Y., churches, conducted a meeting to discuss goals and plans for the coming year. He commended members for their efforts in two citrus fruit sales. The Keith Cartwright family of the Corning church raised \$1,000.

With funds generated by the sales, the churches had a banquet and formal dance in the spring of 1983; YOU members toured New England during the summer; YES activities were supplemented; the church library received funds to buy new books; and the cost for church socials was eliminated.

The MANSFIELD, Ohio, church had a woodcutting party Nov. 6 at the farm home of local church elder Arthur Morris. Forty men and boys participated in the activity to raise funds for the church social fund.

An order for the wood was obtained in advance, and the church split and stacked the wood as a service to the buyer.

Willard Mackey Jr. supplied a log splitter, and Jeff Morris and Tom Wilson provided trucks for delivering the wood. Members provided chain saws, axes and other needed tools.

The men cut trestops left behind by loggers for firewood.

Cider, doughnuts and hot coffee were served in the morning, and women provided chili and sack lunches at noon.

"The brethren showed a tremendous amount of teamwork and unity," commented pastor James Haeffle. "They certainly showed where their hearts are."

Saturday evening, Oct. 29, 182

members of the SEATTLE, Wash., church from 16 to 84 years of age took an inventory at a department store for 3 to 5 hours each and earned more than \$2,138 for the church activity fund. Eleanor Lukoski, Loretta Hardman and C. Lindsley.

Churches use various dance ideas

Four churches organized dances in November, and each had a different theme.

Nov. 12 the TIVERTON, England, church met at Cullompton, England, for Sabbath services. Including visitors from Bristol and Plymouth, England, there were 77 in attendance.

Afterward, a square dance took place, led by Derek Millman of the Bristol church. Ernest Spiller gave a quiz to the children, and food was sold. Proceeds went to the SEP fund.

John Swain organized the event, aided by YOU members and brethren.

EDMONTON, Alta., young adults had a dance Nov. 10 that included a men's cake-baking contest.

The cakes were homemade, and were judged on taste, texture, appearance and originality. Twenty-six cakes were entered, and there were five winners.

Andreas Schlote took first prize with his German torte, and second prize went to Jim Warkentin, who baked a pecan carrot cake. Colin Bishop was awarded third prize for his cocoa mocha football cake. A sponge cake made from a sponge and

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a garlic cake tied for the worst cake award.

Brethren from SAN ANTONIO, Tex., attended a costume contest and ball Nov. 6 at the Colonies' House Social Center.

The activity began at 5 p.m. with music provided by The King's Men, a church band.

There were six categories in the costume contest, and prizes were awarded to Damon Dozier and Ronald Short, YOU boys, pillow people; John Charles Bell, preteen boys, the Jolly Green Giant's sprout; Leslie Cartwright, YOU girls, queen of the Nile; Laura Norrod, preteen girls, Marie Antoinette; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Powell and son, best family, as a drone, queen bee and baby honey bee; and Mr. and Mrs. Cary Slaughter and family, most original, as pancake syrup, pancakes, box of mix and butter.

The GRAND ISLAND and NORTH PLATTE, Neb., churches were hosts to 580 brethren from Colorado, South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Wyoming and Kansas for a semiformal dance Nov. 5 and a volleyball and basketball tournament Sunday, Nov. 6.

Coordinators Walt and Pat Boyll asked people to take charge of various committees, including refreshments, decorations, lighting, children's activities, serving and cleanup. These supervisors then recruited help from other members.

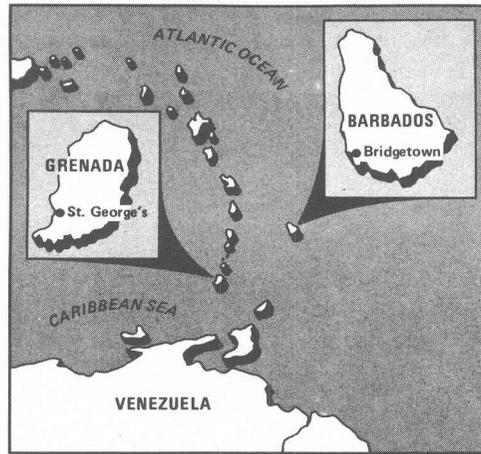
Other preparations included extra seating, food and housing for out-of-town guests.

Children took part in activities in an adjacent room.

Some compared the event to a mini-Feast. It was the largest social event the churches had undertaken.

Brethren gathered the next day at a junior high school for volleyball and basketball games. North Platte brethren served refreshments.

Francis Cann, Debbie Morgan, Sam Patterson and Christine Spitz.



NEIGHBORING ISLANDS — The Bridgetown, Barbados, Graduate Club had a meeting Oct. 30 on events in Grenada. The two islands are about 140 miles (224 kilometers) apart. [Map by Ron Grove]

Club discusses Grenada

Oct. 30 the BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Graduate Club had a session on the Grenada crisis.

Eric White gave tabletopics, and Charles Lowe coordinated the evening. Keith Lynch spoke on lessons to be learned from the Grenada crisis. Keith Belgrave talked about the Grenada connections, Andrew Scantlebury spoke on the who, the why and the where, Desmond Fletcher spoke about the men he had known (Mr. Fletcher is a native Grenadian and he knew the men in power), Anthony Griffith talked about the future of Grenada and Carlos Harding spoke on the analysis of a tragedy.

After the speeches a panel comprised of the speakers answered questions from the guests and fellow graduates. Arnold Hampton, pastor of the Bridgetown church and overall

evaluator for the evening, said the main point brought out in the discussion was of the deep relief felt on the island of Barbados for the U.S. intervention. He said that the crisis has caused the members in Barbados to "look more now at the international scene than just at their regional area."

After the final evaluation refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Osmonde Douglas.

Luncheon honors seniors

Members of the PAINTSVILLE, Ky., church honored senior citizens at a luncheon Nov. 5 in the dining room of the Highland House restaurant.

Thirty brethren attended the event,

Fellowship focuses on food

The TUCSON and SIERRA VISTA, Ariz., churches combined for Sabbath services Nov. 19 in Tucson, and attended a potluck and talent show at Doolen Junior High School that evening.

Harold Lee, who organized the talent show, was master of ceremonies. Irwin and Phil Steagall worked the spotlight and cameras.

Joseph Rivers and John Wheeler provided piano accompaniment, and Andy Whelchel played drums.

The event was directed by Lawrence Neff, pastor of the two churches.

A covered-dish dinner featuring smoked mullet took place after combined Sabbath services Nov. 19 of the GENEVA, Ala., and FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla., churches in DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

Afterward brethren watched a film entitled *Baker's Hawk*. The YOU sold popcorn and soft drinks.

The Lions Camp at Licola, Australia, was the setting for the MORWELL, Australia, church picnic Nov. 18 to 20.

Friday, Nov. 18, a barbecue tea took place, then the 160 brethren saw the film *Behind the Work*. Sabbath morning, Nov. 19, Peter Whitting, pastor of the church, conducted a Bible study on faith, then gave an afternoon sermon on identifying and overcoming problems.

That evening brethren watched the Young Ambassadors film, participated in a square dance and had a camp-fire sing-along led by Mike Bundy.

Sunday, Nov. 20, activities included tractor and trailer rides,

swimming, trampolining, playing cricket, canoeing, pony rides and a treasure hunt that was won by Vera and Nada Milentevich and Sonja Bale.

Leo Saleta roasted a whole lamb on a spit, and Bill Hancock brewed Australian billy tea at the end of the weekend.

About 150 brethren from BOSTON, Mass., and PROVIDENCE, R.I., met after Sabbath services Nov. 1 for a potluck and Boardlympics.

After the meal, which included ethnic dishes, the group participated as families or individually in such games as dominoes, Monopoly, Scrabble and Yahtzee.

Nov. 12, brethren from KALISPELL, Mont., gathered for a potluck and talent show. Songs, skits, dances, organ and accordion music and a performance on the violin made up the evening's entertainment.

A square dance followed with Curt Chagan as caller.

Ruth Van Blair, Terri Phillips, Peter Whitting, Ray Blouin and Nicholas Roettig.

60-Plus Club honors pair

Forty-five brethren were present at the Nov. 13 meeting of the SPRINGFIELD, Mo., 60-Plus Club in Nixa, Mo.

Club director Jess McClain welcomed four guests, then he and his wife, Ruby, presented a gift and card signed by club members to newlyweds Paul and Lucy Winslow, who are members of the club.

Marian Gustafson baked a cake for the occasion.

After a potluck and business meeting, pastor George Meeker gave a Bible study on the meaning of the Last Great Day. Polly A. Rose.

Personal experiences of brethren

Grenada: aftermath of conflict

By Victor C. Simpson

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada — What is it like to be lined up with a dozen others and have a soldier point a rifle at your throat?

What do you do when soldiers set up an antiaircraft gun in your front yard and open fire on enemy targets? What do you do when you are driven from your home by antiaircraft fire and bombing, and your car stalls?

Victor C. Simpson pastors the Port of Spain and Scarborough, Trinidad and St. George's Grenada, churches.

Most of us could not answer. But several brethren in Grenada can easily answer these questions.

God's people in this tiny Caribbean island of 110,000 people have just lived through what must be the most agonizing three-week period of their country's history. But, thanks to God and to the prayers of brethren around the world, they all came out physically unharmed and spiritually strengthened. But it was not easy, especially for some of the brethren living in the environs of the capital city of St. George's.

Even before the death of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop Oct. 19, some of the members sensed that trouble was brewing and began to fast. On that fateful day, near Ft. Rupert, overlooking the picturesque city of St. George's, one of the members was forced to take cover beside a vehicle. He remained there for several minutes trying to avoid the volley of shots coming from armored cars approaching the fort.

It is widely estimated that several scores of people died among a crowd that was hoping to hear an address from the prime minister.

The four-day 24-hour curfew imposed the same day by the new military rulers took the nation by surprise. Not all of our members had enough food on hand to last them comfortably during this period.

In any case, the situation seemed so bleak that they felt compelled, spiritually, to fast. No one starved. Many were back at work Monday, Oct. 24.

On that day, a member working as a welder at the site of the new international airport sensed that something was about to take place. He saw trenches being dug, sandbags being filled and other military preparations being made. He returned home quickly.

Normally, he lives at the site, returning home only on weekends. Had he been at the airport when the Americans arrived, he would certainly have been under great pressure to bear arms. If he had refused he would possibly have been shot.

This same member had a frightening experience two weeks after the U.S. intervention. He returned to work where he was hired temporarily by the Americans.

Suddenly, one morning, he was rounded up along with about 12 others. They were lined up, blindfolded and before they knew it, each of them was facing an American soldier, rifle at the ready.

The member said what he thought was his last prayer. Afterward he was interrogated and freed.

Apparently they had all been suspected of complicity with the Grenadian army.

Before most people knew what was happening in Grenada, deacon Desmond Andrew and his family took refuge in a room downstairs in their home.

There they spent most of the rest of the day as rocket, mortar and gunfire raged around their home, opposite the residence of the governor-general.

Mr. Andrew managed to slip into the kitchen once to get some bread. This served as breakfast, lunch and dinner.

I counted no fewer than a dozen bullet holes in his house. Several wind-dampers were also broken. The family could easily have been injured had they not stayed in that room.

Another member recounts that on the first day of the fighting, a heavily armed group of soldiers of the People's Revolutionary Army set up an antiaircraft gun on his premises about 30 yards from his house.

Nearby, they parked three trucks, one loaded with explosives, and took up positions under his house. It took him and his wife two days of prayer and persuasion to get them to leave. He even provided them with civilian clothes.

Several families evacuated their homes. On the first day of the fighting Norril Alexander knew he had to take his family to safety. He could see three antiaircraft guns set up just a few hundred yards away. He could see and hear the fire coming from these guns as well as from U.S. helicopters and bombers roar-

ing overhead.

Grenadian soldiers moved swiftly past his house on the way to the international airport to resist the Americans who landed.

It was in the midst of all this that Mr. Alexander's Toyota stalled. His family ran back to the house for cover while he tried to get the car going. They soon left to spend two days with another Church family, who themselves later evacuated their home to spend three days at the Alexanders.

A minister of another church living next door to a Church family insisted on leaving his home and staying with them during the fighting. He even evacuated with them to the home of another member a few days later. Did he think that Worldwide Church of God members were more likely to be protected than he was?

The members living outside the St. George's area were not directly affected by the fighting, but for all of them it was a period of great tension, with helicopters flying overhead day and night.

During the three weeks after the death of the prime minister, I was unable to make telephone contact with the brethren in Grenada. Only on one occasion we managed to speak to one member. That conversation ended when the telephone lines went dead. By the time my wife and I arrived in Grenada Nov. 9, the brethren were happy to see us. To them our presence seemed to confirm what they had believed all along, that they were not forgotten by their brethren.

Overall, I think the brethren responded well to this ordeal. They were assured of God's protection. They were confident of the prayers of the brethren worldwide. One man summed up the feeling of the brethren when he told me, "This experi-

ence has taught me that I can let go and really trust in God."

Things are getting back to normal in Grenada now. We conducted the regular bimonthly Sabbath services Nov. 12. This may not have been possible had the Americans not arrived. The attendance was 62, slightly higher than the average.

The brethren are in a happy mood, but sobered by an experience they believe prepared them for even more future trials.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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there never fails to be things written just for me. I know I can find answers in the pages of each publication . . .

Great thanks to Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong for his faithful example and for remaining so useful to God.

Anita Jones
Victoria, B.C.

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Co-worker comments

I hope and pray that all is well with the Church and God's work. Furthermore, I pray that the work is successful and well-supported and that nothing hinders [it]. I pray all these things because I care about God's work and His Church.

I truly regret that I cannot, at this moment, be a significant part in the work, for I am under and none of my family members share my beliefs. Therefore it is truly difficult not having fellowship with others who have the beliefs you uphold . . . In the future, I will ask for acceptance and help from the Church of God when I am allowed to live my own way of life (that is God's way of life).

Thank you again for everything and for caring so much about me and humanity!

Name withheld

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ABRAHAM, Sam and Dalia (Nandayapa), of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Abraham Adam, Nov. 22, 7:42 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

ANDREWS, Steven and Susan (Fox), of Winnipeg, Man., boy, Jonathan Charles, Nov. 2, 3 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BARTHOLOMEW, Bill and Stephanie (Diddle), of Tyler, Tex., girl, Mychal Lynn, July 13, 8:58 p.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

BELL, Philip and Kathleen (Ferrault), of Concord, N.H., girl, Suzanne Elise, Nov. 11, 4:50 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 girls.

BOS, Jim and Laura (Thibault), of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Stephanie Denise, Nov. 16, 8:09 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

BRINKMAN, Eugene and Teresa (Kenna), of Tucson, Ariz., boy, Christopher Sean, Nov. 1, 10:14 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, 3 boys.

BROMFIELD, John and Ida (Ricci), of Bethlehem, Pa., girl, Amy Lynn, Sept. 19, 12 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BUCKLAND, John and Cindy (Koch), of Miami, Fla., boy, Paul Andrew, Oct. 27, 2:40 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

COLACO, Albert and Alzira (Carvalho), of Kolhapur, India, girl, Jocelyn Dorothy, Oct. 25, 2:25 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

DIXON, Robert and Janet (Robinson), of Nashville, Tenn., boy, Joseph Robert, Oct. 20, 10:17 p.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

ELMENDORF, Robert and Sharon (Bell), of Big Sandy, girl, Cissy Lea, July 18, 8:20 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 girls.

FENK, Karl and Rita (Stiborn), of Regina, Sask., boy, Jeremy Ryan, Nov. 9, 5:26 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FOSTER, John and Susan (Graf), of Canton, Ohio, boy, Edward John, Nov. 21, 1:11 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

GUTTRY, Arnie and Tammy (Holland), of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Meagan Elise, Nov. 21, 8:51 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HERRBOLDT, Perry and Janet (Fritza), of Sioux Falls, S.D., boy, Sean Allen, Oct. 19, 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOLMES, Doug and Darlene (Fowler), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Tasha Marie, Nov. 14, 1:59 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HORNSBY, Bill and Kathy (Hand), of Montgomery, Ala., boy, Matthew Blake, Nov. 2, 1:17 p.m., 9 pounds 1½ ounces, first child.

HUDSON, Kenneth and Becky (West), of Houston, Tex., boy, Kenneth Ralph Jr., Nov. 11, 10:13 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KIEPKE, Les and Margie (Taylor), of Big Sandy, boy, Stephen Edward, Nov. 15, 5:16 p.m., 9 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

LOW, John and Sylvia (Smith), of Cambridge, England, girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Oct. 24, 7:23 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

MCCALLA, David and Janet (Johnson), of Abilene, Tex., boy, Jeremy Matthew, Nov. 18, 3:26 a.m., 5 pounds 1½ ounces, first child.

OLSHIN, Kenneth and Marcy (Armstrong), boy, Timothy Michael, Oct. 29, 5:45 p.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

OSTROM, David and Janice (Miller), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Melissa Sue, Nov. 19, 12:50 a.m., 8 pounds, now 3 girls.

OWENS, Terry and Lynda (Mitchell), of Sierra Vista, Ariz., girl, Sara Beth, Nov. 24, 7:31 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

PIPPY, Richard and Linda (Hindmarsh), of Dauphin, Man., girl, Carmen Joy, Oct. 15, 8:45 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baughman of Lebanon, Ore., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lora to Justin Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Alexander Murray of Grand Ronde, Ore. A Dec. 27 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Pascoe of Auckland, New Zealand, are happy to announce the engagement of their second daughter, Jennifer Margaret, to James Douglas, elder son of James Smith of Glasgow, Scotland, and the late E.M. Smith. A Jan. 15 wedding is planned in London, England.



TINA JACOBS AND GARY MILLER

Tina Jacobs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jacobs of Portland, Ore., and Gary Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller of Pasadena, will be married Jan. 1, Evangelical Dean Wilson, pastor of the Portland South church, will perform the ceremony, and the couple will reside in Big Sandy.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. BOB L. MOCK

Bob L. Mock and Mary Alice Hubbard were united in marriage Nov. 29, 1956, in Houston, Tex. The Mocks celebrated their 25th anniversary there this year with their family, including eight children, 27 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, and friends.

In August, 1983, after 27 years of raising children from diapers through dating, Ron and Loretta Woodbridge sent their youngest child to college. This is to wish them a happy 28th anniversary Dec. 19, and to thank them for all the opportunities they have given us. From all of their children: Kraty and Kent, Don and Nancy, Kathy, Curt, Chad and Darly, Karen and Dave, Tom and Ronda. We love you!

Sorry, Thank you for the best 19 years of my life. As I told you on our wedding day, "Whither thou goest I will go." MTYLLT, Jane.



MR. AND MRS. PHIL WHITSON

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Lester and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitson announce the marriage of their children Denise and Phil Sept. 11 at the University of Houston Chapel. The ceremony was performed by John Ogevy, pastor of the Houston, Tex., North church. The couple reside in Sugarland, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. TOM GRUNHEID

Mr. and Mrs. Ted H. Dusek Jr. of Dallas, Tex., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Jean Marie to Thomas Glenn Grunheid, son of Dr. and Mrs. Werner Grunheid of Northville, Mich. The ceremony was conducted June 4 by Kenneth Swisher, pastor of the Dallas East church, and was followed by a reception and dance. Cleta Devine of Calverly, Ky., was maid of honor, and Les Pope of Dallas served as the best man. Jean Marie is a May graduate of Big Sandy Ambassador College. Tom and Jean Marie reside in Dallas.



MR. AND MRS. S. SCHEMENAUER

Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Torrico of the Santa Rosa, Calif., church are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Rebekah to Steven Arthur Schemenauer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Schemenauer of Elkhart, Ind. The marriage took place in South Bend, Ind., Sept. 11. The couple reside in Elkhart.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. LARRY DIXON

Larry Dixon and Debba Olson were united in marriage Sept. 18 in Arlington, Tex. The ceremony was performed by Robert Smith, pastor of the Fort Worth, Tex., church. The best man was Steven Dixon, and the maid of honor was Dee Lockwood. The couple reside in Euless, Tex.

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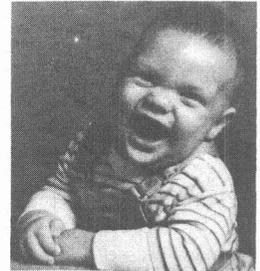
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Our coupon baby this issue is Philip Ray Nice, son of Greg and Debi Nice of Palm, Ind.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — LuVerne Umlauf, 59, died Nov. 6. She was born April 7, 1924, and was a member of God's Church for 12 years.

Mrs. Umlauf is survived by her husband, Marvin, a member of the Minneapolis South church.

Funeral services were conducted by Victor Kubik, pastor of the Minneapolis South and Lake Crystal, Minn., churches, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

WILLMAR, Minn. — Emma O. Gangnath, 87, died Nov. 6 at Bethesda Nursing Home. She was born Sept. 21, 1896.

Mrs. Gangnath is survived by two sons. Her daughter-in-law, Marjorie Jean Gangnath of Spokane, Wash., is a member of God's Church.

A graveside service was performed by Victor Kubik, pastor of the Minneapolis South and Lake Crystal, Minn., churches, at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis.

GRANTSVILLE, W.Va. — Gitta W. Litzinger, 51, died Nov. 13 after a long illness. She was baptized in 1979, and attended the Parkersburg, W.Va., congregation.

Mrs. Litzinger is survived by her husband, Kenneth; daughters Heidi and Renee; and sisters Edith and Ellie Kowald of Essen, West Germany.

Memorial services were conducted Nov. 16 by Steven Botha, pastor of the

Parkersburg congregation.

MIDLAND, Mich. — Irene Burke, 59, died Oct. 29.

Services were conducted Oct. 31 by Garvin Greene, pastor of the Midland and Cadillac, Mich., churches.

Mrs. Burke is survived by her husband, son and a daughter, who is also a member.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Rose Marie Williford, 49, of Clayton, N.C., died of cancer Nov. 3. She was baptized in March, 1972.

Mrs. Williford is survived by her husband, Jack, a member of God's Church; daughters Robin and Jackie, also attending; a son, Keith; her mother; one brother; and one grandson.

A graveside service was conducted Nov. 7 by Michael Booze, pastor of the Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C., churches.

VANPORT, Pa. — Elina Marja Nichols, 1-year-old daughter of James and Edith Burgess Nichols, died Nov. 23 in the Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., after a five-day illness.

Elina was born Jan. 26, 1982, in Brighton Township, Pa.

Services were conducted Nov. 24 at the Todd Funeral Home by Don Lawson, pastor of the Pittsburgh, Beaver Valley and McKeesport, Pa., churches. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Industry, Pa.

German

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scholar, places West Germany's identity crisis more in terms of a memory gap. He says: "We've got to close the memory gap between older Europeans — whose image of America was shaped by CARE packages, Marshall Plan aid, and the Berlin airlift — and their children, who have been influenced by Vietnam and Watergate" (*The New Yorker*, April 18).

French fears growing
The French, in particular, are deeply concerned over West Germany's clouded future. The ever-wary French detect signs of West Germany distancing itself from NATO and America, possibly sliding into an independent status in the heart of Europe, returning to its historic Central European position.

An independent, even reunited, Germany possibly cooperating with Moscow, sends shivers down the backs of French officials. For years the French have had the best of both worlds. Politically they have been a part of NATO. But in the 1960s, the

late president Charles de Gaulle withdrew France's military contribution. He instead built up an independent nuclear force (never can tell what those Germans might do). This has worked fine — as long as West Germany, situated between France and the Soviet bloc, remained firmly in NATO's embrace. Even though West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has said repeatedly that West Germany remains anchored to the West and will not be "a wanderer between both worlds," Paris is not so sure.

Adding to, almost confirming, French worries, is the deepening web of relations between West and communist East Germany — relations that have grown despite or perhaps because of heightened U.S.-Soviet superpower tensions. For example, a new one billion mark (\$390 million) loan from West Germany to the East German regime, coupled with promise of greater cooperation from the East indicates greater efforts by both countries to insulate their relationship from superpower struggles.

On top of this, trade between the two German states has more than tripled in the past 10 years.

Youth exchanges, just started last year, are expanding. Political contacts are also quietly broadening and the two sides are discussing closer relations between their two parliaments.

All in all, the pull toward the East is not comforting to the French. One French expert, Pierre Lellouche, director of studies at the Institut Francais des Relations Internationales writes: "Again, the 'German Question' is back on the table... The missile issue will not go away" by the end of the year. It will be with us for many more months and years to come, simply because the Euromissiles battle is not a battle over hardware but over the fate of Germany, and with it, over the fate of Europe as a whole."

Many people all over Europe, not just in France, sense that political relationships on the Continent are in a dangerous state of flux now that German stability has been undermined.

The same U.S. News report referred to earlier quoted an authority stationed in Berlin: "Americans will have to be on their guard. The Soviets know what bothers German souls. They speak the language of the Europeans."

5,659 attend PV Bible lectures in United States, Latin America

PASADENA — More than 3,700 new people attended *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish Plain Truth) Bible lectures in Central and South America and the United States in 1983, according to Keith Speaks, circulation and promotion director for the magazine.

Total attendance at the lectures was 5,659. About 11.5 percent of the people invited attended at least one lecture, said Mr. Speaks. Sixteen lectures

were conducted in 10 countries. About 120 people are attending Sabbath services or Bible studies because of the lecture series.

One reason for the positive response to the lectures is the circulation growth of *La Pura Verdad*, according to evangelist Leon Walker, regional director in Spanish-speaking areas. At the end of 1981, circulation of *La Pura Verdad* was about 95,000, while latest figures put the circulation at 178,448.

"Obviously, the increased circulation gives you a bigger base to work with when inviting people to the lectures," said Mr. Walker. He also said that the continued political and economic turmoil in Central and South America has had an effect on attendance at the lectures.

"When people are content with their lives they don't see the urgency of world conditions," said Mr. Walker. "But in countries such as El Salvador we had less trouble gaining their attention."

Mr. Walker said that most of the lectures take place in capital cities, because in most Latin American countries about 30 percent of the literate people live in those cities.

He explained that he does not conduct any of the lectures personally because "it is essential to use native speakers" to avoid offending anyone in attendance. "You're not talking about a captive audience," he said.

Mr. Walker said that the addition of men trained at Ambassador College contributed greatly to growth in Spanish-speaking areas. "We could not have done these lectures five years ago," he said. "Now, we have the manpower."

According to Mr. Speaks, response from Church members around the world to articles pub-



SPANISH LITERATURE — Subscribers to *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish Plain Truth) examine Church literature after a *Pura Verdad* Bible lecture in Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 29. Carlos Espinoza (left), a Church member from Buenos Aires, explains how to order literature.

lished in *The Worldwide News* is encouraging. "Awareness among the brethren [of the work in Spanish-speaking areas] has never been so high," he said.

"Having people attend Church services as a result of these lectures is an objective, but not the main

objective," Mr. Walker said. "The main purpose is to help fulfill the great commission as a witness to these people."

"When people make a special effort to attend and have that personal contact, it will have a tremendous and lasting impact," he said.



NEW YORK LECTURE — Larry Hinkle (left), a local elder in the Queens, N.Y., congregation, listens to questions from *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish Plain Truth) readers from the New York City area Nov. 5.

Children's Corner

A SECRET CODE

By Vivian Pettjohn

"Chris!" 7-year-old Rocky called, holding up a football, "dah-di-dah-dit di-dah dah dah-di-dah-dit di-di-dit dit!"

"Huh?" Chris asked. "What did you say?"

"I said 'Catch!'" Rocky replied, grinning as he tossed the ball to Chris.

Chris passed the ball to Debbie as they began a three-way ball toss on a sunny Sunday afternoon in Rocky's driveway.

Chris laughed. "I hope you don't yell 'Fire!' in Morse code — at least until we know the code, too!"

"Rocky," Debbie said as she returned the ball with an underhand throw, "please teach us one code word today. OK?"

"OK," he agreed. "Both of you come on into Jeff's and my room while he and Kathy are still playing hopscotch out here. They're too young to learn code — until they can spell."

"Now," Rocky said as Chris and Debbie sat down, "in Morse code the letters are made with dahs and dits. On paper a dah looks like a short, straight dash mark, and a dit looks like a dot or period."

"While we're learning the alphabet letters, it helps to practice them by saying them out loud. Later, we'll learn to use a machine called a sending key to send messages over a wire. Ready?"

"Ready!" Chris answered excitedly. "Now spell a word."

"All right," Rocky agreed, running a hand through his dark, curly hair. "I told Dad I would learn to spell *Bible* in code by tonight, so I'll practice on that word. Here goes. You make a *B* with a dah and three dits, pronounced dah-



Artwork to color, by Ken Tunell

di-di-dit. An *I* is two dits, pronounced di-dit. Then dah-di-di-dit again for *B*, di-dah-di-dit for *L*, and one dit for *E*. That spells *Bible*. We'll go over it again."

"Wait, Rocky," Chris said, frowning. "When you have more than one dit in a letter, why don't you just say dit dit, instead of di-dit?"

"Because," Rocky answered patiently, "a dit is *E*. Dit dit would mean *EE*. So, you put the *t* sound on just the last dit in a letter to show the other person that that letter is finished."

Mr. Ellison and Mr. Winfield, who had been discussing the amateur radio equipment in the Winfield garage ham shack, stuck their heads in Rocky's doorway. "Mind if we join you?" Mr. Winfield asked.

"Of course not, Dad," Rocky answered, smiling. "Come on in."

"Daddy," Chris said, touching Mr. Ellison's hand, "I just remembered a

question I've been wanting to ask you about code. Mr. Herbert Armstrong has said that the Bible is God's secret code. But our Bible is written in our own language, and most people can read it, so how is it like a code?"

"You know, Chris," Mr. Ellison answered, "that sounds like a good topic for all of us to discuss. What do you think, Leon?"

"I agree," he said. "Go on into the living room, and I'll ask the rest of our family members to join us there."

After everyone was seated around the room, Mr. Ellison explained, "Chris has asked why the Bible is called God's secret code. If we share our understanding, maybe we can answer correctly. All right, Leon? Virginia? Beth?"

The other three adults nodded in agreement, and Mr. Ellison began: "God's Word, the Bible, is like a coded message, for God meant it to be under-

stood right now only by those who have been given His Spirit.

"Of course, lots of people in the world *think* they understand God's Word. But they don't know about God's plan for mankind. They're mixed up about many things God has said.

"Beth," Mr. Ellison continued, turning to his wife, "what was that proverb you read yesterday that tells which people can understand God's secret code?"

"Oh," Mrs. Ellison replied, "that was the last part of Proverbs 3:32. It says that God's secret is with the righteous. The righteous are God's people, the ones who try with all their hearts to obey Him."

"You know," Mr. Winfield said, "sometimes even Bible writers didn't understand what they wrote. Daniel, for example, faithfully wrote what God said to write, but he didn't understand it. Anyone know why?"

"Yes," Mrs. Winfield answered, "it's because that message was meant for God's Church today, not for the people who lived when Daniel did. So, to Daniel it did seem like a strange, secret code!"

"I guess," Chris observed, "we children can look forward someday to better understanding God's code in our heads."

Kathy, who had fallen asleep on her mother's lap, awoke and said sleepily, "Who's got a cold in the head? Hope you get all better!"

Everyone laughed, and Mrs. Winfield gave her a hug.

"Thanks, Kathy," Chris said, smiling, "but we're not wanting to get a *cold* out of our heads. We want to put a *code* into our heads — God's secret code!"

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — R.R. Donnelley & Sons executives met with **Ray Wright**, Publishing Services director, and toured the Publishing Services Department and Ambassador College facilities Dec. 6, according to **Roger Lippross**, production director for the Church's publications. *The Plain Truth* and *Good News* are printed by the R.R. Donnelley Co., which has plants in Europe and the United States.

The tour was followed by a luncheon with Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** in the college's faculty dining room.

The Donnelley guests included **James Sullivan**, group vice president based in Chicago, Ill.; **William Thompson**, vice president and director of manufacturing for the Los Angeles, Calif., Manufacturing Division; **Robert Brennan**, Western District sales manager; and **Charles W. Johnson**, account executive for *The Plain Truth* and *Good News*.

The purpose of the visit was to further acquaint R.R. Donnelley with the Church's operations in Pasadena and to help build a stronger working relationship.

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PASADENA — The Church's toll-free telephone number 800-423-4444 can now be used by brethren and people responding to Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** *World Tomorrow* programs in California, according to **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

Twenty-two intrastate California Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines were added to allow California callers to bypass telephone operators under the old system of response, according to **William Butler**, supervisor of the telephone response area of MPC.

"We believe that this will increase the response from California, as many people will not take the trouble to call collect through an operator," Mr. Butler said.

Callers from Alaska and Hawaii must still use the 213-304-6111 number to call collect, Mr. Rice said.

The area code will change to 818 Jan. 7.

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PASADENA — Telephone response to Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** *World Tomorrow* program remains high, according to **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center here.

Lutheran

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Even various Catholic scholars expressed appreciation for Luther's contribution to the faith. Pope John Paul II praised the merits of Luther. He has expressed enthusiastic interest in a fresh and objective study of the Reformation with a distinct interest in finding Luther in a more favorable light.

The pope was conciliatory when he wrote: "The break in the unity of the church cannot be reduced to the lack of comprehension on the part of the authorities of the Catholic Church nor solely to Luther's lack of understanding of true Catholicism, even if both factors played a role" (*The Times* of London, Nov. 7).

John Paul specifically avoided any mention of Luther's excommunication more than 450 years ago.

On the church unity theme *The Times* reported that "at the end of September an American joint com-

A record was set the weekend of Nov. 12 and 13, with 11,604 calls received. Mr. Rice said *World Tomorrow* telecasts explaining the great tribulation and Christmas, which aired Nov. 26 and 27 and Dec. 3 and 4, each drew more than 10,000 telephone responses.

"WATS [Wide Area Telephone Service] response is expected to be very good during the rest of December," he said. "A program on the Middle East in prophecy is scheduled, and *The Plain Truth About Christmas* will be shown again on Dec. 24 and 25."

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following itinerary for evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse**:

Jan. 2, Orlando, Fla.; Jan. 3, Melbourne, Fla.; Jan. 4, Fort Pierce, Fla.; Jan. 7, Fort Lauderdale and Miami, Fla., combined Sabbath services; Jan. 8, Fort Meyers, Fla.; Jan. 9, Sarasota, Fla.; Jan. 10, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Jan. 11, Tampa, Fla.; Jan. 12, Lakeland, Fla.; Jan. 14, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Geneva, Ala., combined Sabbath services.

Jan. 18, Mobile, Ala.; Jan. 19, Biloxi, Miss.; Jan. 21, New Orleans and Slidell, La.; Jan. 22, Baton Rouge, La.; Jan. 23, Lafayette, La.; Jan. 24, Lake Charles, La.; Jan. 25, Beaumont, Tex.; Jan. 28, Houston, Tex., North, South and East, combined Sabbath services; Jan. 29, Waco, Tex.; Jan. 30, Austin, Tex.; and Jan. 31, Victoria, Tex.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here announced that **Randy Duke**, student housing officer at Big Sandy Ambassador College, was ordained a local elder in Big

Students

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Haworth, who will be accompanied on the trip by his wife, Mary, Big Sandy faculty members Larry and Annabel Johnson, five students from the Pasadena campus and 45 Youth Opportunities United members from the United States and Canada.

Projects to upgrade the physical plant of the campus continue, said Mr. McCullough. Among these are the renovations of some of the faculty homes on campus and additions to the carpentry and electrical shop areas.

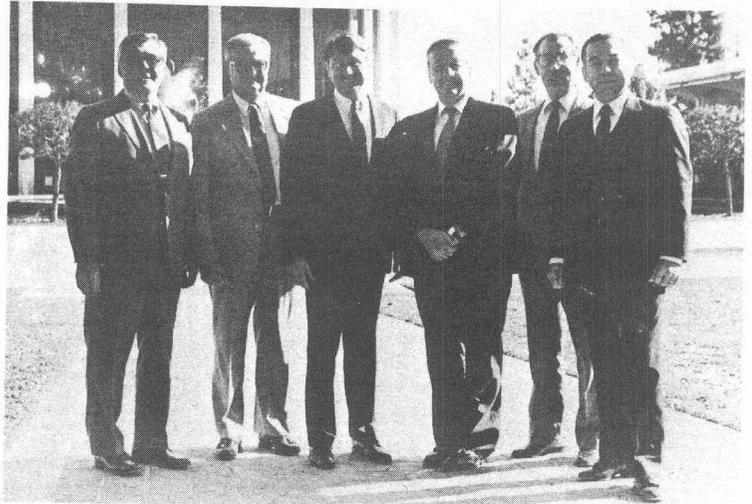
mission of Lutherans and Catholics delivered a report that showed remarkable convergence on the teachings that 462 years ago were the subject of the great dispute between Luther and Rome."

Remember that most mainline Christians in East Germany are of the Lutheran faith. There are nearly 21 million Lutherans in West Germany, with about an equal number of Catholics.

Bible prophecy shows that the Catholic Church will be instrumental in bringing together a powerful European combine of nations. Most likely Germany will be the leading single nation in this superpower bloc.

Most readers of *The Worldwide News* also know that many prophecies are dual — that is they occur once in history mainly to foreshadow a latter fulfillment at the end of this age.

It is interesting to note historian Gordon Craig's comments in the light of history and prophecy. He



EXECUTIVE TOUR — Executives of the R.R. Donnelley & Sons printing firm and directors of the Church's Publishing Services Department pause during a tour of Pasadena Ambassador College Dec. 6. R.R. Donnelley & Sons prints editions of *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*. (See "Updates," this page). From left: Charles W. Johnson, Donnelley account executive for *The Plain Truth* and *Good News*; William Thompson, vice president and director of the Los Angeles, Calif., manufacturing division; James Sullivan, group vice president from Chicago, Ill.; Robert Brennan, Western district sales manager; Roger Lippross, production director for the Church's publications; and Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

Sandy Sept. 3 by evangelists **Leslie McCullough** and **Burk McNair** and **Larry Salyer**, dean of students.

Mr. Duke, a 1982 graduate of the Pasadena campus, served as student body president there during his senior year.

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PASADENA — Initial response to Pastor General **Herbert W. Arm-**

strong's semiannual letter was "very good," according to **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

The letter was sent to about two million *Plain Truth* subscribers in the United States. According to **Wayne Pyle**, assistant to Mr. Rice, it was the largest mailing for a letter in the history of the Church.

Response from subscribers and

donors after eight days was 4.3 percent, and including members and co-workers, the response was 5.2 percent.

According to Mr. Rice, the overall response to the letter is the second highest in the past five years, exceeded only by a 1979 letter in which Mr. Armstrong offered his book, *The Wonderful World Tomorrow, What It Will Be Like*.



INTERNATIONAL DESK

BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — From around the world Feast of Tabernacles reports have been received and compiled. In 1983, the brethren gathered at 83 sites in 47 countries. Attendance was 120,573 from these countries and territories:

Argentina	265
Australia	5,418
Bahamas	487
Barbados	566
Bermuda	350
Burma	72
Canada	9,616
Chile	117
Colombia	215
Costa Rica	56
Czechoslovakia	275

Denmark	282
Fiji	177
France	862
Ghana	248
Guadeloupe	162
Guatemala	261
Guyana	123
Haiti	38
Irish Republic	422
Israel	621
Jamaica	431
Kenya	112
Malta	383
Malawi	123
Malaysia	306
Martinique	323
Mauritius	139
Mexico	1,147
Netherlands	485
New Zealand	1,158
Nigeria	274
Peru	185
Philippines	3,387
Puerto Rico	181
Solomon Islands	54
South Africa	2,148
Spain	66
Sri Lanka	187
St. Lucia	407
Tonga	53
Trinidad and Tobago	477
United Kingdom	3,858
United States	82,799
West Germany	786
Zambia	67
Zimbabwe	404

wrote: "It is paradoxical that the Germans, chronically torn and divided... throughout most of the modern period, seemed during the middle ages, and particularly between the tenth and twelfth centuries, to be politically more mature and closer to establishing effective political institutions, than their neighbors. It was the German tribes who inherited and cherished the tradition of the Roman Empire and the legacy of Charlemagne, and when the Carolingian empire collapsed under the pressure of new barbarian invasions, the Germans were the only element of stability in northern and central Europe.

"It was they [the Germans] who drove the Norsemen back into the sea, repulsed the Slavic incursions in the east, and, by forming a strong union with the Papacy, established peace in the European Center. After the coronation of Otto I as Emperor in 962, it was possible to speak of a German hegemony over Europe" (*The Germans*, New American Library, 1982).

French-area news

God opened additional opportunities to expand distribution of *La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) in Montreal and Sherbrooke, Que., and Moncton, N.B. Fifty newsstands scattered throughout the north of Montreal and 27 in the south agreed to allow the Church to distribute *La Pure Verite*.

The door opened to place the first newsstand rack in Sherbrooke to

distribute *The Plain Truth* and *La Pure Verite* at the central bus station.

A new French-language broadcast of *The World Tomorrow* was added on Radio CJVA in Caraque, N.B., on Tuesday and Thursday at 9 p.m. and Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

For the third consecutive year, Swiss television offered free time for a 16-minute program about *Le Monde a Venir* (French-language *World Tomorrow*). With the help of Media Services in Pasadena, evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, regional director of the French-language areas, prepared a program warning the Swiss that they cannot expect to sit on the sidelines and avoid the consequences of World War III. Excerpts from Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** speech to the Rotary Club in Athens, Greece, were included.

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