

The Worldwide News

OF THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

VOL. XV, NO. 17

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

AUG. 31, 1987

He made us feel a part, says minister about trip

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"Mr. Tkach's weaving the Church together isn't just a cliché or a cute slogan. God knows it needed to be done—and it is happening," said John Halford, on-location director of the Church's television crew.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's latest trip to Big Sandy, Orr, Minn., and Montreal, Que., began Aug. 19, when the Church's Gulfstream III jet touched down at the Big Sandy airstrip.

After conducting a faculty meeting, Mr. Tkach attended the Ambassador College freshman reception that evening, welcoming incoming students in the Festival Administration Building.

Chancellor Tkach "seemed to be extra enthusiastic for the reception," said evangelist Roderick Meredith, deputy chancellor (see article, this page).

The next morning, Mr. Tkach and his party boarded the G-III for Orr, where they visited Mexican campers attending the Summer Educational Program (SEP).

The pastor general was accompanied by Joseph Locke, personal assistant; evangelist Dibar Apartian, French regional director, and his wife, Shirley; Ellen Escat, the pastor general's administrative assistant; Julie Stocker, administrative assistant; and Andre Zick, project assistant in Church Administration, and his wife, Georgia.

Serving as Mr. Tkach's flight crew were Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and steward Jay Brothers.

Orr

Offering welcomes at the Orr airport were evangelist Leon Walker, Spanish regional director, his wife, Reba, Kermit Nelson, who coordinates Youth Opportunities United (YOU), ministers and staff members.

"The Mexican campers were very warm and enthusiastic toward Mr. Tkach," Mr. Walker said. "They were constantly singing and even said a few phrases to him in English. They were very desirous of showing him the things they could do."

"There were many moving and heartwarming moments on this trip, bringing swells of tears to my eyes," said Mrs. Zick. "For instance, when the Mexican SEP campers sang a special tribute to Mr. Tkach, their emotion and zeal were electrifying."

In an address to the campers the pastor general said that there are three classes of people: winners, losers and neutrals. "The neutrals are

the biggest losers of all, because they fail to even try." He exhorted the campers to become winners by being active participants in diligently obeying God's laws.

After his address he shook campers' hands and signed autographs. The pastor general ate lunch with them and took part in a group photo.

An afternoon of touring included stops at archery, water polo and canoeing. At the softball diamond, Mr. Tkach pitched.

"That will be a tremendous memory for the campers going back to Mexico, especially for those who Mr. Tkach pitched to," Mr. Walker remarked.

Shortly after 5 p.m. Mr. Tkach and his party said good-bye and flew to Montreal.

Montreal

Welcoming the group at Dorval Airport were Canadian regional director Colin Adair and his wife, Margaret; Donat Picard, pastor of (See TRIP, page 11)



WARM WELCOMES—Left photo, evangelist Roderick Meredith (right), deputy chancellor of Big Sandy Ambassador College, greets Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach moments after the G-III lands at the Big Sandy airstrip Aug. 19. Right, children in Montreal, Que., meet the pastor general after Sabbath services Aug. 22. [Photos by Mike Bedford and Georges Pilon]

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

The unity made possible by the Spirit of God dwelling in His people is a great anomaly in this divided world.

My recent visit to our congregations in Montreal, Que., highlighted the wonderful unity that exists between our French-speaking and our English-speaking brethren in Canada.

Our Canadian brethren have been able to experience what God's Spirit makes possible in His elect despite the prevailing public attitudes of division all around them.

We are now only weeks away from the wonderfully exciting Feast of Tabernacles, which will again focus our attention upon the glorious Kingdom and Government of God that will at last bring peace to the nations.

In that coming week tomorrow, there will be perfect unity among God's spirit-born children. There will be perfect agreement and oneness in the Government and Kingdom of God. But we must realize that unity itself, for the sake of unity, is not always for the good.

It is not unity that will make the Government of God a government of eternal peace and good. Unity is essential, but it is not, by far, the most important ingredient.

The most important ingredient is love—godly, spiritual love. "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:16). Love is also described as the "fulfilling of the law" because it

works no ill toward its neighbor (Romans 13:10).

The unity we will have in the Government of God will be unity or oneness with God, being like Him (1 John 3:2)! We will then be love, ourselves, as God is love (1 John 4:8). Our unity will be for the good, the benefit of all humanity then living on the earth, as well as for one another.

But in this world unity can

also be used for evil. Witness the unity of nations that band together for the purpose of invading other nations. Or thieves that team up so their combined criminal efforts can be more successful. Organized crime is a classic example.

Unity, harmony of purpose, even loyalty, commitment and hard work are qualities that are truly good ONLY when they are within the framework of God's purpose, law, way of life and thinking. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8).

We know from Bible prophecy

that Europe, not understanding God's ways or thoughts, will again become united. But when that happens, the Bible says the greatest time of tribulation in man's history will result!

To be most effective, then, and certainly to have any lasting or permanent value, unity must be based squarely upon the Word of God, and upon His instructions to mankind about how to live. Unity on our own terms, or for our own purposes apart from God will ultimately end in nothing better than chaos.

It is the same for unity within God's Church. We are all one (See PERSONAL, page 12)

AC campuses start school year

PASADENA—Orientation week activities took place at the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses of Ambassador College Aug. 17 to 21, and classes began at both campuses Aug. 24.

"These young people have committed themselves to a course of study that will aid them in preparing themselves for a life of service based on the way of give—the way taught and lived by Jesus Christ in person and taught in God's Word, the Bible," wrote Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, chancellor of the college, in the Aug. 18 Pastor General's Report.

"Ambassador College is perhaps the most visible and high profile representation to the general public of what God's Church teaches and believes in," he continued.

Pasadena

About 625 students are enrolled at the Pasadena campus, including a freshman class of about 174 and about 58 married students.

Ross Jutsum was named chairman of the Music Department by Mr. Tkach. "We have not had a chairman of the department for years," said evangelist Raymond

McNair, Pasadena deputy chancellor.

Gerald Bieritz teaches voice instruction and music appreciation, John Schroeder directs the Ambassador Chorale and Paul Heisler, a new faculty member, coordinates piano instruction. Terri Finch will continue to assist with piano instruction.

The 1987-88 academic year brings some changes in the curriculum as well. "We have dropped two of the options in the associate of science program: general business and data processing," said William Stenger, registrar.

"We have replaced them with four: accounting, computer information systems, management and office automation. In effect, we are making the program more flexible."

"We are working on the possibility of later—maybe in January—adding a course in television production and perhaps another course in the area of publishing to help prepare students to serve our many publications," Mr. McNair said.

"College seems to have gotten off to a fine start. We seem to have a very enthusiastic, turned-on and

bright-eyed group of freshman students. All the activities have gone well, and we expect this to be the best year in the history of Ambassador College," Mr. McNair said.

Big Sandy

Mr. Tkach visited Big Sandy Aug. 19. "His visit was very inspiring," said evangelist Roderick Meredith, deputy chancellor.

The chancellor welcomed students and visited briefly with all of the freshmen at the freshman-faculty reception Aug. 19 in the Festival Administration Building.

"We accepted 235 freshmen, the largest freshman class since we reopened the college," said Dr. Meredith. Enrollment is 426, including seven married students.

Mr. Tkach also attended the dance in the dining hall, where he visited and talked with people until after midnight.

Mr. Tkach conducted a faculty meeting before the reception. "He gave us various guidelines and was very encouraging about the future of Big Sandy," Dr. Meredith said.

"We have a very fine atmosphere here. I think we're off to a great start," he added.

INSIDE

How to kindle Feast desire . 2

Prepare for 1987

Feast . . 3-6, 11

Why Western society lacks moral stamina

PASADENA—There is a good possibility that a few years from now people in Great Britain and the United States may look back on the 1980s with nostalgia for the good times.

Under the leaderships of Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan, the declining national fortunes of both Anglo-Saxon powers were brought to a temporary halt.

In both cases, sluggish national economies were revived. Stock markets boomed—Wall Street is celebrating the fifth anniversary of its raging bull market—although critics correctly point out, in America's case, that much of this is because of a troublesome dependence on foreign capital.

Also in the '80s, in both Britain and the United States, long-depised military establishments got a boost. Britain fought a successful war in the Falklands, 8,000 miles from home. The United States, meanwhile, engineered a defense buildup (admittedly expensive) that closed an impending "window of peril" with the Soviets.

Moscow, as a consequence, was forced to attempt an arms deal with Washington. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev needs "breathing space" to focus on the Soviet Union's worsening economy.

Rot below deck

But below the surface in both Anglo-Saxon societies, not all was sound. The United States became

the world's No. 1 debtor nation. Furthermore, U.S. banks slipped from the list of the world's top 10.

When the new high-tech U.S. Navy found difficulty defending itself against pre-World War I mines laid by the Iranians in the Persian Gulf, many Americans began to wonder where the additional hundreds of billions of dollars spent on Mr. Reagan's "rearming of America" program had really gone.

Then too there was the months-long Iran-*contra* affair. The televised congressional probe revealed a nation divided at the pinnacle of national power. The Reagan administration, hampered by congressional doubts and legislative limitations (the successive Boland amendments), pursued a halfhearted foreign policy in Central America.

The result, charged former U.S. Department of Defense official Richard Perle in the Aug. 10 *U.S. News & World Report*, was "a callous, reciprocating cowardice" that grew up between the two branches of government.

The whole spectacle, he added, constituted "a deplorable failure of nerve, repeated five times in three years, by a Congress that lacked the courage of its convictions, not so much quarreling as conspiring with a President who lacked the courage of his."

The conclusion appears to be another frustrating no-win war, in the manner of Korea and Vietnam. Patrick J. Buchanan, former White

House communications director, wrote in the Aug. 15 issue of *Human Events*: "No more no-win wars, Mr. President. Did you not tell us, sir, that this was the real lesson of Vietnam?"

All truth 'relative'

Something is clearly wrong with

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



the convictions and courage of the American people today, and by extension those of the British and other nations in the white, English-speaking world.

British journalist A.N. Wilson put his finger on much of the problem in an article in the Aug. 8 *Daily Mail*. Mr. Wilson took note that the book *The Closing of the American Mind*, by University of Chicago professor Allan Bloom, has been on top of the U.S. best-seller lists.

"Although his book," remarked Mr. Wilson, "sets out to explain what is wrong with higher education in his own country, he actually puts his finger on the disease of the modern West. Everything he says about Americans could be said about the

British and multiplied by ten."

"The thesis is this. There is only one doctrine which young people today are allowed by their teachers to believe. It is the doctrine that all truth is relative and that we are in no position to assert the superiority of our own values."

Mr. Wilson wondered whether

today's generation of Britons, brought up under the tenets of wishy-washy, relativistic liberalism would have the courage to stand up to a supreme national challenge as did their parents and grandparents in the perilous days of World War II.

"This is the great difference between our generation and that of

our parents. They knew that it was cowardly and morally wrong to appease Hitler. When Churchill finally rallied them, they were united not just behind a man but behind a set of shared beliefs of which they were justly proud and which Nazism set out to violate and destroy . . .

"No one questioned Churchill when he called the Nazis 'these evil men' . . . But there were howls or protests when President Reagan called the Soviet Union 'the evil Empire.'"

It is time, says Mr. Wilson, for Britons and others in the supposedly Christian West to stop "being so apologetic for our own culture . . .

"Cultures do not survive without education, without the careful rehearsal by parents and teachers of what is good in their heritage . . .

"The old idea that we should try to spread decent Western Judeo-Christian values throughout the world is now discredited and labelled imperialist."

Modern Western society, maintains Mr. Wilson, is living with the consequences of abandoning old values and ideals and adopting valueless relativism.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Story of 1066: battle for the English throne

BOREHAMWOOD, England—For 300 years England endured incursions from the Norsemen. But the Battle of Stamford Bridge proved decisive.

In this "European Diary" John Ross Schroeder concludes his discussion of one of the most significant dates in British history.

Three days after the battle Duke William of Normandy landed on the south coast with his army. Word came to Harold II. He hastened to meet William. The climactic battle took place on the downs above Hastings.

Oct. 14 the issue was decisively resolved. William became the Conqueror and the English throne was his.

The year 1066 proved to be a benchmark year in British history. Author R. Allen Brown wrote that "1066 is said to be the most memorable date in English History" (*The Normans*, page 1). It was a convulsive and fateful year.

Almost 921 years have passed since the Norman invasion. No other nation has invaded England. Even Adolf Hitler decided not to attempt it.

The Normans were men of destiny. William was leader of a brilliant new secular and ecclesiastical aristocracy. Norman brilliance was grafted onto the solid virtues of the Anglo-Saxons. The Domesday Book would soon be compiled.

According to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, the Domesday Book, "the original record or summary of William I the Conqueror's survey of England . . . was perhaps the most remarkable administrative accomplishment of the Middle Ages."

Said historian H.A.L. Fisher: "That the Normans had become Frenchmen for at least half a century before the Battle of Hastings was of great moment for the reconstruction of Europe [specifically England]."

"Had they retained their Norse

language and ways and remained an insoluble element in the social fabric of France, they would have exercised as little general influence as the Basques or the Bretons . . .

"As it was they carried with them in all their enterprises the attractive stamp of Latin civilization" (*A History of Europe*, 1936, page 189).

And yet we mustn't make too much of the differences between Norman and Anglo-Saxon. In ethnic origin they were similar. Wrote Mr. Fisher: "The Northmen, like the Anglo-Saxons and the Franks, were a Teutonic people. In essentials of character they resembled the Saxons and so much of the population of northern France as was Teutonic and not Celtic in origin" (page 181).

Historian Fisher then oversimplifies to make a point about the Danish contribution to English culture. He is speaking culturally—not ethnically. He said, "The Danes in Normandy became Frenchmen, the Danes in England became Englishmen." Later these two cultural diversions merged with the Norman invasion (1066)—also enveloping Anglo-Saxon culture.

Mr. Fisher continues, "To the student of English institutions the fundamental similarity between Saxon and Dane is the key to many riddles." Mr. Fisher then points out that the word *law* is Norse in origin, and he makes much of the Scandinavian contribution to England's "passion for litigation."

He was more right in his essential point than even he realized. Most all of the ancestors of our English-speaking peoples have a similar ethnic origin. All is explained in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

Truly 1066 proved to be a decisive turning point in the history of our English-speaking peoples. History converged at that point in time. Similar historical forces are working in the world today. Worldwide happenings are destined to converge on the Middle East in one great global occurrence.

Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner



Just one more Feast?

Are you busy? I'm sure you are. I know I am as the Feast gets nearer and nearer. But, as we go into this Festival season, all of us need to slow down and take time out of our too busy schedules to ask ourselves an important question. Will the Feast this year be our best Feast ever or just one more Feast?

Oh, we all have good intentions—right? We intend to attend every service. We intend to spend time with our families. We intend to keep up our prayer and Bible study. We intend to apply what we learn from every sermonette and sermon. We intend to encourage the widow and fatherless. We intend to be a light to the world—it goes on and on.

Brethren, we must take care not to misplace or smother our first love for God's Church and this includes His Festivals. The Ephesian church made the sad mistake of letting its first spiritual glow go dim. This happened to the very people who were there and heard the inspired messages from the lips of Christ's chosen apostles.

Christ scolded the Ephesian church for only one sin: "because thou hast left thy first love" (Revelation 2:4). Christ deplored seeing those early Christians let their spiritual love for God, for the brethren and for God's work become smaller and smaller. He wanted to see them keep up their first love, to see it grow and glow.

The same applies to us today. Even more so as the day of Christ's return draws closer and closer.

Thankfully, Christ did point out the solution to this serious problem. "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his

place, except thou repent" (Revelation 2:5).

These words of love and wisdom point out the real answer to the problem of all those who have left their first love.

Do you remember the love, zeal and warmth toward God, His people and His festivals that you had at the time of your conversion and baptism? Think back, whether it was several years or 30 years ago. Remember the glow you felt at Feast time, the longing for more of God's truth from God's ministry?

If we've lost that, and now only look forward to the physical enjoyment of the Feast, we need to sincerely repent and get back to the beginning. As God's people we need to confess our wretched weakened condition to God our Father.

We need to prayerfully ask Him to mercifully forgive us for letting ourselves get into this hardened condition; and then pray for divine strength and guidance so that we may become an overcomer first class and eventually inherit a place of rulership in the soon-coming, glorious Kingdom of God.

What better time than now to instill this first love attitude in ourselves? Difficult times are ahead. Are you going to wait until then to start trying to stir up the Spirit of God? It's going to be much harder to do, even too late for some.

We need to come out of the world, brethren. That's what the Feast is all about. This Feast spend more time getting to know your heavenly Father—talking with God, studying His Word, fellowshiping with His people. Meditate on His commandments. Read the Psalms. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

Make this Feast season a turning

point in your life. Spirit-ignite that first love to a red hot glow. Make it one of your goals this Feast to share God's gift of joy and service with others.

Rededicate your life to learning, serving, growing and overcoming. The reward is worth it: "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master'" (Matthew 25:21, Revised Standard Version).

Brethren, we don't know how many Feasts we have left. We certainly don't know how many we will have where we can worship our God in the peace and abundance with which He has blessed us in this era of His work.

Being a light to the world requires commitment. Christ warned that during our time, many would become callous, hard and indifferent—cold even to those members of the family of God.

We need to take this warning from Jesus Christ personally. We need to make an inventory of our life now and during the Feast to be sure we are not guilty.

We need to guard our tongues, minds and attitudes. This warning is explicit in pointing out the lack of true, deep love for fellow servants that some will exhibit toward the brethren.

As it's pointed out in the parable of the 10 virgins (Matthew 25:1-13), let's not go to sleep, brethren, with our supply of God's Holy Spirit on empty. I have a friend who does not let the needle on the gas gauge of his car go lower than half full. He uses that to remind him to never allow his supply of God's Holy Spirit to get even close to empty.

God has given us these Feasts to worship Him, to learn to fear Him, to get closer to Him. Let's not allow this Feast to be "just one more Feast." As the parable warns, there will come a time when that spiritual fuel, the oil of God's Holy Spirit, will not be available.

Let's redeem the time God has given us. Don't let this be just one more Feast—let the Feast of Tabernacles, 1987, be a major turning point in your Christian life.

Have a good Feast, brethren.

Mr. Tkach completes tapings, media productions wrapped up

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's Last Great Day message was taped before the brethren of the Los Angeles, Calif., church Aug. 15, said Larry Omasta, Media Services director.

His message, scheduled to be shown worldwide at afternoon services, Oct. 15, is one of four Festival productions prepared by Media Services for the 1987 Feast.

Mr. Tkach's opening night message was videotaped on the *World Tomorrow* set Aug. 18 and will be shown Wednesday evening, Oct. 7.

On the first Holy Day, Oct. 8, Mr. Tkach will speak to brethren by live satellite transmission. Satellite dishes will be used at the 22 U.S. sites (not including Pasadena).

"This year the start time of the satellite transmission will be 12:30 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), instead of the normal 1 p.m. start," he said. "The entire services from the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena will be beamed up to two domestic and two international satellites."

The signal will be picked up simultaneously by downlink dishes at 22 U.S. sites, five in Canada and sites in the Caribbean, Britain and New Zealand.

"Because of differences in time zones, those in the British Isles will see it live at 8:30 that night, and brethren in Rotorua, New Zealand, will be seeing it live at 7:30 the next morning, their time," Mr. Omasta explained.

These services will be recorded early the next morning in Brisbane, Australia, and shown to the seven Australian sites by videotape later in the week.

The British Office will provide videotapes of the satellite transmission to the following European locations: Trabolgan, Irish Republic; Bredsten, Denmark; Hoogeveen, Netherlands; Bonndorf, West Germany; Brno, Czechoslovakia; Castelvecchio-Pascoli, Italy; Port d'Albret, France; and St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands.

"Like last year we will be ship-

ping video projectors and videotape players for projecting the satellite transmissions and the Festival productions to all U.S. sites," said Mr. Omasta.

"The Church offices in countries overseas will again provide video projectors and players for their sites."

We Are One Family 1987

"Mr. Tkach has decided that *We Are One Family 1987—Part Two* will be the sermon shown on the third day of the Feast, Oct. 10," according to Mr. Omasta.

The production is the second of the continuing series, in which brethren follow Mr. Tkach as he visits Church members and offices around the world.

"We received many encouraging comments about part one, shown June 6," Mr. Omasta said.

We Are One Family 1987—Part Two will feature Mr. Tkach's visits to the African countries of Ghana, Nigeria and Zimbabwe and his July 15 to Aug. 2 trip to Europe.

"We also will show our worldwide audience Ambassador College's commencement exercises," including the presentation of the Herbert W. Armstrong Achievement Awards to outstanding seniors, Mr. Omasta added.

He continued: "You will share in the excitement as the one millionth subscriber to the Spanish *Plain Truth* was added."

"We will also show the festivities commemorating the 40th anniversary of Ambassador College that took place Aug. 28."

Festival entertainment

This year the Festival entertainment will focus on the talents of brethren worldwide.

"Whenever Mr. Tkach travels to

the different areas of the world," according to Mr. Omasta, "he is always warmly welcomed by local Church members who have prepared some musical entertainment."

During his visit to the West Indies, Mr. Tkach realized the entire Church would enjoy these presentations as much as he did. He asked that they be taped and used for Festival entertainment this year.

Mr. Omasta said: "So be prepared for the excitement of Mexico, the charm of the West Indies, the tradition of Africa and the delightful children of Europe, combined with some of the excellent talent from the churches of Southern California and Big Sandy, woven together into a sparkling and unforgettable performance."

Feast has 'an awesome purpose'

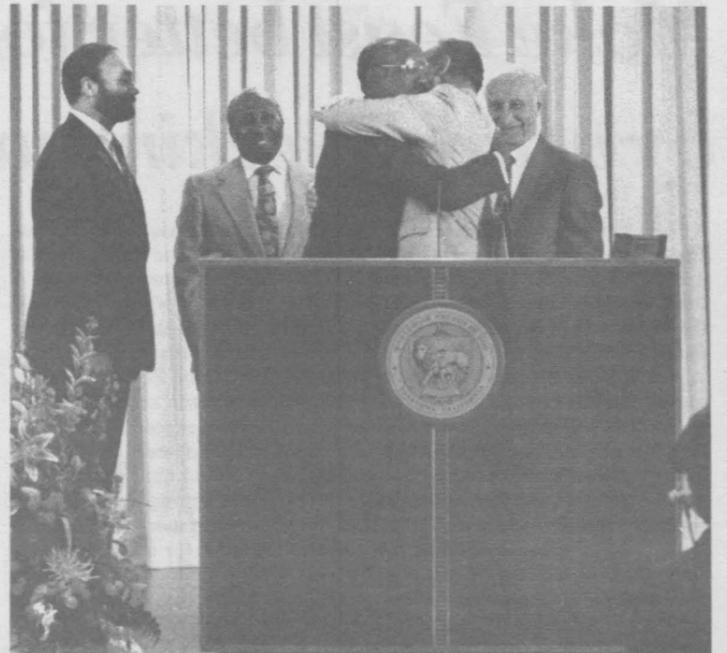
1987 Feast: Don't miss the point

By Larry R. Salyer

PASADENA—The Feast of Tabernacles is God's Feast. It's incredible when you meditate on what God has done.

This article is taken from comments made by evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, at the 1987 Festival coordinators conference in Pasadena Feb. 18 and 19. Mr. Salyer is on the Festival coordinating team.

God created a Feast for an awesome purpose. And that purpose is to learn to fear the Eternal God al-



LOS ANGELES VISIT—Abner Washington, pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., church, embraces Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach after being ordained to pastor rank Aug. 15. From left: Joseph Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration; evangelist Harold Jackson of Church Administration; and evangelist Dibar Apartian, French regional director. [Photo by Michael Rasmussen]

ways (Deuteronomy 14:23).

God in His magnificent mind also gave us an ingenious method of learning to fear Him. Contrary to what the carnal mind would assume, He said, "You shall rejoice, you and your household." And the command to rejoice is a way of learning to fear God.

Many go to the Feast with the idea of rejoicing, yet some misunderstand its meaning. Some think that when you go out with your families to tour a museum, that's rejoicing. And when you go out for dinner and have fine wine, that's rejoicing. But when you pray and study, that's spiritual.

These people miss the point that the Feast is a product of a way of life that involves your contact with God. It involves fellowship in the right way with family and brethren, and spiritual lessons: prayer and Bible study and drinking in of the services.

It's the total picture of rejoicing. It is not that physical enjoyment and the pleasing of the senses is the rejoicing part, and that other spiritual things are just duties you have to do so God won't get mad at you.

The whole picture is a matter of rejoicing before God in a way of life.

Rejoicing is a concept of coming out of the world, being in God's presence, being with our families and enjoying the finer things that God has made available. This could include expensive wine, a good

steak or whatever we desire physically that is within the law of God.

God intends that we rejoice, and by rejoicing we learn about God. We learn to fear God. We learn the goodness of God's law. We learn to appreciate what God is doing for us.

We realize what life should be like, that the focus should be on God and doing His will. It should be on setting our priorities and ordering our lives in a way that blessings naturally flow.

God wants us to understand His way of life and its blessings for obedience.

We learn about God in sermons. We put emphasis on it before the Feast and at the Feast, to be at services, to hear the sermons, to hear the sermonettes, to participate in the song service, to fellowship, to be a part of the services.

Let's not forget that the Feast is the total experience. It's the total of coming out of the world, of being in an environment with God's people, under God's government being administered at the Feast sites, of fellowshiping with family and friends and enjoying the freedom from the worry, want and frustrations that come in everyday life.

God has given us a Feast with an awesome purpose, and He's given us an ingenious method of fulfilling that purpose.

Let's rejoice at the Feast, brethren, fully, in every aspect of God's way of life.

Church members make positive impact at sites

PASADENA—The example of God's way of life, of being a light and preaching the Gospel, has a positive impact on communities during the Feast of Tabernacles, according to Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator.

An article in the Biloxi-Gulfport, Miss., *Sun Herald* Oct. 25, 1986, reported that the Biloxi Coliseum could not accommodate the musical group The Monkees during its tour.

"The arena was already being used for the nine-day Worldwide Church of God convention," the Coliseum executive said.

"And, believe me . . . we don't want to lose the Worldwide Church of God—not for any concert."

Christy J. Black, former executive director of conventions at the Area Convention & Visitors Bureau in Chattanooga, Tenn., and author of "Ode to the Little Green Stickers," which appeared in the Dec. 15, 1986, *Worldwide News*, wrote Nov. 25, 1986:

"Nothing is more compelling/inspiring than to feel the love and caring practiced by Church members. It was a beautiful week for me . . . and for the city."

Mr. McCulley received this letter: "The Feast was quite an experience for Chattanooga, and I have enjoyed listening to and reading local reaction. The comments have been long on the caliber of the people and short on the economics of the situation,

which I found gratifying.

"It took me about a week to realize what bothered me. Worldwide Church of God lives what every other denomination purports to embrace . . . and then the rest of us are incredulous when we experience practiced love, caring, warmth and graciousness."

A letter from Pensacola, Fla., read: "We have not seen a nicer group of adults and a better behaved group of children since The Zoo's opening in May of 1984. I assure you, this is no small compliment, as we have had over 170,000 visitors."

From Tulsa, Okla.: "By handling parking, security, facility setup and total coordination, your people took a large portion of the work load which we normally carry."

"Don Mason [Festival coordinator] organized the event thoroughly and was very congenial at all times."

"In appreciation of your organization's donating and installing speakers in the Pavilion, a credit of \$619.90 will be on your upcoming invoice."

A letter from Vail, Colo., read: "The Dobson Ice Arena staff would like to thank you and your members for all your help during the Worldwide Church of God Fall Festival at the Dobson Arena."

"The cooperation shown by your organization in helping us lay the Rinktex carpet and re-setting chairs prior to your first evening of service is a credit to the Worldwide Church of God."

The Worldwide News

CIRCULATION 61,500

The *Worldwide News* is published biweekly, except during the Church's annual Fall and Spring festivals, by the Worldwide Church of God. Copyright © 1987 Worldwide Church of God. All rights reserved.

Founder: Herbert W. Armstrong 1892-1986

Publisher: Joseph W. Tkach

Editor: Dexter H. Faulkner

Senior editor: Sheila Graham; managing editor: Thomas C. Hanson; layout editor: Ronald Grove; news editor: Jeff Zhorne; associate editor: Kerri Miles; "Iron Sharpens Iron": Norman L. Shoaf; staff writer: Marie Myers; composition: Tony Styer, Dawna Borax, Marianna Laursen; photography: Warren Watson, G.A. Belluche Jr., Kevin Blackburn, Nathan Faulkner, Charles Feldbush, Hal Finch; proofreaders: Peter Moore, Lana Walker

Publishing Services composition: Don Patrick, Barry Gridley, Steve Doucet, Larry Miller, Linda Snuffer; prepress production: Dale Machi, Jeremiah Frazier; printing coordinator: Robert W. Richards

Regional correspondents: Debbie Burbach, Vancouver, B.C.; Terri Conti, Italian Department; Eleazar Flores, Manila, Philippines; Frankie Weinberger, Bonn, West Germany; Rex Morgan, Auckland, New Zealand; Edward Smith, Borehamwood, England; Richard Steinfurt, Nieuwegein, Netherlands.

Notice: The *Worldwide News* cannot be responsible for the return of unsolicited articles and photographs.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions are sent automatically to the members of the Worldwide Church of God. Address all communications to The *Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129. See *The Plain Truth* for additional mailing offices. Entered as second-class mail at the Manila, Philippines, Central Post Office, Feb. 10, 1984.

ADDRESS CHANGES: U.S. changes of address are handled automatically with *Plain Truth* changes of address. Postmaster: Please send Form 3579 to: The *Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Check this pre-Feast list

This is a summary of guidelines for preparing for and keeping the Feast, given by Church Administration in articles in the Pastor General's Report.

- Be sure your vehicle is ready for the trip.
- Prepare a budget to regulate funds throughout the Feast.
- Read articles in Church publications about Feast preparation.
- Set aside time each day for prayer and Bible study.
- Plan to spend time fellowshiping with God's people.
- Plan to attend every service, including the opening night message.
- Avoid excessive talking and walking around during services.
- Plan ahead to serve others.
- Set a right Christian example at all times.
- Show respect for God by keep-

ing the Sabbath holy.

● Plan to have a healthy Feast by getting enough sleep and exercise and avoiding overeating.

● Avoid driving all night or late into the night; pull off the road and rest or sleep when you become drowsy.

● Drive within the speed limit.

● Discuss the Feast with your children and include them in preparations.

● Teach your children the meaning of rejoicing and learning to fear God.

● Teach your children the importance of their example at the Feast.

● Be careful about where and how you discipline your children at the Feast.

● Plan to have quiet toys, books or other items to hold the interest of young children during services.

Make Feast better for everyone by actively seeking ways to help

How can you make this the best Feast ever—for someone else? Romans 15:1 gives the answer: "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

At the Feast we are all strong in some ways but have needs in other ways. Thus each person should look for ways to use his or her strengths to help another's weaknesses.

For example, those with extra-second tithe should aid those with little. Those who have families should include those who do not. Those who are healthy should aid the needs of the disabled. People with cars can give rides to those without.

A teenager or a couple with no children can help a single parent manage little ones during services. Sometimes a single parent is so busy taking children in and out that he or she may miss most of the sermons.

If everyone looks for ways to help someone else, all will be helped. But you must actively look for ways to help. Don't wait for people to ask. This is God's way, and it means a better Feast for everybody.

When not to give

God's way is the way of giving to other people. But do you know when God's way is not to give? The answer is when you have a contagious illness.

Although parents and children may be disappointed in not being able to attend services because of ill-

ness, we should have consideration for one another and quarantine the sick. This is only common sense.

In the case of whooping cough, measles, mumps, flu, chicken pox or other contagious diseases, you should not attend Feast services or even local church services. If you have even been exposed to these diseases within two weeks before coming, don't attend until you are sure you are not carrying the disease.

Even when you or your child has been anointed for an illness, wait until every physical symptom is gone, or the healing is complete. If you or your child is taken ill with such a disease while at the Feast, isolate yourself immediately.

Following these guidelines will help make the Feast a safe place for all. If you have a problem or question check with your minister.

Are they having fun yet?

Happiness is children who are happy while traveling to the Feast! Your trip doesn't have to be one memory you would rather forget. Here are some ways to make a bon voyage for the whole family:

- *The trip begins in the home.* If you want to have a fun, smooth journey, plan to have one. That means mapping out your route to include sidetrips and planning the amount of time it will take to reach certain points. Talk about the trip with your children and find out what they want to do. And lay down rules in

advance (who gets to sit by the window first, which toys are suitable).

Make sure the whole family gets a good night's sleep before the trip. Lack of sleep causes crankiness and irritability. Be sensitive to children who get carsick. Prepare to make their trip as comfortable as possible.

- *Before you leave the driveway.* Before you pull out onto the road, set the tone for the trip by being positive and excited. Make sure there is plenty of room in the car.

Don't leave until everyone is comfortable and in a good attitude. Starting out with children crammed between suitcases and fighting over who gets to sit by a window is a sure way to ruin the entire trip.

- *During the trip.* On the road, make sure children's attitudes remain positive. Parents can help keep children happy by their own examples. Initiate sing-alongs and travel games. Point out interesting sights.

Children relish time they can spend with their parents. Use this time to talk to your children. And remember to make stops to eat, get drinks, go to the restroom and let

your children expend pent-up energy.

Pack light

One thing to remember when traveling is to pack light. Only take what you can easily carry. Be considerate of others who may have to carry your luggage for you.

Get to the airport in plenty of time. Consider, even if you barely make it onto the plane before it takes off, your luggage may not.

Watch the baggage agent as he or she tags your baggage. If the three-letter abbreviation sounds unlike your destination ask if your bags are being sent to the right place.

Consider packing a 24-hour supply of clothing and personal items in your carry-on luggage. This will make the wait more comfortable if your luggage is lost. Having to buy new clothes or borrow from others is not the best way to start a Feast.

Single family members

The Feast is one big family reunion—but what if you are single, not part of a physical family? It isn't the time to be by yourself or to always be with other singles to the exclusion of others in the family.

In other words, get involved. Each site has planned and prepared activities for everyone to enjoy—for unity's sake. Appreciate the effort put forth to make each activity a success. Approach activities with support and enthusiasm—even if a

particular outing isn't your "cup of tea."

Why not go the extra mile and serve at activities? Find out who is in charge and ask how you can help. You can also serve families with small children or elderly people by being at their disposal.

Those at home

While you are at the Feast don't forget those back home.

Try sending your mother flowers from the Feast site. If you've not done this she will be quite grateful to you (after she recovers from the shock). It can do wonders with a nonmember family. Members unable to attend the Feast might appreciate flowers too.

How about a long-distance telephone call as a Feast gift? Even an international call might not be as expensive as you think. Ask the hotel desk clerk or the operator how much it will cost and when the least expensive time to call is. Don't assume that discount time is the same as your home country. You may want to limit your call to three or four minutes. Have a watch handy—time (and money) go quickly.

If you visit members or friends during your travels take along flowers for the hostess and consider a bottle of wine as a possible gift.

Applying these principles can help you—and others—have a more profitable Feast.

Coping with cultural differences

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—More than 6,100 U.S. brethren plan to keep the Feast of Tabernacles at international sites this year, according to Mark McCulley, Festival Office manager. Last year about 4,400 U.S. members attended international sites.

Some information for this article was provided by the Church's regional offices.

There is more to international travel than packing a suitcase and getting on an airplane. It is like visiting someone else's home. It may look like home, but it is a separate

slacks and shirts for men are acceptable almost everywhere.

Body language: Gestures have different meanings in different parts of the world. In the Philippines beckoning with the index finger is considered rude. In Asian and Muslim countries, do not hand anything to anyone with the left hand, and do not eat with the left hand. It is considered unclean.

In Arab countries, don't expose the soles of your shoes when sitting. In the Philippines prolonged eye contact is considered rude.

Communication: In some countries *yes* may not mean *yes* and *no* may not mean *no*. In their book, *Going International*, Lennie Copeland

For example, in Argentina it is best not to bring up the 1982 Falklands, or Malvinas, war. In Arab nations avoid discussing the Arab-Israeli conflict. In general, religion and politics are often touchy subjects.

Eating habits: In some nations, hands should always be kept above the table during a meal. In others, only the right hand is used.

In most parts of the Spanish-speaking world meals are taken at a relaxed tempo, so don't expect to rush in and eat and rush back out. Service may be much slower than that to which you are accustomed. In France, ordering milk or soft drinks with a meal and dousing your food with catsup are considered uncouth. To save embarrassment or offense, find out what is expected before dining out.

When inviting others to a meal, be sure to clarify details. In the Philippines, for example, the person who issues an invitation or suggestion to eat at a restaurant is expected to pay the bill.

Brethren may be unable to afford a meal at a restaurant visitors would choose. If those offering the invitation do not pick up the check, these brethren may have to go without other meals to cover the cost.

Rules on tipping vary from country to country. In some nations tipping is not allowed; in others it is not expected; in some it is added into your bill automatically; and in still others it is up to the guest to add it. Again, learn what is expected before dining out.

Each country features its own style of cuisine and preparation. Be sure what you are ordering is something you will want and be able to eat. You will not want to learn, too late, that what you thought was beef was horse meat, or that the chicken and rice dish you ate was served in an oyster sauce.

Driving: In West Germany, it is rude and dangerous to stay in the faster lanes of traffic on the freeway or autobahn unless passing. If a faster driver comes up behind you and flashes his lights, move over and let him by.

If driving, be aware of traffic rules and regulations. Watch how the locals drive, be courteous and remember which side of the road to drive on.

(See CULTURE, page 11)

Under-the-hood checks reduce auto breakdowns

"Vehicles should be checked out and made ready before the trip to help prevent problems from occurring at the Feast, where parts and repair work may be far more expensive and difficult to find," said evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration.

Users of self-serve or miniservice stations may miss those vital under-the-hood checks that are often routine at full-service stations. Many ignore or forget to check engine oil, antifreeze, hoses, fluid levels, brakes or the transmission.

Here are some tips.

- Have your car tuned up every 20,000 miles.
- Check engine belts. If there is a single crack on the underside of one, replace it.
- Be sure that hoses are soft and pliable and don't show signs of leaking.
- Check all fluid levels, including motor and transmission oil, power-steering and brake fluid, battery and radiator coolant fluids.

Remember brakes

- Check the brakes. "Probably the most helpless feeling you can have on the road is to push the brake pedal to the floor and have nothing happen, especially if you're going downhill," says Dean May, director of the Church's Fleet & Transportation Department.

If your brakes go out, you might restore pressure by pumping the brake pedal. Try the emergency or parking brake, but only brake gradually to avoid spinning the car. Then shift into a lower gear to allow the engine drag to slow down the car.

"You should always slow down and use extra caution . . . when weather or other factors adversely affect road conditions," Mr. May said.

- Don't drink and drive. Allow at least an hour to pass for each

drink before driving your car.

- Refuse to drive unless all occupants are belted in with seat belts.
- Night driving poses special problems. At night, illuminated road signs and dashboard instruments are easy to read. But dangerous hazards include dimly lit, unexpected obstacles such as animals and pedestrians. Watch for vehicles appearing suddenly from a parking space or side road.

Avoid driving all night or late into the night, Mr. Salyer said. "We should begin our travels early enough to allow reasonable driving distances each day, and even make motel reservations in advance to avoid being forced to drive farther than we should."

Towing trailers

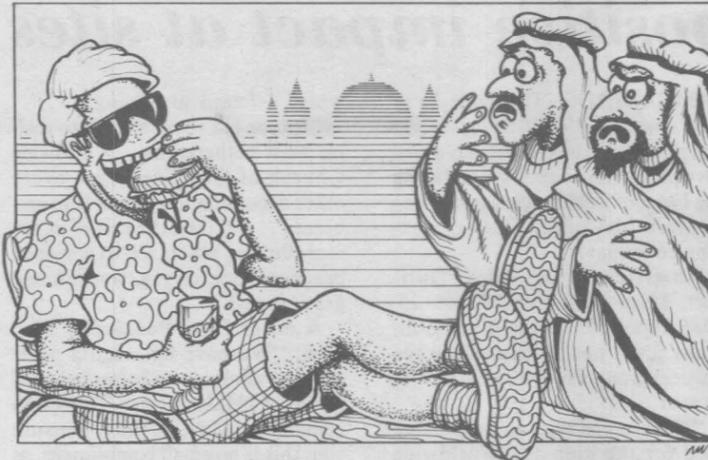
Towing a trailer puts a heavy load on the transmission and fluid. High capacity transmission oil coolers are specially tailored for the demands of trailer towing.

Here are some things to check before you go:

- Is your battery fully charged to ensure cold starts?
- Is your antifreeze sufficient for the coldest weather forecast for the Feast site?
- Do windshield wipers and washers work?
- Are tires properly inflated?
- Are lights and heater operating properly?
- Are the jack and lug wrench in the trunk?

Considering taking the following with you:

- tire chains, small snow shovel, ice scraper
- fire extinguisher
- first-aid kit
- flashlight
- jumper cables
- flares or triangle reflectors
- plastic jug of water
- tool kit, rags, duct tape



culture, and chances are that some things are done quite differently.

A lack of concern for these cultural differences has earned tourists, and particularly American tourists, a negative reputation in many countries. What is considered polite in one country may be rude elsewhere.

Research into what is acceptable or unacceptable in various countries can help members avoid adding to this reputation. Some areas in which problems can arise follow.

Dress: Modesty is the key here. In Muslim nations, for example, women may expose little more than their eyes. While this is not expected of tourists, discretion is advised. Elbows should be covered when visiting mosques or religious sites.

In the Caribbean islands (and other countries), the native community does not wear beach attire away from the beach.

Skirts and blouses for women and

Proper preparation is the key to successful international trip

By Kerri Miles

Those of you who have decided to attend the Feast in another country this year may be concerned that you have prepared properly. If so, read on. Here is some practical advice for the international traveler.

Making arrangements: To visit some countries you must have a visa, and in some you must have inoculations. Your travel agent or a consulate of the countries you plan to visit can advise you if these are necessary. Ask, don't assume.

You will need a passport to visit most countries. If you already have one, be sure it has not expired.

Make a photocopy of the identification pages of your passport, and give it to a traveling companion. If you lose your passport you will have a copy of the information needed by your country's embassy or consulate to issue a temporary replacement and allow you to return home.

Make your airline reservations and reconfirm them 72 hours before departure time both going and returning home. You won't want to show up at the airport and find you no longer have a reservation.

Packing: Consider the weather. Because of air or ocean currents some countries are warmer or cooler than you may expect. Many guidebooks have information about temperatures. Find out what the weather should be like at Feast time and plan your wardrobe accordingly.

If you plan to take a hair dryer, iron or other appliance, you might need a voltage converter.

Be aware of baggage restrictions. These vary from airline to airline, and some charge for extra pieces or weight. This is one reason to avoid overpacking. Another is that you may have to carry your luggage farther than you imagine. Try not to take more than you can comfortably

carry. For example, a large suitcase on rollers (within airline size restrictions) and one piece of carry-on luggage is usually sufficient.

Your ticket should inform you of baggage restrictions along with a list of items that may not be carried in your luggage.

At the airport: Often passengers for overseas flights are required to be at the airport earlier than for a domestic flight.

In most airports, security personnel will hand check your camera and film if you ask. They will also likely tell you that the low-level X rays will not damage your film, but you may want to be on the safe side. Take more film than you think you will need. Film can be much more expensive in another country.

Check with airport personnel about registering photographic equipment, watches and electronic items with customs agents before you leave. This is not necessary for travel to some countries, but if you are traveling to a country where there is a considerable market for such items, registering your items can save you time and money if a conflict arises on your return.

At your destination: You can change money right at the airport when you arrive. It is a good idea to go ahead and change some to cover incidentals such as taxi fare.

Later you may want to see if a bank or a moneychanger will give the best exchange rates. Be aware of currency restrictions and avoid unofficial exchanges, which may be illegal.

Business and banking hours may be different than at home. This is also true of museums and other places of interest.

Remember, distances may be farther than you think. Plan a schedule that allows plenty of travel time.

Traveling 100 miles in your home country may take two hours, in others it might take half a day.

Be careful about food. Microorganisms not prevalent in your home country can cause illness in another. Some precautions can help you avoid becoming sick: don't drink water or milk unless you know it is safe; buy bottled water; avoid uncooked food except fruits and vegetables that can be peeled; and make sure meat is thoroughly cooked.

You may want to avoid food from street vendors. It may not be prepared in sanitary conditions and there is a possibility of food poisoning.

Getting sufficient exercise can also help prevent illness from getting the best of you.

Coming home: Most countries have a departure tax, which must be



paid at the airport before you board your plane. Be sure to save enough local currency to take care of this.

Each traveler is allowed to bring a limited amount of merchandise home without paying duty. Find out the allowance for your country before leaving, and have receipts for items you've purchased in case there are questions.

U.S. residents may bring in \$400 worth of foreign merchandise duty free as long as they have been out of the country for 48 hours and haven't

brought in other foreign merchandise within 30 days. Canadians can claim a duty exemption of \$300 a year if they have been out of the country for at least seven days.

Certain items may not be transported from one country to another. Some countries have strict regulations regarding the import of products made from endangered animal species such as snakeskin, ivory and some furs. If you plan to buy such items, check customs regulations before leaving home.

Festival speakers announced

PASADENA—Church Administration released the following list of traveling speakers assigned from headquarters for the Feast.

Anchorage, Alaska: Lynn Torrance and Michael Swagerty; **Big Sandy:** Burk McNair and Clint Zimmerman; **Biloxi, Miss.:** Kenneth Williams and Burk McNair; **Chattanooga, Tenn.:** Richard Ames and Donald Mason.

Corpus Christi, Tex.: James Friddle and Robert Smith; **Dayton, Ohio:** Earl Williams and Dean Wilson; **Daytona Beach, Fla.:** Dean Wilson and Gerald Waterhouse; **Eugene, Ore.:** Charles Bryce; **Jekyll Island, Ga.:** Roderick Meredith and Dennis Luker.

Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii: Gregory Albrecht; **Mount Pocono, Pa.:** Frederick Kellers, Peter Nathan

and Leroy Neff; **Norfolk, Va.:** Dennis Luker and Roderick Meredith; **Pasadena:** Joseph Tkach Jr.; **Pensacola, Fla.:** Donald Ward and Kenneth Williams.

Rapid City, S.D.: Donald Mason and Richard Rice; **Sacramento, Calif.:** Norman Smith; **St. Petersburg, Fla.:** Gerald Waterhouse and Donald Ward; **Saratoga Springs, N.Y.:** Leroy Neff and Earl Williams; **Spokane, Wash.:** Michael Feazell.

Tucson: Robert Smith and James Friddle; **Tulsa, Okla.:** Richard Thompson and Richard Ames; **Vail, Colo.:** James Peoples and Joseph Tkach Jr.; **Wisconsin Dells, Wis.:** Richard Rice and Richard Thompson.

Amman, Jordan: Richard Frankel, Vernon Hargrove, Les

McColm and William Gordon; **Chiang Mai, Thailand:** John Halford, Fred Stevens, Colin Kelly and Gene Hogberg.

Canada

Charlottetown, P.E.I.: Ray Wooten; **Niagara Falls, N.Y.:** David Wainwright; **Penticton, B.C.:** Raymond McNair; **Regina, Sask.:** Arthur Docken; **Victoria, B.C.:** Raymond McNair.

Caribbean

Paradise Island, Bahamas: Lawrence Neff; **Christ Church, Barbados:** Arnold Hampton; **Hamilton, Bermuda:** Harold Jackson; **Roseau, Dominica:** Dan Rogers; **Georgetown, Guyana:** Willard High; **Ocho Rios, Jamaica:** James Jenkins; **Castries, St. Lucia:** Bob League; **Crown Point, Tobago:** (See SPEAKERS, page 12)

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

INCOMING STUDENTS ATTEND RECEPTION

PASADENA—Freshmen here and in Big Sandy met faculty members at freshman receptions during orientation week.

Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach met 235 Ambassador College freshmen at a formal reception in the Big Sandy Festival Administration Building Aug. 19.

The freshman class, which contains 38 students from international areas, is the largest class since the reopening of the college in 1981, according to evangelist Roderick Meredith, deputy chancellor.

One hundred seventy-three freshmen at Pasadena Ambassador College met with faculty members Aug. 20.

Freshmen were greeted in front of the Hall of Administration by Michael Kuykendall, student body president. They walked up the east steps to Ambassador Hall where they were welcomed by evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor. They then proceeded through the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center and to the academic mall, where they met the faculty and college administration.

Freshmen talked with faculty members until about 9:30 p.m., and then joined the rest of the student body in the student center for a dance, according to senior Bradley Reed, who coordi-



RECEPTION GREETING—Freshman Connie Als, from Corona, N.Y., meets evangelist Raymond McNair, Pasadena Ambassador College deputy chancellor, during the freshman reception Aug. 20. [Photo by Warren Watson]

nated the reception.

"It was a good welcome," said freshman Dennis Tse, 22, from Ottawa, Ont. "It was really a highlight of orientation week."

ACTIVITIES IN BIG SANDY KICK OFF SCHOOL YEAR

BIG SANDY—A Women's Club kickoff, welcome party and beach party helped students get acquainted and oriented for the school year.

"The stage is set . . . let the activities begin!" was the theme for the Women's Club kickoff meeting Aug. 20 in the dining hall. Coeds met club presidents and heard orientation speeches, according to Arlene Dion, overall Women's Club president.

Jennifer Montano, overall Women's Club vice president, was hostess. Miss Dion and Laura Worthen, Women's Club adviser, gave speeches. Evangelist Roderick Meredith, deputy

chancellor, and Richard Thompson, dean of students, also spoke to the coeds.

A welcome party "to mix the student body and to get them having fun together" took place Saturday night, Aug. 22, according to Nicholas Efthymoulos, student body president. Students played games and watched a slide show.

A beach party with the Mexican theme *somos una familia* (we are one family) took place at Lake Loma the next day, according to Mr. Efthymoulos. Students played volleyball and frisbee and swam. A frisbee-throwing contest and balloon toss were also part of the activities.

Tacos were served, and a sing-along took place at about 8 p.m.

Several students left the party early to serve on the WATS (Wide Area Telephone Service) lines. "We need a lot of Church and student labor. Everyone gets involved for a few hours on the weekend," said Mr. Efthymoulos.

STUDENTS GET ACQUAINTED AT ORIENTATION PICNIC

PASADENA—Students played carnival games, watched entertainment and ate family-style at a Country Fair get-acquainted picnic Aug. 23.

The picnic took place on the Ambassador College gymnasium lawn. Game booths, including a

dunk tank, bowling and dart games were available. Students participated in a volleyball tournament and sack race.

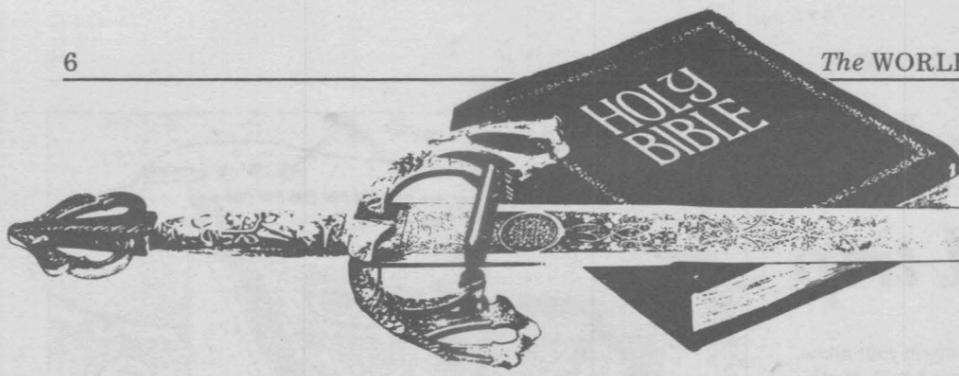
A pit barbecue dinner was served, according to Dwight Viehe, director of Student Center Services. Bruce Oxford, owner of Harmony Farms, a meat processing farm that sells beef to the college, provided the barbecue.

"There are just a few around that know how to do [a pit barbecue] the old-fashioned way," said Mr. Viehe. "He's been doing it for about 30 years." Mr. Oxford and Mr. Viehe began cooking the meat the night before the picnic.

A 3-foot wide, 3-foot deep and 10-foot long pit was dug in the outside amphitheater, and a fire burned in the pit until a 6-inch base of hot coals was formed. Seasoned beef, wrapped in parchment paper and gunny sacks, was put on top of the coals and covered with dirt, said Mr. Viehe.

The beef cooked for about 16 hours until 4 p.m. the next day, when the sacks were opened and the meat was cut for the picnic.

Before the entertainment portion of the picnic, Mr. Oxford spoke to the students. "He was very impressed with the college and the students and their cooperation," said Mr. Viehe.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Priorities, planning, serving: Make '87 Festival a happy one

By George M. Kackos

"Chag sameach!"

Remember those words? We used them at the Feast of Tabernacles last year. They mean "Happy Feast!"

For God's people this Hebrew saying, popularized by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, reveals what the Feast should be—a time of great happiness and a time when we as a spiritual family draw closer together: "And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates" (Deuteronomy 16:14).

George M. Kackos, pastor of the Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Mich., churches, is a regular contributor to The Good News.

How do we ensure the Feast is a time of family happiness? How do we help our mate, children and others enjoy a family Feast?

One major key is family goal setting. This is especially important as God's apostle, Mr. Tkach, weaves our individual families and Church family closer together.

Here are some points to keep in mind when setting your family's goals for the Feast:

When setting goals . . .

● **Put God first.** Putting God first is the focal point of the Feast: "Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the Lord thy God" (Deuteronomy 16:15).

When we do this, we reap the blessing of having fellowship with God. This brings our individual families together in the bonds of love (John 17:26).

So keep God at the center of the Feast. Don't become so busy with activities that you overlook the fundamental purpose of the Fall Festival—learning to fear God (Deuteronomy 14:23).

Take time for daily prayer and Bible study. Ask God to guide and

direct the success of the Feast.

Attend all the services. Listen attentively to the messages. Take notes and review them. Share what you're learning with your immediate family. Help your children to understand the messages and the meaning of the Feast (Deuteronomy 6:7).

And don't forget your spiritual family. They should be included in



your conversations about the spiritual lessons you are learning (Malachi 3:16-17).

● **Plan your activities.** What will you do en route to the Feast? What will you do at the Feast? Will you see some historical sites or natural wonders? Will you spend time at an amusement park? Which Church-sponsored activities will you attend? Where will you eat and shop?

You can answer some of these questions—and stimulate excitement about the Feast—by reading some travel publications. They are readily available at libraries and motorist clubs. Or request them free from travel bureaus in the area. Talk to brethren who have already been to your Feast site.

Have family discussions about everyone's desires. Let everyone freely express his or her goals and hopes. Ask your family questions. Then carefully plan your activities.

Don't overlook other people. They should be included in some of your activities. This is especially true of those who are alone at the Feast. They need to be a part of fam-

ily activities. Another way for this to happen is for singles to initiate activities with families.

● **Put priority on serving.** Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). People are needed to work on parking, hall setup, ushering, restroom duty and other assigned responsibilities. Besides volunteering or accepting these, we need to consider the many unassigned responsibilities.

Think about the widows who would enjoy a friendly conversation, the fatherless children who would enjoy a trip to an amusement park.

Open your eyes to the myriad of service opportunities that surround you. Don't become blinded by

selfishness to the needs of others.

Of course, it is important to set priorities on service. Some have become so "service-minded" that they have neglected their own families!

Be balanced. Recognize your limitations and use wisdom in determining where you should serve.

Besides getting needed items done, serving builds bonds of family togetherness—the feeling that we really care for one another. No wonder God's Feasts are called "feasts of charity" (Jude 12); at the Feasts God's people can truly display the attitude of service that binds us together.

● **Protect your health.** Missing services, activities and fellowship is not the way to enjoy a family Feast. But this can happen if we fail to protect our health.

God says, "It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep" (Psalm 127:2). It is also vain to overeat, drink too much or eat a poor diet (Isaiah 55:2).

Be sure to follow sound principles

of healthful living. Make it a goal to keep your family healthy during the Feast so they won't have to miss any of the services or activities that you've planned.

It takes effort

Rejoicing at the Feast as singles, individual families and collectively as God's begotten family is a wonderful experience. But it doesn't happen automatically. It takes effort to sit down and make right goals—to determine what it takes to enjoy a happy family Festival.

This is something I've had to do as a single man, a married man and as a man with one, then two and now three children, one of whom is a teenager. Though our circumstances have changed, these principles have always helped us enjoy the Feast. And they will help you, even if you are single, to enjoy a happy family Feast.

Why? Because you're part of God's family—a family that wants to greet you at this year's Feast by saying, "Chag sameach!"

Feast pictures God's plan

God desires to dwell with us

By James E. Kisse

God wants to dwell with His people. This is a major lesson of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Numerous Bible passages point to the fact that God wants to be with the people through whom He is working.

James E. Kisse is director of Student Employment and an assistant professor at the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College.

For example, God moved the great cloud between the host of Israel and the warriors of Egypt to protect the Israelites (Exodus 14:19-20). When the Tabernacle in the wilderness was finished, the presence of God filled it (Exodus 40:34-35). The glory of God filled the Temple in Jerusalem (II Chronicles 7:1-2). The apostle John said that the hope of all those who purify themselves spiritually is to see God "as he is" (I John 3:2-3).

The Feast of Tabernacles, kept "in the place which he shall choose" (Deuteronomy 14:23, 16:15), was to remind Israel of God's desire to dwell with them. Today, we as New Testament Christians renew our hope of seeing God "as he is" by keeping the Feast of Tabernacles each year in the place God has chosen through the Church.

The message of Ezekiel

Ezekiel, whose name meant "God strengthens," was a prophet in exile. From a priestly family (Ezekiel 1:3), he grew up in Judea during the last years of Judah's independence. He was deported to Babylon with King Jehoiachin in 597 B.C.

A main message of the book of Ezekiel vividly illustrates God's desire to be with His people.

Ezekiel lived with the Jewish exiles by the River Chebar (Ezekiel 1:1, 3:15). He was called to be a prophet in the fifth year of his captivity. The last date mentioned in the book of Ezekiel is the 27th year (Ezekiel 29:17); we may deduce that Ezekiel's work lasted 22 years, from about 593 to 571 B.C.

Ezekiel began his prophecies at a

time when the nation of Israel was at the lowest ebb of its history, spiritually and nationally.

On the day the final siege of Jerusalem began, Ezekiel's wife suddenly became sick and died. In this, Ezekiel became a sign to the people of greater sorrow coming. He wasn't allowed to mourn.

Ezekiel's last prophecies were uttered after Jerusalem had fallen and the Temple had been destroyed. Only a pitiful remnant was left in the land. Israel's spirit was broken.

But a prophecy centuries before had detailed what would happen if Israel broke the covenant with God. God predicted that the Israelites would say, "Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?" (Deuteronomy 31:17).

God warned, "And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought" (verse 18).

Ezekiel recorded God's departure from the Temple and the midst of the people (Ezekiel 10:4, 18-19, 11:22-24). Only a few brief centuries after God entered the Temple, He reluctantly left dwelling with His chosen nation. The destruction of the city and deportation of the remaining tribes was imminent.

But Ezekiel received and delivered prophecies that pointed toward the Kingdom of God and the return of the presence of God to earth! These were prophecies of hope and consolation on a grand scope. The close relationship between God and His creation will yet be restored!

The book of Ezekiel concludes with a name of God given only in the book of Ezekiel. This appears to be the last name by which God reveals Himself and His character in the Old Testament. The last words of Ezekiel are *Yahweh-shammah*, meaning "God is there" (Ezekiel 48:35). It is a fitting name.

This name represents God's promise that He will finish His plan for man. God is going to once again dwell among His people. This is the fabulous time we look forward to. So as we go to the Feast sites where God has chosen to place His name, we picture God's plan to place His

name on the whole earth!

God and man reconciled

Jesus Christ is coming as King of kings, to rule the entire earth and set up the Kingdom of God (Revelation 19:16). He is going to replace this world's present evil governments and establish an everlasting kingdom. God's presence will never be removed from that Kingdom.

When God again dwells among His chosen people, what will it be like?

As nations begin to see the positive results of the righteous and loving rule of God's government, they will seek Christ and ask for instruction in God's way of life (Isaiah 61:1). The prophet Micah wrote that people will flow to the government of God to be educated in the art of peace (Micah 4:1-3).

Isaiah wrote, "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee" (Isaiah 12:6).

Jeremiah says, "At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord" (Jeremiah 3:7). This hope stirred the minds of the prophets and patriarchs (Psalm 140:13).

Ezekiel prophesied about God's return to His spiritual Temple: "And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory . . . and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house" (Ezekiel 43:2, 5). "Neither will I hide my face any more from them" (Ezekiel 39:29). "I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever" (Ezekiel 43:7, 9).

By keeping the Feast of Tabernacles in the place God chooses, we reflect our dependence on God and our submission to God's authority. In this way, we who keep the feasts also prepare to dwell with God. Of course, God is also with those who must remain at home. And all who are able to attend should remember these brethren.

Ezekiel put the crowning touch on this subject of God's presence when he spoke of the time we shall see God "as he is": "And the name of the city from that day shall be, The Lord is there" (Ezekiel 48:35).

from the Pastor General's Report

Some members are making plans for the Feast of Tabernacles that include travel on the Day of Atonement. Is this proper in God's sight?

Leviticus 23 contains instructions about how to properly observe the Day of Atonement. Members should realize the importance of the Holy Days in God's plan and not compromise this sacred time for their own personal pursuits.

The instruction for the Day of Atonement is distinct from that for the other Holy Days in that no allowance is made for work in the preparation of food. Obviously, God wants our minds focused on Him and our relationship with Him on that day.

Normally, therefore, one should not plan Feast travel that would in-

fringe on the Day of Atonement. Yet, on occasion, a segment of Feast travel may *unavoidably* end or begin on the Holy Day.

If a member has done what God has commanded concerning this day, including attending services, it would not be wrong in rare cases to board a necessary scheduled flight before the sun has completely set.

Clearly, it is not God's will that brethren make travel plans to the exclusion of keeping the Day of Atonement as a holy convocation and a fast day.

There may be special circumstances that warrant travel on the Day of Atonement. Members should bring these to their pastors' attention for consideration.

Church Administration keeps lines of communication open

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—The phone rings continuously. Messages are taken. Calls are returned. People come in to ask questions, keep appointments and learn about headquarters.

"We get calls from all over the world, and maybe 100 people come into the office on an average day," said Mary Harkins, a receptionist.

A computer network runs through the offices. A map of the United States shows the location of each church area along with the ministers serving there. Other maps show each of the Church's 12 international regions, again showing churches, ministers and ministerial circuits (groups of churches pastored by the same minister). Most are accompanied by a photograph of the regional director and his wife.

This is Church Administration. This department supervises the ministry and all aspects of the field churches—ordinations, promotions, transfers and ministerial education, which includes a section in the Pastor General's Report, the Deacon-Elder Lecture Series, the church visit program, in which ministers from headquarters visit church areas, the Ministerial Refreshing Program and taped lectures of Ambassador College classes.

"We counsel them, instruct them and listen to them," said evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration. "We answer questions, assist with legal problems and unusual circumstances—all doctrinal and administrative issues. Some matters require help from other departments or Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach."

Mr. Salyer said that procedural matters and problems are handled any time of the day or night.

"I enjoy meeting the requests the field ministers have in a timely manner and keeping the lines of

communication open," said Joseph W. Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration.

"We are not a stopping point," Mr. Salyer added. "All ministers and regional directors have direct access to Mr. Tkach. Generally they start with us though."

As operation manager, Mr. Salyer keeps Mr. Tkach informed of what is happening with Church Administration and the ministry. He has access to Mr. Tkach "whenever I need to see him. It varies a great deal from week to week."

Internationally, Church Administration assists with the acquisition of space for church facilities, annual budgets and projections for the work in each area. The offices are in communication through telephone and fax lines, and Mr. Salyer is in regular telephone contact with all of the regional offices.

From time to time "the need for travel to maintain contact has arisen," he said. "But routine administrative functions are handled through Pasadena." Mr. Salyer visited parts of Europe and Africa this year.

Church Administration analyzes Church growth to determine needs for new churches and field manpower, reviews requests for new churches and selects and hires ministers and trainees to fulfill the needs.

The Church Administration staff, supervised by office manager John Anderson, maintains ordination and church attendance records, produces the ministerial and church address book, oversees ministerial expenses and church hall rentals, assists ministers with transfers, administers second- and third-tithe assistance and provides administrative support for Public Bible Lectures.

Other campus departments operate under the auspices of Church Administration. One of these, coordi-

nated by Kermit Nelson, is Youth Opportunities United, which organizes national activities such as the annual photo, essay and talent contests and the Summer Educational Programs. YOU also provides guidelines for youth programs within church areas.

Fleet & Transportation, coordinated by Dean May, provides vehicles for the U.S. field ministry and campus departments. Mr. May and his staff handle insurance, maintenance and resale of the vehicles.

The Festival Office, coordinated by Mark McCulley, sets up convention sites and secures housing, often at discount rates, and handles other aspects of preparation for the Feast of Tabernacles.



CHURCH ADMINISTRATION FAMILY—Some of the employees of Church Administration, including Youth Opportunities United, the Festival Office and Fleet & Transportation, gather on the steps of the Hall of Administration. [Photo by Warren Watson]

'I consider my family a strong base'

Director's work is never done

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—His job is to oversee Church Administration office functions, make decisions and give counsel. He helps other operation managers understand how decisions made at headquarters can affect the field ministry worldwide. He brings to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach matters that require his attention. His work is never done.

He is evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration.

Mr. Salyer said the most challenging aspect of his job is "keeping so many things in mind at all times—an incredible flood of information—so that no one is left hanging and all questions are answered."

The ability to help others is the most rewarding side of his job.

"Sometimes it will be a Church member with a personal problem, sometimes a minister in on the refreshing program. To help someone overcome a difficult problem is, for any minister, a rewarding experience," Mr. Salyer said.

Mr. Salyer was born the eighth of 10 children in Rensselaer, Ind. After attending five quarters at Ball State Teacher's College in Muncie, Ind., he worked in steel mills and drilled water wells.

July 20, 1963, Mr. Salyer married Judy Oldham, and one week later they attended Sabbath services for the first time.

Mr. Salyer said he and his wife "have always worked very closely together ever since we began serving the Church. While the present

job does not lend itself to working together the same way throughout the day, Judy remains a great source of counsel and inspiration."

By the time he went to attend Big Sandy Ambassador College in 1965, his first daughter, Lisa (now 23 and married to Andrew Burnett), was born. When he graduated with the pioneer class in 1968, his family included a son, Jeffrey (now 20).

The next 14 years saw the birth of



LARRY AND JUDY SALYER

another daughter, Julie (now 17), and a son, Randal (now 10). During this time Mr. Salyer served in the field ministry. He was ordained a local elder in 1968, a preaching elder in 1969 and a pastor in 1979.

These years in the field ministry helped prepare Mr. Salyer for his current position. His experience from associate pastor to area coordinator gave him "a broad perspective of what goes on in the field and the day-to-day needs of the ministry," he said.

In August, 1982, Mr. Salyer went to serve as dean of students at the Big Sandy campus. He said this experience of working in an administrative setting made the transition from the field ministry to the Church Administration office a little easier.

Mr. Salyer has also served as a Festival coordinator, worked with Youth Opportunities United and the Summer Educational Program and taught classes in the Ministerial Refreshing Program. He was raised in rank to evangelist Aug. 23, 1986.

Mr. Salyer likes to spend his free time with his family. "Sometimes we get out the guitar and pick and sing," he said. "Both the boys like bowling, and everyone likes to play basketball, so we shoot baskets in the driveway and sometimes get away on Sunday mornings for a couple of lines of bowling together."

"I consider my family a strong base, which helps maintain a right perspective for serving God's family worldwide," Mr. Salyer said.

Assistant director draws on past training

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA—"I enjoy the level of challenge and the level of service that I'm able to give," said Joseph William Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration.

In August, 1986, Mr. Tkach Jr. was named assistant director of Church Administration. He assists evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration. He plans and coordinates the Ministerial Refreshing Program, the regional directors conference and the Deacon-Elder Lecture Series.

Mr. Tkach Jr. was ordained a pastor-rank minister in April.

In general Mr. Tkach Jr. coordinates U.S. ministers, and Mr. Salyer the international ministers.

The Tkach home

Joseph William Tkach Jr., 35, the first of three children of Joseph W. and Elaine Tkach, was born in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23, 1951.

Mr. Tkach Jr. remembers watching the black and white *World Tomorrow* telecasts in 1955. He was 5 years old when his parents were baptized in March, 1957.

"Our family was always close," Mr. Tkach Jr. said. "My parents treated us each equally, but individually" and made allowances for the different personalities of the children.

When the Tkach family moved from Chicago to Pasadena in 1966, so Mr. Tkach Sr. could attend Ambassador College, his son enrolled in Imperial Schools as a sophomore.

Mr. Tkach Jr. graduated in 1969, entered Ambassador College and graduated in 1973.

During his junior year he served as a ministerial trainee in the Glendale, Calif., A.M. and P.M. churches, west of Pasadena.

After graduation he served as a trainee in Fort Wayne and Elkhart, Ind., from June to October, 1973, and from October, 1973, until June, 1974, he served in the Detroit,



JOSEPH JR. AND TAMARA TKACH Mich., West church.

He was assistant pastor of the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo, Calif., churches from June, 1974, to February, 1975, when he was transferred to the Phoenix, Ariz., East church.

Mr. Tkach Jr. was ordained a local elder on Pentecost in 1976. Later that year he was one of 35 ministerial trainees terminated in a budget cut. He stayed on in Phoenix as assistant pastor until July, 1978.

Professional development

Mr. Tkach Jr. was employed as a

child-care worker developing and implementing rehabilitation programs for juvenile delinquents in a residential treatment program. He took extension classes in psychology from Arizona State University.

Then he began working for the state government as a social service worker in an institution for the mentally retarded. From there he transferred to the field to be a community social service worker.

"As a case worker I handled the broadest range of problems one can imagine," Mr. Tkach Jr. said.

In 1979 he was promoted to evaluate child and adult day programs and residential programs in Arizona. In a matrix management environment, he was responsible for reviewing \$40 million of services contracted to nonprofit organizations on an annual basis. He served in that position until 1984.

During that time he was trained to be a consultant for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). He traveled to facilities around the country to evaluate their programs using CARF standards.

In 1984 he received a masters degree in business administration from Western International University in Phoenix.

From 1984 to August, 1986, he worked at Intel Corp., where he developed and evaluated administrative training.

"As supervisor of corporate services training, it was a learning experience to work for a profit-oriented organization as compared to a nonprofit organization," Mr. Tkach Jr. said. Intel invented the semicon-

ductor, which is used in computers.

"Little did I realize my experience with past jobs would have prepared me for assisting in the automation of the Church Administration office," he said.

"All the tasks I did in all my other jobs are very similar to all the things I'm doing in this job—with one exception, the subject matter is different and closer to my heart."

Another generation

June 15, 1980, Mr. Tkach Jr. married the former Tamara Hall in Denver, Colo. They met through a friend of his sister, Charlene Melear, wife of Thomas Melear, pastor of the churches in Maine. Mrs. Tkach Jr. graduated from Pasadena Ambassador College in 1978.

They have one son, Joseph William Tkach III, born Jan. 4, 1986.

"Tammy and I are able to help my mom when my dad is on trips," Mr. Tkach Jr. said.

"When my father is in town I see him nearly every night," he said.

"My dad likes to walk—three, four, five miles every day. Then we sit in the jacuzzi and talk over world events."

Mr. Tkach Jr. continued: "My dad's famous for not sleeping much. Sometimes we'll stay up later than other people do. Whereas my dad maybe only goes on four or five hours of sleep a night, I'm more of a six-hour a night person."

About his responsibilities as assistant director, Mr. Tkach Jr. said, "I never dreamed that I would ever be here doing this, but I'm happy for the opportunity to assist Mr. Salyer and my dad."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ANDERSON, Daryl and Donna (Ramey), of Comer, Wash., girl, Jessica Lynn, July 26, 11:46 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

AVILEZ, Jeffrey and Belinda (Compton), of Wichita, Kan., girl, Rachel Faye, June 1, 5 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BACKFISCH, Gilbert and Debra (Buell), of Cape Girardeau, Mo., boy, Andrew Wayne, July 29, 2:40 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 boys.

BELL, Robert and Lynette (Cooner), of Comer, Ga., girl, Lindsay Jayne, July 26, 10:29 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BILLINGS, Barry and Gail (Burriss), of Memphis, Tenn., boy, Jathan Evan, July 20, 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BOBBETT, James and Etta Sue (Jackson), of Lincoln, Neb., boy, Jeffrey Lance, March 17, 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 5 boys.

BROWN, Marcus and Carole (Funk), of Garden Grove, Calif., boy, Nathaniel Marc, June 22, 9:35 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BURNETT, David and Kathie (Long), of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Starla Raeshel, July 12, 7:48 a.m., 6 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

CHAMBERLAIN, Larry and Renee (Roper), of Garden Grove, Calif., boy, Curtis Neil, Feb. 13, 4:42 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

COCKRELL, Tim and Cathy (Lucas), of Kansas City, Mo., boy, Jason Lee, July 17, 12:31 a.m., 5 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

COLLIER, Michael and Elizabeth (Griffith), of St. Louis, Mo., girl, Mika Elizabeth, May 8, 1:44 a.m., 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

DAVENPORT, Galen and Lee Ann (Adams), of Huntsville, Ala., boy, Keegan Ross, July 26, 10:29 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

DAVIS, John and Terry (Reagan), of Elgin, Ore., boy, Stephen William, Aug. 4, 10:59 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

FREDERICK, Bradley and Denise (Williams), of Kenton, Mich., boy, Kenneth Andrew, June 19, 4:57 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GALLUPI, Kenneth and Valerie (Hellerman), of Raleigh, N.C., boy, Gabriel Jon, July 22, 11:10 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GRAY, Doug and Eve (Lea), of Johannesburg, South Africa, girl, Shannah Evelyn, June 17, 4:20 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 4 girls.

GRAY, Richard and Bonnie (Breinig), of Palisade, Colo., boy, Brett Benjamin Thurer, July 18, 6:06 a.m., 9 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

HAMEL, Normand and Francine (Bilodeau), of Montreal, Que., girl, Naomi, July 24, 4:34 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 girls.

HILGENBERG, Gene and Melissa (Terrill), of Joplin, Mo., girl, Sarah Renee, July 12, 3:05 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

JOHNSON, Steven and Christine (Wegner), of Delavan, Wis., boy, Jeremiah Steven, July 15, 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

JONES, Herman and Diane (McBride), of Jacksonville, Fla., boy, David Michael, April 8, 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

KEEFER, Eric and Karla (Barnes), of Salem, Ore., boy, Aaron Jonathan, July 29, 3:12 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

KUHLMAN, Billy Jack and Patricia (Goodyear), of Springfield, N.M., girl, Sharalyn Ann, May 17, 9:55 a.m., 6 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

LAMBERT, Michael and Suzanne (Balmas), of Orlando, Fla., boy, Jared Balmas, June 12, 6:15 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

LARRABEE, Richard and Robin (Layon), of Lawrence, Mass., boy, Daniel-Richard Layon, June 3, 12:07 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

MARTIN, Alan and Connie (Kysar), of Blackfoot, Idaho, girl, Alysia Cherie, May 22, 7:55 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

MATKIN, Neil and Janyth (Clemons), of Pasadena, boy, Nathaniel Wyatt, May 10, 12:59 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

McCONAUGHEY, Gary and Jane (Gervais), of Oxford, Mass., boy, Randy Gary, May 19, 7:58 a.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

McLEAN, John and Heather (Fawcett), of Sydney, Australia, boy, Jonathan David, July 23, 6:30 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

NICHOLSON, James and Jean (DiRamo), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Rachael Maxine, July 14, 2:47 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

PANARELLI, Ron and Anna (Seaver), of Providence, R.I., girl, Joelle Angela, July 4, 7:08 p.m., 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

PORTER, Pappy and Kathleen (Porter), of Concord, N.H., boy, Ephraim Joseph, May 27, 12:06 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys.

RANDENBURG, Dan and Yvonne (De Bakker), of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Julius Jeremy, June 26, 7:16 a.m., 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RICHARDSON, Terry and Cheryl (Henry), of Baton Rouge, La., girl, Allison Marie, July 16, 8:58 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

RUSCAK, Greg and Freida (Yoder), of Columbus, Ohio, boy, Seth Thomas, June 26, 8:02 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SEEVER, Thomas and Janel (Turner), of Midland, Mich., boy, Cortland Alan, July 6, 11:03 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

SONNTAG, Daniel and Faith (MacMain), of London, Ont., boy, Jonathan Daniel, July 22, 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SPARKS, Kenneth Jr. and Pamela (McIver),

of Portland, Maine, boy, Ryan Timothy, July 21, 4:05 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

STAUTH, Grant and Mary (Chronik), of Lethbridge, Alta., girl, Teira Marie, May 26, 7:10 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SWANEY, William and Sharon (Spencer), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Mindy Marie, June 1, 8:59 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

URIA, Ric and Terri (Atkins), of Homedale, Idaho, girl, Michelle JeNae, July 3, 10:59 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 girls.

VERNICH, David and Connie (Burns), of Nashville, Tenn., boy, Paul David, June 6, 5:06 a.m., 8 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, first child.

WARD, Jeffery and Catherine (Hutzler), of Green Bay, Wis., boy, David Ross, July 1, 10:40 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WELCH, Jim and Mary (Jurkowski), of Waukesha, Wis., girl, Emily Anna, June 23, 9:30 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. R.R. McNeil of Brownfield, Tex., are delighted to announce the engagement of their third daughter, Cathy Elaine, to Byron A. Norrod, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Norrod of San Antonio, Tex. A Nov. 29 wedding in Lubbock, Tex., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pensyl of Sterling Heights, Mich., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sandra Leah to Benjamin M. Reeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Reeck of Palmyra, Mich. A Nov. 15 wedding in Royal Oak, Mich., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tanksley of Cash, Ark., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa Ann to Brian Kritzell of Pasadena. A Sept. 6 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. REX NEWNHAM

Rex E. Newnham and Lorna Catton, members who attend the Bradford, England, church, were united in marriage July 22. The ceremony was performed by David Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough and Newcastle upon Tyne, England, churches. Joyce Powell was matron of honor, and Stuart Powell was best man. The couple reside in Skipton, England.



MR. AND MRS. DANIEL THOMPSON

Cindi Michele Block, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall L. Block of Natchitoches, La., and Daniel Michael Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Thompson of Calgary, Alta., were united in marriage May 25 on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by Richard Thompson, Big Sandy dean of students. Kelly Sue Block, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Kenneth Kerr Jr. was best man. Cindi is a 1985 graduate of Big Sandy Ambassador College, and Daniel is a senior at the Pasadena campus. The couple reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. NEIL REINGOUDT

Tammy Jean Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Ware of Prairie Grove, Ark., and Neil Andrew Reingoudt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Reingoudt Jr. of West Palm Beach, Fla., were united in marriage July 5. The ceremony was performed by Russell Duke, a preaching elder and an associate professor at Big Sandy Ambassador College. Diane Scherm was maid of honor, and Larry Haworth, a faculty member at Big Sandy Ambassador College, was best man. The couple, both Pasadena Ambassador

College graduates, reside in Lake Worth, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. GENE CHMILAR

Debbie Ruth Morgan, daughter of Allan and Ruth Morgan of Drayton Valley, Alta., and Gene Wayne Charles Chmilar, son of Bill and Olga Zylizny, were united in marriage Dec. 21, 1986, in Edmonton, Alta. The ceremony was performed by Douglas Smith, pastor of the Edmonton North and South churches. Sandy Schmucker was maid of honor, and Jim Warkentin and Gerry Sinkler were the groom's attendants. The couple reside in Edmonton.



MR. AND MRS. CARROL MILLER

Carol Morken of Carlton, Minn., and Carrol Miller of Altadena, Calif., were united in marriage June 21 in Superior, Wis. Kermit Neilson, a local elder who coordinates Youth Opportunities United, performed the ceremony. Diane Kabbes was matron of honor, and Brian Morken, brother of the bride, was best man. The couple reside in Altadena. Mr. Miller supervises the Personal Correspondence Department in the Church's Mail Processing Center.



MR. AND MRS. DENNIS CLIFTON

Janet Mary Hope and Dennis Ray Clifton were united in marriage July 12 in Mount Vernon, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Dan Creed, pastor of the Mount Vernon and Belleville, Ill., churches. JoAnn Hope, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Danny Hawthorne was best man. The couple reside in Salem, Ill.



MR. AND MRS. MOHAU MOTSAPI

Dineo Jemimah Twala of Harrismith, South Africa, and Mohau Jonas Motsapi of Qwaqwa, South Africa, were united in marriage Feb. 1. The ceremony was performed by Robert Klynsmith, pastor of the Bloemfontein, South Africa, church. The couple reside in Qwaqwa.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD BENT

Narelle Ligh Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wright of Gold Coast, Australia, and Richard B. Bent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Murray, also of Gold Coast, were united in marriage Aug. 31, 1986. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father,

mail processing director at the Church's Australian Regional Office. Ray Murray, brother of the groom, was best man, and Debbie Elimov, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. The couple reside in Gold Coast.



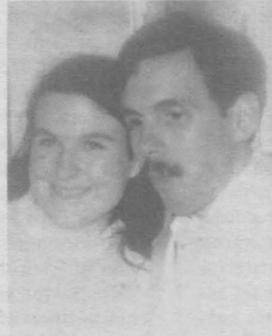
MR. AND MRS. TIM VAN HALTEREN

Yke Jantje Pot and Tim van Halteren were united in marriage June 10. The ceremony was performed by Bram de Bree, regional director for the Church in the Netherlands. The couple reside in Spakenburg, Netherlands.



MR. AND MRS. G. GARDNER

Gregory R. Gardner and Linde Halverson were married May 24. Michael Germano, associate pastor of the San Bernardino and Banning, Calif., churches, performed the ceremony.



MR. AND MRS. T. SCHLENKERMAN

Beth Ann Calder of Rochester, N.Y., and Timothy James Schlenkerman of Cleveland, Ohio, were united in marriage June 21 in Waltham, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by Leslie Schmudes, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches. William Calder, brother of the bride, was best man, and Irene Calder, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor. The couple reside in Rochester.



MR. AND MRS. MARK WISE

Michelle Annie Messier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Messier of Langley, B.C., and Mark Allen Wise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wise of Marion, N.C., were united in marriage May 31. Dan Hope, pastor of the Abbotsford, B.C., church, performed the ceremony. Jeffrey Broadnax was best man, and Ethel Wiggins was maid of honor. The bride is a 1985 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, and the groom is a 1987 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate. The couple reside in Marion, N.C.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Churches take part in range of activities

July 18 marked the first service of the **Dublin, Ga.**, church. Members for the new congregation came from the Macon, Augusta, Savannah and Moultrie, Ga., churches. George Hart pastors the Dublin and Augusta churches.

The next day, Sunday, July 19, **Fayetteville, N.C.**, brethren took 27 senior citizens to lunch at a steak house and to a live performance



MR. AND MRS. ROBIN CORBIN

Jayne Margaret Wiggand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wiggand of Belleville, Ill., and Robin Everett Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Corbin of Smyrna, Tenn., were united in marriage July 18 in Belleville. The ceremony was performed by Dan Creed, pastor of the Belleville and Mount Vernon, Ill., churches. Sandy Rogers was maid of honor, and Nathan Corbin, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Warner Robins, Ga.



MR. AND MRS. HERMAN VALIANT

Kearicia Lafayette Jordan of Madison, Ala., and Herman Valiant were united in marriage July 26 in Madison. The ceremony was performed by F. Otto Lochner Jr., pastor of the Huntsville and Florence, Ala., churches. The couple reside in the Huntsville area.



MR. AND MRS. T. WILKINSON

Stephanie Marie Battaglini and Thomas Robert Wilkinson were united in marriage June 14 in Oxford, Conn. The ceremony was performed by Lawrence Woodbridge Jr., pastor of the Meriden, Conn., church. Victoria Mrosk was maid of honor, and Ken Ritchie was best man. The couple reside in Seymour, Conn.



MR. AND MRS. WILBUR WEST

More than 150 family members and friends gathered at an open house July 12 to honor Wilbur and Mary West on their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. West, members who attend the Lansing, Mich., church, first attended services 22 years ago in Detroit, Mich. They have four children, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Roland and Margarite Plamondon of Lac La Biche, Alta., celebrated 50 years of marriage June 26 to 28. They have five children, Jean Paul, Real (deceased), Al, Wade and Bart. The Plamondons also have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Their children gave them a fully furnished cabin as an anniversary gift. The cabin was built by the Plamondons' children, grandchildren and neighbors. The Plamondons have been Church members since 1974.



MR. AND MRS. DICK WALKER

Dick and Ruth Walker of Franston, Tex., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 7. The Walkers have three children, Suzanna, Jim and Gene; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

FELLEMAN, William F., 70, of Mims, Fla., died June 15. He has been a Church member since 1972. Mr. Felleman is survived by his wife, Hilda; a daughter, Teresa A. Harris; and two grandchildren.

GERCHAK, Anne, 49, of Chico, Calif., died May 30 after a long illness. She was baptized in 1963. Mrs. Gerchak is survived by her husband, Richard; and three children, Laura Annette Smith, R. David Bettes and Brian G. Bettes, all Church members. Memorial services were conducted by Ray Lisman, pastor of the Chico and Eureka, Calif., churches.

WHEELER, William P., 67, of Guilford, N.Y., died July 14. He has been a Church member since 1969. Mr. Wheeler is survived by his wife, Evalyn, also a Church member, his mother, two sons, five daughters and eight grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Dennis Diehl, pastor of the Binghamton and Corning, N.Y., churches.

WRIGHT, William Harold, 71, of Yarnell, Ariz., was found dead Aug. 3 after he disappeared on his way home from a fishing trip. He has been a Church member since 1966. Mr. Wright is survived by his wife, Ouita; two daughters, Elaine Werner and Jeanne; a son, Corbin; two grandchildren; five brothers; and five sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Walter Neufeld, pastor of the Prescott and Verde Valley, Ariz., churches.

EVANS, Lloyd Jerrell, 51, of Malden, Mo., died of a heart attack July 29. He has been a Church member since 1970. Mr. Evans is survived by his wife, Beulah, two sons, two daughters and three grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Clyde Kilough, pastor of the Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Jonesboro, Ark., churches.

REYNOLDS, Patricia L., 57, of Mount Clemens, Mich., died July 12 of a heart attack. She has been a Church member since June, 1978. Mrs. Reynolds is survived by her husband, Martin; a daughter, Sandra Womack; two sons, Jerry and Ed Dubay; two brothers, Robert Klar and Frank Hughes; and 12 grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Vincent Szymkowiak, pastor of the Detroit, Mich., East church.

McMULLEN, T.C. Jr., 69, of Lufkin, Tex., died Aug. 1 of a heart ailment. He has been a Church member since February, 1968. Mr. McMullen is survived by his wife, Mary, also a Church member; a son, Ronald; two daughters, Anita Hunter and Janice Florey; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Robert Peoples, pastor of the Lufkin and Longview, Tex., churches.

DEWDNEY, Ruth, 79, of Victoria, B.C., died Aug. 7. She has been a Church member since September, 1964. Mrs. Dewdney is survived by two sisters, Helen, a Church member, and Doreen. A memorial service was conducted by William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., churches.

BENNETT, Bertie, 60, of Gallatin, Tenn., died July 12 of an apparent seizure. Mr. Bennett was baptized Sept. 14, 1968, and ordained a deacon Aug. 16, 1975. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Olga, also a Church member; one brother; and one sister. Funeral services were conducted by William Vernich, a minister in the Nashville, Tenn., church.

STONEMAN, James Curtis, 63, of Lebanon, Tenn., died in a home fire July 17. Mr. Stoneman was baptized in September, 1971. He is survived by his wife; one son, James Curtis Jr., a Church member; two daughters; one brother; seven sisters; and two grandsons. Funeral services were conducted by Paul Kurts, associate pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches.

BENNETT, Bertie, 60, of Gallatin, Tenn., died July 12 of an apparent seizure. Mr. Bennett was baptized Sept. 14, 1968, and ordained a deacon Aug. 16, 1975. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Olga, also a Church member; one brother; and one sister. Funeral services were conducted by William Vernich, a minister in the Nashville, Tenn., church.

STONEMAN, James Curtis, 63, of Lebanon, Tenn., died in a home fire July 17. Mr. Stoneman was baptized in September, 1971. He is survived by his wife; one son, James Curtis Jr., a Church member; two daughters; one brother; seven sisters; and two grandsons. Funeral services were conducted by Paul Kurts, associate pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches.

The club used the refunded money to help two Big Sandy Ambassador College freshmen from the Bradford church. **George Hart, Henry P. Hansard, Holly Hannaway and Stuart M. Powell.**

Italian area flowering, regional director shows

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA—Italian brethren are "absolutely outstanding—many tremendously converted people," said pastor Michael Caputo.

About 150 people attend services. Italian Church members live quite far from one another, but they keep in touch by letter and telephone.

The average time for brethren to travel to services is four hours. One member travels six to seven hours and makes it to every service.

Work begins in Italy

Preaching the Gospel in the Italian language began five years ago. In January, 1982, the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong called evangelist Carn Catherwood to his office.

"I had no idea what he wanted me for," Mr. Catherwood said. He learned that Mr. Armstrong wanted a work to be done in Italy, but was hesitant because of a lack of Italian-speaking ministers.

Mr. Armstrong named Mr. Catherwood regional director and asked him to become fluent in Italian (he had taken one college-level course) and to begin an Italian-language *Plain Truth*.

That first issue, the July-August *La Pura Verita*, was put together with "great difficulty," he said. Now most of the basic booklets and the first 11 lessons of the Correspondence Course are printed in Italian.

For the first year the only two employees were Mr. Catherwood and Luciano Cozzi, a 1984 Ambassador College graduate from Siena, Italy.

First visit requests

It was two years from that 1982 meeting until the first visit request was received.

The Italian Department staff was shocked—they had grown accustomed to not receiving visit requests. Mr. Armstrong said there might not be time for a harvest, just a witness—"a short, fast work." The department now receives an average of 20 visit requests a month—with a record of 45 in February.

The first Feast of Tabernacles in Italy took place in Fuggi in 1984 with 600 present—mainly transfers from the United States and En-

gland, Mr. Catherwood said. Seven members lived in Italy before the Italian Department was started.

"At that Feast I met Michael Caputo, who had Ambassador College training and whose mother tongue is Italian," Mr. Catherwood said. After the Feast Mr. Catherwood asked the ministry in Toronto, Ont., where Mr. Caputo lived, to give him ministerial training.

Mr. Caputo went back to Ambassador College from January to May, 1985, and then returned to his native Italy in July with his wife, Leonilda. He took two tours to Italy before being transferred there.

He said of his wife: "She is my solid pillar when things get tough."

"She's to be fully admired and appreciated to be able to tackle" her responsibilities as a minister's wife in a new country, he said.

The Caputos have three children: Anthony, 6, Julie, 4, and Victor Emmanuel, 1.

In January, 1986, Mr. Caputo started churches in Rome, Catania and Milan. Attendance has almost tripled since then. Fifty attend in Rome, 40 in Catania and 60 in Milan. Mr. Caputo conducts services once a month in each area.

Mr. Caputo flies to Catania or Milan for services and while there he rents a car and spends two or three days visiting.

It gets "very lonesome at times" traveling alone for days on end. Mountainous roads can be treacherous in the winter. However, "it has its exhilarating moments—when people in the middle of nowhere grow to conversion," he said.

Clifton Veal, a ministerial trainee, and his wife, Connie, were transferred to Italy in June, 1986. They live near Milan.

Daniel Boesch, an Italian-speaking Swiss who graduated this year from Ambassador College, was transferred to Milan to serve as a ministerial trainee with his wife, Colomba, Mr. Catherwood said.

Italian area

The Italian Department serves Italy, a small part of southern Switzerland and the Istria peninsula of Yugoslavia. The Italian *Plain*



VISIT BY APOSTLE—Assembled in Rome's Hotel dei Congressi July 20 to hear Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, Italian brethren encircle (from left) regional director Carn Catherwood, his wife, Joyce, Mr. Tkach, and Leonilda and Michael Caputo. [Photo by Michael Rasmussen]

Truth goes to 90,000 people in 100 countries. The top four countries are Italy, Switzerland, Canada and Argentina.

The Italian Department is in Pasadena to be close to the Publishing, Editorial and Media Services departments and the postal center. However, Mr. Catherwood hopes to open a mailing office in Italy in a couple of years to speed delivery of booklets.

In Rome, deacon Carmelo Anastasi handles donation mail and supervises mailing of *La Pura Verita*.

The main way to preach the Gospel is by the subtitled *World Tomorrow*, which reaches virtually the entire country at 8 a.m., Sundays.

Many religious programs are aired on Italian television, and Italians are listening to non-Catholics.

La Pura Verita is distributed on newsstands in Montreal, Que., Toronto, Ont., and in West Berlin, West Germany. In Italy Mr. Caputo has conducted *Plain Truth* lectures in all cities where the Church meets and also in Naples. Several hundred attended and some are attending church.

"It's so difficult keeping up with existing growth . . . so we invite only co-workers and those who have completed the first four lessons of the

Correspondence Course, plus the test, to the lectures," said Mr. Catherwood. "If we invited the entire *Plain Truth* list, we'd have 10 times more people."

The membership is mostly native Italians—a lot of families, a good number of singles and a few elderly, he said. At first there were mainly foreigners, but most have been transferred out of the country.

Italy is no longer the Catholic-dominated country it was, according to Mr. Catherwood. The Catholic Church has liberalized, and there is an exodus out of the church. The second largest church is now the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Most members are usually not fresh out of Catholicism, but have had contact with Jehovah's Witnesses, Adventists or Pentecostals, Mr. Catherwood said. About one quarter are directly from Catholicism. Most are not biblical illiterates. They think deeply about life and ask deep theological questions.

There is religious freedom in Italy, but a backlash is coming. On a trip to Central America the pope said that steps must be taken to counter sects. He mainly referred to the Jehovah's Witnesses, Mr. Catherwood said.

"In the meantime we are free to do almost anything we wish as long as we use wisdom."

One problem members face is that Italian children must go to school until noon on Saturdays. However, authorities don't always enforce this rule, Mr. Catherwood said. There have been discussions in Parliament about Sabbath keepers, prompted by Seventh-day Adventists and Jewish groups, which could lead to a liberalization of the law.

Several have trouble finding jobs because of the Sabbath. It's a "real trial" for brethren there. Five to 10 percent of the members are unemployed or only have part-time jobs.

Families are close knit, so coming into the Church can be traumatic. Mr. Caputo asked that brethren pray for women whose husbands are not in the Church and who have to deal with unusual pressures.

Young men face one year of military duty in their late teens with no Sabbaths off or two years of alternate duty with Sabbath problems.

For 17- to 18-year-olds it is difficult, Mr. Catherwood said. "We would like to see this burden lifted."

Ten to 15 are of draft age or approaching it. They can delay being drafted by going to a university.

Mr. Catherwood said that "brethren are very supportive of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and were very excited by his visit in July to Rome."

Veteran pastor dies in Tennessee

By Doug Moody

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—William Jack Kessler Sr., 63, a pastor-rank minister here, died July 31 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tenn., from complications arising after emergency surgery.

Doug Moody is a deacon in the Nashville, Tenn., church.

Dr. Kessler is survived by his wife, Edith Jewel "Dee" Kessler; one brother, Clifton Karr; four sons, Gary Holden, William Jack Jr., Roderick Lee and David Aaron; one daughter, Nancy Fraser, wife of Honolulu, Hawaii, pastor David Fraser; and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Kessler was born Dec. 19, 1923, in Dallas, Tex.

While on an army mission in Europe Dr. Kessler was captured by the Nazis and sent to a concentration camp. During his captivity Dr. Kessler endured torture, forced marches and medical experimentation.

After the war Dr. Kessler was so underweight that he was ordered to gain weight in order to return to the United States. Upon his return Dr. Kessler and the former Edith Jewel Holden were married in December, 1945.

Because of neck injuries his wife

received in an accident Dr. Kessler attended chiropractic college, graduated in 1948 and earned the title that his friends fondly gave him, "Doc" Kessler.

During the last few years of his life the torture he received during the war contributed greatly to many



WILLIAM JACK KESSLER SR.

health problems and, indirectly, to his death.

To the moment of his death, Dr. Kessler did not complain. His thoughts were for his family and his wife. He stipulated in his will that he wished to be buried in the national cemetery.

Mrs. Kessler and their children asked George Williams and his son, Jeff, Nashville Church members

and finish carpenters by trade, to design and build a casket for Dr. Kessler's burial. They made the casket from unfinished red cedar.

Jeff Williams said, "My dad and I were greatly honored to be able to do this final act for someone who meant so much to all of us."

Dr. Kessler was buried Aug. 5 in the national cemetery here.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*, and Joseph Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration, flew from Pasadena for the ceremony.

About 300 friends and brethren attended the outdoor service.

Dr. Hoeh chronicled the life of Dr. Kessler and detailed his service to others. Dr. Kessler lived Philippians 4:8, Dr. Hoeh said.

After the final prayer a seven-man military rifle team fired a 21-gun salute, and a lone bugler played taps from the top of a hill. The rifle team then marched to either side of the bier and on orders from their leader folded the American flag in traditional triangular style.

After folding and final inspection, the flag was taken to the squad leader, who saluted it and placed the empty shell casings from the gun salute inside its folds. After another salute, the squad leader presented the flag to Mrs. Kessler on behalf of the U.S. government.



BOOT OF ITALY—The Italian Department serves Italy, southern Switzerland and the Istria peninsula of Yugoslavia. Michael Caputo, resident pastor in Italy, lives in Rome and serves the church there and in Milan and Catania. [Map by Ronald Grove]

Students spend summer serving in the Mideast, Europe, Mexico

PASADENA—Ambassador College students traveled to Syria, Israel, West Germany, France and Mexico to participate in summer programs and tours.

"These programs are of tremendous benefit to students in terms of travel, broadening of cultural horizons and most importantly the opportunity to be of service to the brethren and God," said Gregory Albrecht, Pasadena Ambassador College dean of students.

This article was compiled from reports by Ambassador College students C.W. Davis, Jennifer Fenchel, Kelli Franco, Andrew Lee and Toshia Peters.

"Language programs such as the German, French and Mexican programs have the additional incentive of immersing [students] into a situation where they can learn the language better," said evangelist Raymond McNair, Pasadena Ambassador College deputy chancellor.

Syria

Eight students took part in an archaeological dig in northwest Syria June 2 to 30. Students worked as area supervisors, survey assistants and dig photographers.

Arthur Suckling, Pasadena Ambassador College financial aids officer, and his wife, Marsha, accompanied the students.

The goal of the project is to excavate Tell Mozan, which is believed to be the ancient city of Urchish (capital of the third millennium B.C. Hurian civilization), according to Giorgio Buccellati, a professor of archaeology at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). His wife, Marilyn, is a professor of archaeology at California State University in Los Angeles. Students dug in a building believed to be a temple, and excavated part of the ancient city wall.

Students lived in Um Rabia, a mud-brick village about 10 minutes from the dig site. After working at the site from 5 a.m. until about 1 p.m., students worked in the village drawing, photographing, cleaning and cataloging artifacts. Information was also entered into a computer.

Israel

Forty-five Church members, including 29 Ambassador College

students, and ministers, toured Israel June 30 to July 21. The tour emphasized the historical and biblical significance of the sites, according to Richard Paige, tour coordinator and Pasadena Ambassador College associate professor.

"I was excited about having . . . three weeks to work with the students and Church members studying the history and archaeology of the significant places of the Bible," Mr. Paige said. He gave on-site lectures on each part of the tour.

The first Sabbath, the group traveled to Mt. Carmel and had Sabbath services. The group visited Megiddo, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum and the Valley of Jezreel.

After visiting Samaria, the ancient capital of Israel, the group toured Jerusalem. On a Sabbath, they visited the two sites honored as the site of Christ's crucifixion and burial. The following day they swam in the Dead Sea before visiting Masada, where more than 950 Jews committed suicide in A.D. 73 after holding out against a Roman siege.

While in Jerusalem the group also visited Yad Vashem (the holocaust memorial museum) and two archaeological museums.

The group journeyed into the Sinai (part of Egypt). After snorkeling in the Red Sea, climbing Mt. Sinai and retracing part of the route taken by the Israelites, they returned to Israel.

German-speaking area

Eleven Ambassador College students participated in the German Language Summer Program June 1 to July 23. Thomas Root, Amba-

sador College instructor, accompanied the group.

In the first three weeks of the program the group received German language instruction from Mr. Root in the Bonn Office and visited significant historical sites.

During the second part of the program, students worked in the Bonn Office or lived with a German family for one month.

Those who worked in the office assisted with mail processing, postal work, Festival planning and preparations for Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's visit July 27.

July 22 the students reunited in Bonn, where Frank Schnee, regional director of the work in German-speaking areas, was host to a farewell luncheon.

France

Eight Ambassador College students and one graduate left for Paris, France, June 30. Samuel Kneller, pastor of the Paris church, and his wife, Marilyn, acted as guides during the first week.

July 6, the group took a five-day trip to the Loire Valley, about three hours from Paris. Students visited several sites including a wine cellar, a Michelin tire factory and *Le Clos-Luce*, the home of Leonardo da Vinci. The group also took a 25-mile bicycle tour through the countryside.

July 12 students attended a party for youths from West Germany and Switzerland, with brethren from the Paris church.

The following day they traveled to Morhange, France, for the Summer Educational Program (SEP), where they served as counselors and



HISTORICAL TOUR—Ambassador College students get a view of the Sinai during a three-week tour of Israel. [Photo by C.W. Davis]

assistant counselors. Olivier Carion, pastor of the Strasbourg, Mulhouse and St. Avold, France, churches, was camp director.

The SEP ended Aug. 8, and the group returned to Paris the next day before leaving for Pasadena.

"We were able to more clearly grasp the idea of a worldwide family that Mr. Tkach speaks of so often," said senior Toshia Peters. "We were able to use our knowledge of French from our Ambassador College classes to improve to the point where we were able to get to meet, know and love members in France."

Mexico

Somos una familia (we are one family) was the sentiment among Spanish brethren and six Ambassador College students who participated in the Spanish Foreign Language Program in Mexico. Students spent five weeks studying the lan-

guage, meeting brethren and sight-seeing.

The group arrived in Mexico City May 27. They visited the Museum of Anthropology, the Castle of Chapultepec and Teotihuacan, site of ancient Aztec pyramids and civilization. The group toured the Mexico City Office, administered by Thomas Turk.

Students spent the following weeks visiting Guadalajara, and studying at the Autonomous University. They attended class in the morning, visited with brethren and toured during the afternoons.

Students were guests at a picnic celebration of *Dia del Padre* (Father's Day) and other church activities in Guadalajara.

On the Sabbath, June 27, students sang a song titled "We Are One Family" to the Guadalajaran brethren, and left the next day for Pasadena.



GOING INTERNATIONAL—Ambassador College students traveled to international areas to participate in summer programs. Clockwise from top: Students on the Spanish Foreign Language Program fellowship with the Marin family in Guadalajara, Mexico; from left, evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director of French-speaking areas, his wife, Shirley, and senior Toshia Peters, relax in the dining hall at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Morhange, France; two students on an archaeological project in Syria dig for artifacts; Ambassador College German instructor Thomas Root (left) and students in the German Language Summer Program gather in West Germany. [Photos by Doug Hill, Jim Terry, Andrew Lee and Wolfgang Thomsen]

Careful use of alcohol includes considering others' preferences

By Clayton D. Steep

Of all the biblical commands, the one given in Deuteronomy 14:26 is certainly one of the easiest, humanly speaking, to obey. There God's people are told to spend second tithe at God's Feast "for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires" (New King James throughout).

What fun!

Clayton D. Steep is a Plain Truth senior writer.

It is important to note, though, that the oxen, sheep, wine and similar drink are suggestions. No one has to eat the meat of oxen and sheep at the Feast. Other meat can be enjoyed, too.

Likewise, no one has to drink a

drop of alcohol at the Feast to truly rejoice. God's Spirit supplies the joy. On the other hand, you may drink alcoholic beverages at the Feast if that is what your heart desires and it is appropriate for you. But a person should feel no pressure to drink alcohol if he or she desires some other beverage. Nor should a person exert pressure on anyone else.

The biblical example

We can take a lesson from the ancient Persians. They had at least one sensible law with respect to drinking alcohol.

It is recorded that the king put on a sumptuous celebration lasting seven days (Esther 1:5). Alcoholic drinks were served "in golden vessels" and there was "royal wine in abundance" (verse 7). This was a real bash! Nevertheless, we read that "in accor-

dance with the law, the drinking was not compulsory: for so the king had ordered all the officers of his household, that they should do according to each man's pleasure" (verse 8).

If unconverted pagans could be so considerate, how much more should we in our feasting avoid peer pressure on those who would not or should not drink alcohol?

When you participate in a get-together, do your part to be sure some alternative beverages are available. And make them exciting, imaginative nonalcoholic drinks, not just soda pop or stale mineral water! How about punch, herb teas or carbonated fruit juices?

Needless to say, those who do drink alcohol should do so in moderation, always mindful of the need to glorify God in all one's actions. We are to be a light to others.

The maid who cleans your motel

room, for example, should not encounter a display of enough bottles of booze to stock a full-fledged bar. It may be a good idea for you yourself to dispose of some of your empties in an outside trash container just to steer clear of giving the wrong impression.

Enjoying alcoholic beverages

Be aware of the three general types commonly consumed and their characteristics:

(1) Beverages made from a base of fermented grains (beer, ale, stout) tend to be lowest in alcoholic content.

(2) Wines made from fermented fruit or vegetable matter through natural fermentation usually attain 10 to 14 percent alcohol. Champagnes and sparkling wines fall into this category. Certain fortified wines (port, sherry) have alcohol added to them.

(3) Distilled liquors, the so-called hard liquors, have undergone a process of distillation that has concentrated the alcohol in high levels.

Most people have little difficulty determining what they like or dislike in beer or hard liquor. But wine

for many seems to be uncharted territory. This is probably because such a great variety of wines exists, some with such foreign-sounding names. And then there are the different years or vintages.

But there is no need to feel intimidated. To begin with, don't worry about the year or even the name. A well-known author on wines said that a lot of the so-called mystique in wines is little more than snobism!

Try different wines. Eventually you will hit on something you like. Generally speaking, wines are red (usually dry and served at room temperature), white (dry to sweet, usually served chilled) and rose (pronounced *ro-zay*, usually on the sweeter side, served chilled). If you don't know what to order in a restaurant, all you need do is open the wine list and ask the waiter, "What do you recommend in a red (or white or rose)?"

Try it. If you like it, note the name so you can ask for it next time.

Properly used, alcoholic beverages can add to the enjoyment of the Feast. Be careful not to change a blessing, however, into a curse!

Trip

(Continued from page 1)

the Montreal North and South French-speaking churches, and his wife, Monique; and John Adams, pastor of the Montreal and Magog, Que., English-speaking churches, and his wife, Ann.

Members of the Church's television crew (Mr. Halford, cameraman Gary Werings and remote operations engineer Steve Bergstrom) also met the group in Montreal.

"Mr. Tkach's visit to Quebec highlighted the unity that exists between French and English brethren in God's Church," said Mr. Adams.

The pastor general's activities Aug. 21 included a cruise of the Port of Montreal and up the St. Lawrence River.

"The ministers and wives who accompanied us were able to visit with Mr. Tkach in small groups," Mr. Dietrich said. "The leisurely trip took us past the port and dock facilities, as well as the city itself and the site of the 1967 World's Fair."

Sabbath services the next morning, Aug. 22, took place in Le Centre Sheraton for 1,800 brethren from French-speaking churches in Abitibi, Montreal, Sherbrooke, Trois-Rivieres and Quebec City, Que.; and English-speaking churches in Ottawa and Cornwall, Ont., Plattsburgh, N.Y., and Montreal and Magog. Some traveled more than seven hours.

The pastor general said that true love is "absolutely essential" for unity in the Church, that brethren cannot walk together unless they agree and that members should not let a Laodicean spirit creep in.

"I was quite overwhelmed by his sermon, when he said that God sent him to review the troops," said Gaston Santander, a deacon in the Montreal English-speaking church. "It just sent chills in my back. I know we are getting ready for the big review!"

After Mr. Tkach's sermon, Mr. Picard presented him with a sculpture of a mother bear with a cub clinging to her, made by Qvavarak Tunnellie, an Eskimo artist from northern Quebec.

"This piece of art represents what you are doing," Mr. Picard told the pastor general. "It is a real bear hug, carved in stone."

"I think there is only one reason behind this present. You represent the mother bear . . . and we are the cubs clinging to your neck, as you are clinging to the neck of Jesus Christ. So the reason we give you this stone bear hug is because we love you."

The pastor general then greeted brethren for more than two hours.

"When Mr. Tkach meets everyone, it says 'everyone is important,'" Mr. Halford said. "That made the day memorable for every member—not just the leaders."

"I asked Mr. Tkach to hug me," said Bruna Zalzal, 61, a Montreal North French-speaking member with back problems that drain her energy. "I wanted some of his strength. He obliged and I was very touched."

"When I first saw him, my impression was that love was waiting to burst out from him, which proved to be true," commented Raymond Ramez, a French-speaking member from Montreal.

Said Therese Leclair, a widow

from Trois-Rivieres: "I didn't know what to say to Mr. Tkach. Then it came to me: 'I love you.' And when Mr. Apartian told Mr. Tkach that I was a widow since four months today, he hugged me and it almost made me cry."

According to Mr. Apartian, "This was one of the most successful trips, because the Canadians felt they had become a part of Pasadena."

Mr. Locke commented that Mr. Tkach gets "charged up for days" after visiting and shaking hands with the brethren.

"It was great to see French- and English-speaking brethren working so well together," continued Mr. Locke. "Their cooperation and camaraderie was heartening."

"The weekend was organized by the French area and Mr. Picard, and it showed that the French have a penchant for excellence in cuisine," said Mr. Adair. "Everything had a little extra touch: the meals, fruit baskets and beautiful flowers in the rooms."

He added, "There is the tendency to separate French and English Canada, but in the Church they are brought together."

'Highly valued opportunity'

That evening, after a meeting for about 90 ministers, deacons, deaconesses and their spouses, the pastor general was host to a buffet.

Douglas Johnson, pastor of the Ottawa church, called the meeting "a highly valued opportunity to

hear Mr. Tkach's clearly stated goals and plans for the direction God's work is taking."

"Deacons, wives and deaconesses were thrilled to be included with the ministry at Mr. Tkach's meeting and the buffet meal that followed," said Mr. Adams.

"Mr. Tkach's openness in the meeting and his appeal for input to help the work gave all of us more of a feeling of being part of things," he added.

Raymond Laliberte, a French-speaking deacon from Montreal, remarked: "Yesterday we were sweating to install the wires for the sound system, and the next day we are having a supper with Mr. Tkach . . . It was quite an honor."

Mrs. Apartian said many commented on how much at ease all the teasing among Mr. Tkach's traveling group made them feel, especially at the buffet, when Mr. Apartian hid Mr. Tkach's chocolates and then had them hidden from him.

The next day, after a buffet brunch at Le Boulevard restaurant with ministers and their wives, the pastor general and his party boarded the G-III for home.

"I honestly feel that Mr. Tkach's sincerity and total lack of prejudice builds an atmosphere of trust and appreciation that should last long after we have gone," said Mr. Halford.

Mr. Zick said he and his wife visited his parents, Fritz and Ruth

Zick. Mrs. Zick is a member in the Montreal English-speaking church.

"Mr. Tkach was very hospitable toward my parents and went out of his way on several occasions, on our arrival, departure and at the Sunday brunch, to speak to them and give them bear hugs. This was a special blessing for my parents and me—one we will value for a lifetime."

"His love for us was evident, and he made us really feel part of the team," said Rejean Vautour, associate pastor of the Montreal North French-speaking church. "I think it will leave the Church on a spiritual high."

"Our course is clearly set before us, and we know our place, our role, our responsibility," said Yvon Brochu, pastor of the Sherbrooke church.

Frank Hodgson, a deacon in the Ottawa church, likened Mr. Tkach to Allied Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery in World War II.

"Montgomery would get down on the line with the troops and fight alongside them," said Mr. Hodgson.

"He wasn't just a general at the top; he was a fighting soldier with them in spirit and in presence."

"This was why I was so very impressed with Mr. Tkach," Mr. Hodgson continued. "He is actually a man who will come right down from the peak of command and rub shoulders with the people to show his love and concern for them."

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

What the Feast of Tabernacles is:

● The Feast of Tabernacles was established by God, not by the Jews or other men, and thus is God's Feast (Lev. 23:1-2). It is the sixth of seven annual Holy Day periods whose meanings outline God's plan of salvation for mankind. The Feast of Tabernacles pictures the millennial rule of Jesus Christ on earth after His Second Coming (Rev. 20:4-6).

When the Feast is, and how long it is:

● The Feast of Tabernacles is a seven-day festival during the seventh month on God's sacred calendar (Lev. 23:33-36, Num. 29:12). It falls during the months of September and October on the calendar commonly used in the Western world today. (The "eighth day" mentioned in verse 36 is a separate festival, the Last Great Day—see John 7:37-38.)

The purpose of the Feast, and how it is observed:

● The Feast is a time of rejoicing (Deut. 16:15) in anticipation of the coming Kingdom of God on earth. During the Feast God's people enjoy food, drink, fellowship and balanced recreation (Deut. 14:22-29).

How the Feast is financed:

● Each year God's people save 10 percent of their incomes to pay for expenses of the festivals (Deut. 14:22-26). This 10 percent is called *second tithe*. The major expense for which *second tithe* is used is the Feast of Tabernacles, when brethren gather at sites worldwide.

Offerings at the Feast:

● The Feast of Tabernacles is one of the seasons of the year when God's people are commanded to give offerings to God for use in His work (Deut. 16:16-17).

Christ kept the Feast of Tabernacles:

● Jesus Christ kept the Feast and commanded His followers to do so (John 7:2, 8-14, 37-38, Matt. 28:19-20).

The early New Testament Church kept the Feast:

● Christ's apostles continued keeping the feasts of God, which included the Feast of Tabernacles, after the New Testament Church began in A.D. 31 (Acts 2, 12:3-4, 16:13, 18:19-21, 20:6, 16, 27:9).

The Feast will be kept in the world tomorrow:

● The Feast of Tabernacles and God's other feasts will be observed in the world tomorrow under the rule of Jesus Christ (Zech. 14:16-19).

Culture

(Continued from page 4)

There are countless other points of etiquette and appropriate behavior to be aware of when traveling to an unfamiliar land. Some countries have nationally understood quiet hours. In West Germany, for example, quiet hours are kept between 1 and 3 p.m. and after 10 p.m. Business hours and meal times may also vary widely from country to country. In France most banks and shops close for lunch.

In some areas of the world, events do not happen according to a printed or spoken schedule—punctuality is essential. In most countries people should not be addressed by their first names except by close friends, or until they suggest using first names.

Although the standard of living may not be as high as yours, the income of brethren may be good by area

standards. Members visiting another country should not attempt to help brethren there with cash or goods until consulting with the Festival site coordinator or the local pastor.

In some nations there are laws governing customs and currency transactions, which if broken could exact severe penalties.

Using the term Third World is offensive to some people. Call them developing nations. Each country has its own sensitivities and customs.

Avoid criticizing people because they do something differently than the way you think it should be done. You will not win friends by saying, "That's a funny way of doing that," or "You shouldn't do it that way."

In short, go to another country to learn of its ways, not to tell its people how your way is better.

Learning about the country before you visit will save embarrassment and make the Feast more enjoyable and comfortable for you and those of the host country.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—Evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas, returned Aug. 13 from a trip that included Toronto, Ont.; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Santiago, Chile; Lima, Peru; Miami, Fla.; and Big Sandy.

Mr. Walker traveled to Toronto July 16 to visit Southam Murray, the plant where copies of *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) going to North and South America are printed.

His trip included visiting with ministers in each area, including ministerial trainees **Michael Medina**, who will be transferred in September to serve in Salto, Uruguay, and Buenos Aires, and **Pedro Rufian**, who serves in Santiago.

Mr. Walker arrived in Miami Aug. 6.

He spoke to the Miami North church on the Sabbath, Aug. 8, and attended a luncheon with 85 Spanish-speaking members and their families. Mr. Walker then conducted a two-hour question-and-answer session with them.

While he was in Miami four baptisms took place. Mr. Walker said his visit to Miami gave him a "feel for that congregation, one of the larger Spanish-speaking groups in the United States. It was a special occasion for me."

★ ★ ★

PASADENA—Temporary Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) offices will be operated in Anchorage, Alaska, and Pensacola, Fla., to handle weekend television calls during the Feast of Tabernacles, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

Calls will be received in Pasadena and Big Sandy, and personnel in Pasadena will use the SWIFT (Supervised WATS In-home Forwarding Technology) computer to route calls to Anchorage and Pensacola.

"We chose sites in different time zones so that volunteers can answer calls at more convenient times," Mr. Rice said.

★ ★ ★

PASADENA—The German

World Tomorrow telecast, which airs on Radio-Television Luxembourg (RTL), got an unexpected airing July 21.

After RTL was off the air, the program appeared and was seen throughout West Germany over the cable network system. From this one airing the Church received 382 responses, including 12 from Aus-

tria, two from Belgium, one from Czechoslovakia, two from France, two from Liechtenstein, four from Luxembourg, nine from the Netherlands, one from Poland, one from Sweden and one from Yugoslavia.

★ ★ ★

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—The Feast site scheduled for Kuala Trengganu, Malaysia, was canceled. An alternative site was negotiated at the Amara Hotel in Singapore. Members approved to attend the Malaysian site will be contacted about arrangements for keeping the Feast in Singapore.

PERSONAL

(Continued from page 1)

family. God has called us out of every region of the earth to follow Him. We are one family—the begotten family of God—but only as we submit to our Father.

Faithful children obey the will of their fathers. And we, as God's own begotten children spiritually, obey the will of our Father. Jesus said, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love" (John 15:10).

Brethren, God's Church does not have unity just for the sake of unity. It has unity because it is composed of branches connected to the True Vine, Jesus Christ (John 15:4-5). It has unity because, as brethren of Jesus Christ, we have His Spirit dwelling in us. We are one with Him through that Spirit.

We are of one mind with Him about the Father, His law, His plan, His truth, His Word, His views, His attitudes, His way of life. We agree with Jesus Christ about the way to peace and universal happiness and good. We agree with Him about true godly love.



FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

PASADENA—With the baptism of **Elvin Kroeker** in Paraguay, there are now Church members in every Spanish-speaking South American country, according to **Keith Speaks**, circulation manager of *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*).

"We don't have members in Nicaragua or Cuba," Mr. Speaks said, "but as far as the free Spanish-speaking countries of the world go,

we have them all pretty well covered."

"There are, however, Cuban and Nicaraguan members in other countries, including the United States," he added.

Alberto Sousa, pastor of the Buenos Aires and Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, churches, baptized Mr. Kroeker in August.

Mr. Kroeker, who is not a native Paraguayan, lives in an isolated Mennonite colony inhabited solely by Germans, about 400 miles from Asuncion, the capital.

He, his wife and two children work on a cooperative farm in the Chaco region of northern Paraguay, raising livestock, making sorghum and growing alfalfa and soybeans.

"He has to go a long way to meet the ministers," Mr. Speaks said. "He lives 450 miles from the closest member in Cochabamba, Bolivia, 800 miles from the nearest Sabbath services in Salto and 1,200 miles from the nearest Feast site in Argentina. Of course, that's figuring how the crow flies; it would be more by overland mileage."

Baptisms in West Africa

Bernard Andrist, pastor of the Geneva and Neuchatel, Switzerland, churches, baptized two people in Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta), at the beginning of a monthlong tour in August and September.

This landlocked West African country, about the size of Colorado, is home to three members, 113 *Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) subscribers and 50 subscribers to the French *Good News*.

Mr. Andrist then visited Lome, capital of Togo. He baptized four people there, the first members in Togo. More than 700 take *La Pure Verite*, and 244 subscribe to the French *Good News*.

Mr. Andrist then traveled to Cameroon and Zaire.

Post-Feast Sabbath Services

PASADENA—Members should make their Feast plans carefully. If not returning to their home church before the Sabbath, they should determine well in advance where services will take place, according to **Mark McCulley**, Festival planning coordinator.

Those living in the United States should call the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line by dialing 1-800-423-4444, and those in Canada should call 1-800-663-2345. Please call as soon as possible on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. If an emergency requires you to call on a weekend, please do not use the WATS number because calls may be routed to in-home operators who do not have this information. Instead call 1-818-304-6184, collect.

Members in international areas should contact their regional offices directly, especially if translations are needed.

Our agreement with Him is made possible by His very nature through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. And Jesus is one, in perfect agreement and unity, with His Father.

Brethren, we cannot be satisfied with "unity and peace" for the mere sake of unity and peace. The unity God wants us to have goes far beyond the natural human ties of friendship or mutual respect for one another (though it certainly includes these).

But as God's elect children, we must be unified because we are truly growing in oneness with our Father and Elder Brother—because we are in agreement with them on all points, and because we are branches attached to the True Vine. Emotional human attachments to one another because we admire, respect or like one another are simply not enough!

True Christians must be willing to stand alone to obey God if necessary. Yet they must also be able to love their enemies, and pray for those who treat them in a degrading or hurtful manner. They must be willing to esteem others better than themselves. Their love for one another is unconditional, willing to forbear and forgive, willing to suffer wrongfully.

They base their lives on the example and teaching of Jesus Christ. They yearn to be like Him and they pray daily to grow more like Him. They are one with each other because they are one with Him and their Father!

Brethren, you may appear to be keeping the last six command-

ments and still not be part of the one family of the children of God. Of course, you would not suffer the consequences that breaking those commandments bring, therefore your life would be happier than the broad majority of humanity around you.

But unless you keep the first four commandments also, unless you are truly attached to the one true God, unless you love Him with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength you aren't part of His begotten family.

Our relationships with our fellow human beings, even with fellow members of God's Church, must be predicated and based upon our relationship with God—otherwise those relationships will be merely for our own convenience or purpose, without the true Spirit-revealed understanding of what God's brand of unity is all about!

Brethren, as we keep the Feast of Tabernacles this year, let's strive to learn more of God's plan of salvation for mankind and more of His way of life that we will one day be teaching to all nations!

Again this year, keep in mind the importance of careful preparation for the Feast, so that you and your family can observe it in the fullest, most meaningful way possible.

Be sure to read this issue of *The Worldwide News*, as well as the pre-Feast editions of the *Good News* and *Youth 87* magazines! They contain valuable articles and ideas for preparing ourselves physically, mentally and spiritually to keep God's Feast in the way He intends. I look forward to speaking to you on the first Holy Day!

Bonn Office marks 25th

By **Frankie Weinberger**

BONN, West Germany—Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** was on hand for celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of the German Office.

Mr. Tkach, his traveling party and the television crew toured the office July 27.

In his third floor office, regional director **Frank Schnee** surveyed the past 25 years of the work in West Germany. Sitting around an oval table, Mr. Schnee showed the pastor general a photo album and described various events in the history of the work in the German-speaking area.

Pictures showed the opening of the office in the summer of 1962 in Duesseldorf, the first Sabbath service in 1965 in Frankfurt, moving the office to Bonn in 1975, the first German-language *Plain Truth* in August, 1961, visits by the late **Herbert Armstrong**, the Feast in **Bonn** that started in 1977 and the Feast in **Brno, Czechoslovakia**, that started in 1978.

After the tour, 73 attended an anniversary luncheon in the Bristol Hotel, two blocks away.

A layered nut cake, baked by **Wilhelmine Hoffert**, 82-year-old cook in the Bonn Office, was decorated with pink marzipan roses and

Bonner Buero—25 Jahre (Bonn Office—25 years).

During dessert, musicians in native dress performed German, Austrian and Swiss folk songs. With **Karl Schmid** on accordion and **Winfried Fritz**, pastor of the Munich and Nuremberg, West Germany, and Vienna and Salzburg, Austria, churches, playing guitar, Mr. Fritz, his wife, **Carola**, daughter **Natalie** and Tony and **Helene Hirber** sang Austrian selections.

After the performance Mr. Fritz gave Mr. Tkach a *Tiroler Hut*, an Austrian alpine hat with an authentic goat's beard tuft.

Mr. Schmid then played a lively polka solo on the accordion. Wearing the national folk dress of Switzerland, **Rosemarie Birawe**, wife of local church elder **Hermann Birawe** from Zurich, performed two Swiss yodeling songs. Mrs. Birawe is a professional yodeler.

At the end of the meal, the pastor general made some presentations. He presented a Baccarat crystal decanter and six wine glasses to Mr. Schnee and his wife, **Esther**.

He gave gold watches to **Alfred** and **Helene Hennig** for their 20 years of service in the **Ambascor Press Office**, jointly operated by the Church and the Hennigs in a government-owned press building.

Speakers

(Continued from page 5)

David Fiedler.

Other international

Guest speakers at some international sites are being assigned by regional directors and are not listed here. Some speakers listed below will not speak at every site in a particular country.

Australia: Arthur Suckling, David Albert and Larry Salyer; **Ahungalla, Sri Lanka:** Eugene Noel; **Singapore:** Gene Hogberg.

Bonn, West Germany: **Herman Hoeh**; **Bredsten, Denmark:** Selmer Hegvold and David Hulme; **Brno, Czechoslovakia:** Herman Hoeh, Bill Quillen and Thomas Root; **Castelvecchio-Pascoli, Italy:** Carn Catherwood and Richard Pinelli.

French areas: Dibar Apartian and David Hulme; **Hoogeveen, Netherlands:** Pieter Michielsen; **United Kingdom:** Gary Antion, Dexter Faulkner and Sidney Hegvold; **Mombasa and Naro Moru, Kenya:** Curtis May; **South Africa:** Ronald Kelly and Roy Holladay.

Acapulco, Mexico: Dean Blackwell; **Spanish areas:** Fernando Bariga, Lawrence Hinkle and Raul Ramos; **Fiji:** David Fraser; **Philippines:** Abner Washington; **Rotorua, New Zealand:** Colin Adair.

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Pasadena, Calif.
Permit No. 703

The Worldwide News
Pasadena, Calif., 91123

630219-0008-9 3 W378
MR-MRS DONALD C TODD
RT 3 BOX 3214
MANCHESTER TN 37355-9117 3DG