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Look for ways to improve, says Mr. Tkach at conference

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"This conference will take us one step closer to unity," said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach to more than 100 regional directors, wives and office and headquarters personnel who assembled for the first summer regional directors conference here June 22 to 28.

The summer conference will contribute to more effective planning of the budget for the following year.

After telling the group he had traveled 300,000 miles and met 93,270 brethren since becoming pastor general, Mr. Tkach said he was "trimming the fat" off the Work to make it increasingly more efficient and effective.

'Group effort'

"We are always looking for ways to improve the telecast and Church publications," said the pastor general. "Group effort improves quality."

He discussed media in international areas. To assist the Work in Europe in becoming more effective, "we will be putting in 'seed money' to produce more fruit in some of your areas."

He said no regional directors should feel as if they are on their own but rather extensions from headquarters.

Mr. Tkach continued: "You are not responsible for where and when the Gospel is preached in your areas. God holds me ultimately responsible for that."

Mr. Tkach said he is taking a new look at how the Gospel message is preached to the world. "We want to

take advantage of open doors."

Evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, then told the regional directors and their staffs to build on a strong foundation.

"We must be sure the building isn't getting higher and the foundation is not strong enough," Mr. Salyer said.

The Work was built in the United States, a country with the economic power to sustain growth elsewhere. "We must build and expand this foundation to other parts of the world."

Mr. Salyer stressed income and expenditures with a worldwide perspective. He said that those who are self-sufficient may be asked to carry part of the financial load.

"Headquarters cannot see from all angles, so we need your cards on the table. Mr. Tkach wants options, pros, cons, concerns, fears and worries. That's what we will be discussing."

Five-year plan

Bernard W. Schnippert, director of Media Production Services, was named coordinator in May of a task force to develop a five-year plan for

the entire Work.

Addressing the assembled group, Mr. Schnippert said the five-year plan is an organizational structure that allows for a planned approach.

"There is a danger of thinking it is set in concrete or in water," he continued. "It is set in neither. It will be reviewed and revised quarterly . . . Satan would like us to think we can't get there from here, but we can and we will."

Workshops

Workshops during the conference centered on computerization, media and manpower planning, publishing (production, print buying and advertising), financial affairs and doctrinal and administrative matters.



CONFERENCE BREAK—Evangelist Stan Bass (second from right), regional director of the Church in the Caribbean, and his wife, Millicent, greet campus visitors Kennedy and Celia Alexander of Roseau, Dominica, during a break in the regional directors conference June 22. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

Theme embraces worldwide focus

Family Day: a festive flavor

By David Bensinger

PASADENA—About 4,000 brethren, some from as far away as Fresno, Calif., arrived by cars,

trucks or buses to the south lawn of Ambassador College to celebrate Family Day International July 4.

Marjorie Friddle, wife of Reseda, Calif., pastor James Friddle, contributed information to this article.

Josifek, both from Escondido, took first place in the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) division.

Judges for the adult category were Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach; Joseph Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States; Michael

PERSONAL FROM
Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

We have just completed a most exciting and profitable conference with our regional directors!

I opened the conference June 22 by highlighting the progress toward unity with which God has blessed us in all operations of the Work over the past two years.

I explained that the highest priority for the ministry in the local congregations is to see that families are solidified and strengthened. Husbands and wives should be striving to be of one mind and judgment, under Christ, in every area.

In the same way, the highest priority in the Work of preaching the Gospel is to see that we, as the Church of God and Bride of Christ, are of one mind and judgment with God and Christ in every area. And when each of us is of one mind and judgment with God, we will also be of one mind and judgment with each other!

Let us be sure we understand a most important principle: God could easily do this Work without us. He does not need us to do His Work for Him. He could do it far more efficiently and effectively if He were to do it alone.

But He has called us to have our respective parts in doing His Work for a vital reason: He wants us to learn to cooperate, to work together. He wants us to

learn to care for one another and to treat one another with concern, compassion and love.

We are not here just to do the Work. We are here to live the way of life Christ has given us. We are firstfruits to God and to Christ (Revelation 14:4). We are Christ's sheep, His disciples, His followers. We are to walk in His footsteps and learn to be like Him.

The Work He has given us to do must be done with that in mind or our part in it is worthless! We can have all the ideas, plans, concepts, talent and ability in the world, but unless we are growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, unless we are learning to love one another, it all amounts to nothing.

Psalms 127:1 explains: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

This does not mean that we don't do our very best. But it does mean that we remember who really is the strength and the power behind this Work.

I have often stressed that we must learn to work smarter and not just harder. Part of working smarter is to work together—in harmony, as a unified team, a close-knit family—and to plan ahead for the future so we can avoid the pitfalls of crisis management.

One major step in this direction (See PERSONAL, page 3)

Continuing the emphasis Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach puts on the family, Southern California churches gathered for the annual festivities.

Entertainment, cooking contests, games, pony rides for the children, a petting zoo with chickens, goats, a turkey, sheep and kittens, international food booths and a variety of competitions highlighted the seven-hour extravaganza.

James Friddle, pastor of the Reseda, Calif., church, suggested having a Family Day International instead of last year's Family Day USA so the theme would "include the family from around the world and not just the U.S. family."

Food booths decorated with artifacts from England, Africa, Mexico, Central and South America, the Middle East, India and Southeast Asia helped reflect the theme.

Entertainment was nearly non-stop. Brethren performed dances and music from Israel, Africa, Philippines, Caribbean, Thailand, Malaysia, Ireland, Canada, Scotland, Russia, Spain, Tahiti, Latin America and from several periods of American history throughout the day.

Flags hand-painted by brethren were on display. They represented countries where the Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated.

Steve Baker, escape artist and member who attends the Reseda church, was also part of the day's entertainment. He was secured in a straitjacket and hung upside down by his ankles. Mr. Baker escaped in a matter of seconds.

A main event of the day was the finals of the annual chili cook-off. Each of 20 church areas sent their best chili cooks to the competition. First place went to Leona Bonjour of Fresno. Tina Dinger and Tammy



TASTY TREAT—A little cowboy enjoys a bite to eat at Family Day International in Pasadena July 4. [Photo by Charles Feldbush]

Fezell, personal assistant to Mr. Tkach; Robin Webber, pastor of the Pasadena Imperial P.M. church; Camilo Reyes, pastor of the Bakersfield and Mojave churches; evangelist Dean Blackwell, associate professor of theology; Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications; and Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

Judges for the YOU category were Micheal Bennett, managing editor of Youth 88; Michael Hale, art director for Youth 88, and his wife, Janet; Mark McCulley, Festival administration manager; and Sheila Graham, Worldwide News senior editor, and her husband, Ed.

First place in other competitions included Dan Fletcher from the (See FAMILY, page 4)

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The 'Big Dry' rivals Dust Bowl of '30s

PASADENA—Much of the heartland of North America has slipped into the vise of a potentially devastating drought.

The combination of searing heat, failure of spring and early summer rains and the blowing away of precious topsoil can only be compared to the Dust Bowl years of the 1930s.

Explanations for the "Big Dry" are several. Some scientists suggest that the drought is linked to the so-called greenhouse effect. They point to evidence of a global warming trend brought on by increased carbon monoxide in the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels.

Climatologists, however, generally put more immediate blame on an errant jet stream pattern. Instead of normally flowing across America's midsection, bringing with it rain-bearing clouds, the jet stream has mysteriously split in two, leaving the heartland dry.

Regardless of the immediate cause, the July 4 *U.S. News & World Report* observed that the dry spell "couldn't have come at a more inopportune time. Farmers were just getting back on their feet, following a half-decade depression caused by low prices and staggering surpluses . . . and America was winning back lost export markets with a cheap dollar . . .

"A severe crop loss would allow Southern Hemisphere producers such as Brazil, Argentina and Australia to carve out bigger shares of international trade—at America's expense. What's more, the Europeans . . . have bulging granaries and a good crop under way . . .

"The Europeans are licking

their chops because everything has played into their hands,' notes Andrew Bellingham, vice president of World Perspectives, a Washington agricultural-consulting firm."

The June 27 *Wall Street Journal* added that "the drought . . . is standing on end the central assumptions of the 1985 farm bill. That measure assumed surpluses were the problem; now the surpluses are evaporating. 'This is a God-sponsored supply-control program,' says John Campbell, a Senate Agriculture Committee staffer."

The July 4 *Business Week* pondered whether we may not be entering a historic new period: "In the eyes of some, the shift is almost epochal. 'We're coming out of a period of cheap food,' says Richard J. Feltes, vice-president for futures research at Refco Inc. 'We'll be living from crop to crop.'"

The prospect of shrinking global food reserves comes ominously at the same time that a locust plague is sweeping over portions of sub-Saharan and North Africa.

According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), all of Africa north of the equator and the entire Middle East are at potential risk. Within a year locusts could reach India and Pakistan. About one billion people live in the endangered area.

Thus, locusts could help bring about what global food surpluses and the green revolution with its high-yielding plants have staved off now for about two decades—generalized world famine.

Just how the locust plague reached its present size, without a

wide realization of what was happening, troubles FAO officials.

The answer, according to the April 24 *New York Times*, "appears to lie in a combination of unusually wet weather that encouraged breed-

ing, bureaucratic inefficiency, and civil strife that put large areas of Africa out of bounds to locust hunters."

The FAO believes the current outbreak started in the Sudan late in 1985 at a time when much of the area was inaccessible to locust-control monitors because of civil war. Fighting in Chad and Western Sahara also hindered observation.

The locust plague, therefore, is a confirmation of the conditions that would prevail in this end-time age. Matthew 24:6, 7 shows a connection between wars and famines.

At this juncture it is a bit early to tell whether the grim predictions of the meteorologists for North America will be realized. But conditions do not look good if the forecasts of respected climatologist Iben Browning hold true.

Mr. Browning noticed something was wrong late last year when he counted 70 tornadoes along the U.S. Gulf Coast in November. Dec. 21, 1987, he wrote that "one of the pre-



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

Plains where it could have been bringing in moisture."

Mr. Browning believes that drought and dust storms could occur repeatedly from 1989 to 1993 causing "recession-depression" economic conditions.

Because of expected higher food prices, people will have to cut back on purchases of nonessential items. Ominously, Mr. Browning observed that "every major depression

has been associated with dust storms."

Overlooked by the experts, however, is another critical factor. The God we worship is an active God, intervening in the affairs of men. Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 reveal His blessings for obedience and cursings for disobedience.

Is it just coincidental that present conditions come on the heels of a crime wave, an out-of-control drug epidemic and the outbreak of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)? God is able to give "rain in its season" or make "heavens like iron and . . . earth like bronze" (Leviticus 26:4, 19, New King James throughout). He has been known to withhold rain when there were "still three months to the harvest" (Amos 4:7).

Like the Jews in Zerubbabel's day we must be strong and work (Haggai 2:4), despite worsening conditions around us. (Read the book of Haggai to see how God used the weather to teach a lesson to the Jews who returned from exile.)

The Lord, we are told, "will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones" (Isaiah 58:11).

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Youthful energy needs proper purpose, outlet

LONDON, England—Journalists were invited to convene at Wellington House for the London kickoff of Sport Aid '88—The 1988 Race Against Time.

This was different from any other press conference I've attended. The place was crawling with young people bubbling over with infectious enthusiasm.

Their youthful efforts are being directed against famine and malnutrition in the world.

The T-shirt motto was "Change the World." Youths are impatient with the world their elders have bequeathed to them.

They were the don't-take-no-for-an-answer types. They interrupted the press proceedings with clapping and yelling several times. They weren't rowdy—just filled with youthful energy and enthusiasm. Ready to do something.

What impressed me was the caliber and enthusiasm of some of London's young people. Usually one reads of young hooligans, youthful louts and teenage muggers. The change was refreshing.

Contrast the Wellington House youths with the ones British journalist Paul Johnson described in an April 9 *Daily Telegraph* article. He wrote from personal experience: "In Somerset, where I spend most of my weekends, there is not much doubt about the chief factor. It is the easy availability of cheap alcohol. In towns like Minehead, Taunton and Wellington, the weekends can be made a misery for the majority of law-abiding people, and highly dangerous for the police, by large numbers of youngish men who liquor themselves up . . . then roam the streets looking for trouble."

To me, alcohol is not the chief culprit, though it is a factor. It's really a lack of any true purpose in life. Young people who really grasp what life is all about don't mess with drugs and alcohol.

Society has an obligation to channel its youths into constructive pursuits. Observed Mr. Johnson: "All societies have to take it for granted that young males tend to be aggres-

sive and seek opportunities to exercise their strength and display their valour. This is a fact of nature, and well-run societies devise means whereby these deep-rooted biological instincts can be canalised into harmless or even virtuous activities." In essence this paragraph speaks the truth.

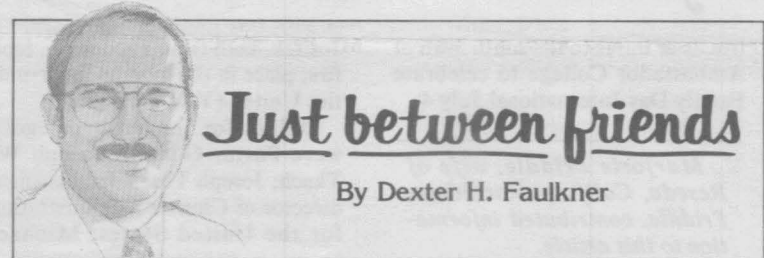
And the Western world does too little to support and guide youths. Later Mr. Johnson made a telling comment about human nature: "Merely watching competitive sport, instead of exorcising the violent instinct, frustrates and bottles it up until it explodes. That, I suspect, is why there is nothing more aggressive than a football crowd."

Today's young people find little to emulate in many famous athletes. A generation ago in America there was Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinal baseball star from 1942 to 1963. He was not thrown out of one ball game—or even cautioned because of aggressive misbehavior. He was a gentleman on and off the field. He did not believe that "nice guys finish last."

Irv Goodman wrote in *Stan the Man Musial*: "The point has been made by now [1961] that Stan Musial is unfailingly kind and good and courteous . . . He is calm and polite with adult fans and sure-handedly friendly with children. On the ball field, there is almost no bench jockeying directed at him" (page 103).

A generation ago it wasn't just Mr. Musial, but others too. Today this kind of an example is hard to come by. Paul Johnson continued: "To make matters worse, the professional sports stars, instead of giving the young, as they once did, unobtrusive lessons in gentlemanly behaviour . . . do exactly the opposite, providing periodic displays of bad temper, foul language, childish loss of control and even brutality."

So what's the answer? How can we help our youths? Clearly young men and women need a great cause—something bigger than themselves—that will permit them to develop their human potential to the full. Getting *Youth 88* into their hands would be a good start.



Just Between Friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

A wife's test of love

Last issue "Just Between Friends" included a test of love for husbands. Here's a test of love for wives. Answer yes or no. In the last six months did you:

1. Prepare a favorite meal or dessert just for your husband?
2. Slip a note in with his lunch telling your husband you admire and appreciate him?
3. Make an effort to improve your appearance?
4. Praise him in front of others?
5. List all his strong points and thank God for all of them?
6. Tell him you loved him so he knew you deeply meant it?
7. Ask his advice and follow it?
8. Buy him a gift or make something for him for no special reason?
9. Ask him to pray for or with you about a certain problem?
10. Respond to him in faith without complaining even when you disagreed with his approach?

How did you rate? Ten points for each yes answer. If you didn't get 100 percent, continue reading.

When God created Adam He knew he would need a wife. So God created a companion for him.

God made it quite clear that this was a natural union, and a divine institution. One third of one of the chapters in the Bible is dedicated to husband-wife relationships (Ephesians 5). In these 12 verses God emphasizes one point to husbands: to love their wives.

Only three of those 12 verses are addressed to wives, and again, God emphasizes only one point: Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands. Why is this? What does submission have to do with love?

Have you ever noticed what ex-

hortation to Christians in general precedes this instruction to wives? It's a command for all Christians to submit themselves to one another in the fear of God (verse 21). So it isn't just wives who must learn to submit in God's Church, is it?

Submitting to those over us is commanded throughout God's



Artwork by Ken Tunell

Word. Men and women, children, servants, must learn to cheerfully submit, whether to God, civil authorities, teachers, employers, supervisors, ministers, deacons—or to husbands. But, again, what does submission to authority have to do with love?

Everything!

God says to those who would love Him, "keep my commandments" (John 14:15). He says love is the fulfilling of His law (Romans 13:10). In Christian submission to Jesus Christ we not only serve Him, but we love Him.

And, women of God's Church, in Christian submission to your husbands you love them.

What then are the qualities of a loving wife?

A loving wife is appreciative. A woman who frequently counts her blessings finds it easier to show her husband how much she appreciates his efforts. Tell your mate you appreciate him and often.

Respectful. This is a command from God included in the marriage ceremony. Always speak to and answer your husband with respect, even when you are expressing a difference in opinion.

Loyal. Can your husband depend upon you not to reveal a confidence he has shared with you? What about criticizing him to your friends or relatives? Be careful to show loyalty to your mate.

Encouraging. Every one needs encouragement once in a while and who better knows when a man needs a boost than his wife. Ask him if he may not be feeling well or if something is bothering him when it's apparent that he's discouraged.

Diligent. A wife shows love by diligently carrying out her responsibilities in the family. Read Proverbs 31 and set your standards high. Be more organized and efficient.

Close to God. A wife who honors and obeys God is a husband's greatest treasure. Never let physical responsibilities limit the time you spend communicating with God. Staying close to Him will smooth out the rough spots, physically and spiritually.

A loving wife is submissive. Again, how important is the submission of a wife to the authority of her husband in the home? So important that God is able to use that Christian attitude to call an unconverted mate into His Church (1 Peter 3:1).

All of us, male and female, are in training to learn to submit to those in authority over us—to prepare ourselves as a body to be the loving, caring, cooperative, faithful wife of Christ. He will accept nothing less.

Ask God to show you creative steps you can take to change each wrong attitude or habit. But remember changes take time, so be patient and let God do the changing. Rely on Him through His Holy Spirit to build your marriage.



TEXAS WATS—Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) operators, supervised by Frank Parsons (standing), have taken almost 2½ million calls in response to the *World Tomorrow* telecast since January, 1984. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

WATS operators serve Work from East Texas

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—The Big Sandy Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) operation, which began in January, 1984, was first set up in a house in the campus trailer park.

This was the house where, one year before, Frank Parsons, WATS supervisor, his wife, Jane, and their two children, Todd and Amy, lived. Mr. Parsons was an Ambassador College student at the time.

The first call in response to the *World Tomorrow* telecast came in March 6. "It was someone requesting 200 copies of the booklet on venereal disease," said Mr. Parsons.

When the WATS operation began, the house was filled with telephones. "There were phones and people everywhere—even in the kitchen," Mr. Parsons said. "Once when some visiting ministers toured the facility, one of them jokingly knocked on a closet door. They were very surprised when the door

opened and there were three people in there working."

The operation moved in October, 1984, to the Humanities Complex (former location of Imperial Schools). Big Sandy WATS started with 16 lines and increased to 95 lines by January, 1985. The department was only expected to grow to 25 lines in the first couple of years.

The department has received almost 2½ million calls. In addition to answering phones, about 200 employees are trained in direct terminal entry (DTE) to enter literature requests and add people to the Church's master file. The Mail Processing Center in Pasadena sends about 10,600 mail-in subscription cards to Big Sandy each week, and these, too, are entered into computer terminals.

"Right now we have 75 computer terminals and 95 lines. Eight more terminals will be coming in. Nearly every station operator will be able to do DTE," said Mr. Parsons.

The operation in Big Sandy also purchases, refurbishes and cleans the telephones used in the in-home WATS program. "We have sent more than 2,300 phones to members," the supervisor said. The department maintains an inventory of the telephones and services those that need repairs.

Big Sandy WATS has nine full-time employees, including Mrs. Parsons, who serves as receptionist, and 11 part-time employees. "During the school year, Dr. [Roderick] Meredith [deputy chancellor] likes to have all of the students work some hours so they have some contact with this phase of the Work," Mr. Parsons said.

On the weekends about 400 students answer the telephones. There are about 120 on each of three 2½-hour morning shifts, and 40 to 60 work the afternoon shifts.

"About 20 area Church members work with us during the week to fill in at times when students are not available," Mr. Parsons said. There are also about 200 Church members who are volunteers or on-call employees.

Throughout the year representatives from MPC in Pasadena visit the operation. Mr. Parsons and his wife visit Pasadena once a year to meet with various departments and see updates on how things are being done here. They were in Pasadena this year June 10 to 17.

"We are a support function of headquarters, we are not a separate operation unto ourselves," Mr. Parsons said.

PERSONAL

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tion is the formulation of a new Five Year Planning Task Force. We have already grouped certain areas of the Work into common work units—such as the coordination of the media areas into Media Production Services, the establishment of Computer Information Services and the unifying of the Ambassador College campuses through a vice chancellor under my direction.

Another vital step has been the shifting of our budgeting systems from our traditional cost-center style into the goal-oriented, zero-based or objective-based style. Now we are ready to proceed full speed ahead with a five-year plan. I have appointed Bernie Schnippert to head the new task force, which is composed of our various operation managers.

The task force will provide me with a proposal for a five-year plan for the entire Work world-

wide based on selected options. Mr. Schnippert will coordinate this task force closely with me so that the final plan will reflect the best combined and coordinated counsel to me within the overall parameters I will outline. Your earnest prayers for this project are crucial to its success.

These are essential and appropriate steps for God's Work to take. But let's keep firmly in mind that planning ahead is of little real value unless we are at the *same time* striving to live as the lights God has called us to be.

If we cannot learn to work to-

gether in the peace of God's Spirit, praying for and earnestly striving for unity of mind and harmonious relationships based on the Word of God, then our work will be in vain.

It's the same old concept: When our ways please God, He will bless us. God knows how much work He wants done, how rapidly and where. If we are truly *close* to Him, He will guide us to do what needs to be done. Let's be sure to keep our priorities in the right order.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil" (Proverbs 3:5-7).

So again, I request your special prayers for God's direction and guidance in our five-year planning process.

And let's be sure our prayers are being heard by God. Let's see that we are asking God for help to see ourselves as we *really* are so that we can *repent* and, through God's mercy, have every spot and wrinkle removed. Let's draw closer to God as the end of this age draws closer to us.

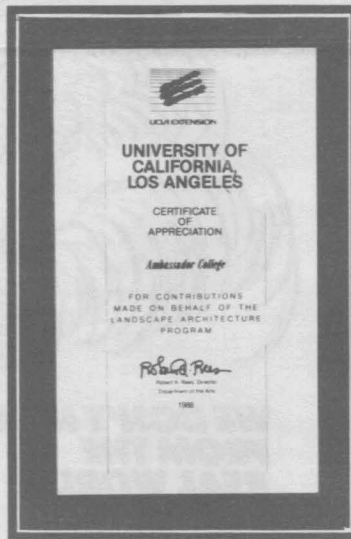
Thank you again for your encouraging support and love and your faithfulness to our Father and Jesus Christ.

UCLA honors college

PASADENA—Ambassador College received a certificate of appreciation from the University of California at Los Angeles. Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs, accepted the award on behalf of the college June 24.

The UCLA School of Continuing Education certifies and graduates some of America's best landscape architects, Mr. Snyder explained.

"For several years they have brought students to the campus to look at our facilities," he said. The faculty considers the college a fine example of excellence of landscaping in harmony with architecture. The college was described as "one of the most beautiful and professionally maintained facilities in the Los Angeles area."



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Report from

the Treasurer's Office

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PASADENA—June income fell 1.4 percent below last June's figure. This is the lowest monthly percentage of the year. The reason is not entirely clear; however, we were comparing with a month having a larger than average increase last year. The increase for June, 1987, was 13 percent more than June, 1986.

In spite of this month's decrease, the year-to-date figure only dropped a half percent during the month to 5.7 percent. We need about a 6 percent increase in income to match our expected expenses for the year. Your concern and prayers about this need will be appreciated here in Pasadena.

The annual domestic and international audited statements for 1987 are completed and printed. We are pleased with the results.

Here are some major points taken from the worldwide statement. The income increased by 5.5 percent over 1986. Long-term debt decreased by 62 percent, primarily because of the cash purchase of the Office Facilities Building. At the same time, total assets increased by 5 percent. Therefore, the Church's overall financial condition is much stronger at the end of 1987. The balances, which might be compared to net worth, increased by 15.1 percent!

We are thankful for the generosity of God's people worldwide. The dedicated fund-raising efforts of many people in many congregations around the globe have made this financial growth possible.

Family

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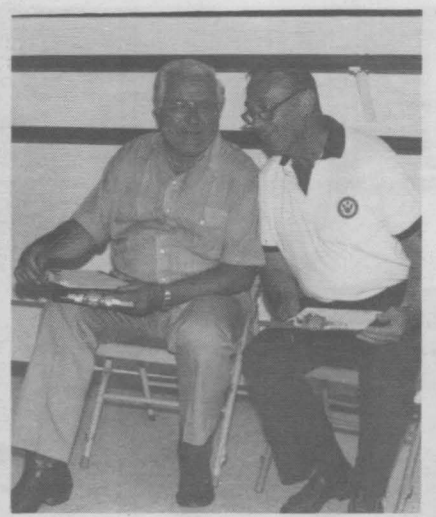
North Hollywood church in cake decorating; Annie Shirley from the Los Angeles church in cake baking; and Marjorie Friddle of the Reseda church in pie baking.

A television crew taped the judging of the cooking contests as well as different activities throughout the day.

Twenty-one classic and antique cars owned by Church members lined a sidewalk on the campus.

"Family Day began in 1981," said Donald Contardi, associate pastor of the Imperial P.M. church and director of Family Day International. "At that time the Reseda church, which had been holding an annual country fair, and the Glendale church combined their efforts to form the 1981 Country Fair and Chili Cook-off."

"Family Day International 1988 was planned and presented by the dedication, hard work, unity and love of a team of international members of the family of God," said Mr. Friddle. "Fun and enjoyment that were experienced by the family attending were well worth the effort."



FAMILY DAY FESTIVITIES—At July 4 Family Day International celebrations in Pasadena (clockwise from above), Spanish dancers perform a folklorico dance, Cathy Downes displays her chili entry, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (right) and evangelist Dean Blackwell judge chili entries, Dan Taylor after the international parade, and a youngster gets some help in riding a pony. [Photos by Charles Feldbush, Sheila Graham and Thomas C. Hanson]



Former thief returns stolen money to driver

PASADENA—The Church received this letter from a Los Angeles bus driver who told about an unusual experience he had with a repentant thief:

Few people realize the peril involved in driving a bus in the ghetto area of a big city like Los Angeles. During my career I was slugged, robbed, assaulted and shot with an acid gun. Also, I had numerous near riots on the bus.

Almost daily people hurled bricks, rocks, bottles, fruit and eggs at it. Eventually, during a robbery which occurred while I was on the job, I was permanently disabled after being slugged and left unconscious.

There was, though, one bright spot in my travels. One day I got to the end of the line for my 15-minute lunch break. I reached under the driver's seat for my lunch pail and discovered it was incredibly light. All of its contents had been removed. My change box was missing, too.

Years later (in 1976) a well-dressed, clean-cut young man boarded the bus in the city of Santa Monica on always-busy Pico Boulevard. He said, "Do you remember me, sir?" I replied, "Not particularly. Is there some reason why I should?"

"Well," he said, "I boarded your bus about seven years ago during a driving rainstorm and at the time I

stole all of your lunch and also your change box. Now, do you remember?"

Puzzled, I said, "Yes, but I had completely forgotten about it until now."

"Well, sir," continued the young man, "I was sent to prison just a few months after that happened. In there I met a volunteer social worker who took a special interest in me. She had me start reading the Bible and a free Bible course by correspondence.

"After I had served my sentence we were married and she and I enrolled as students in Ambassador College in Pasadena. We are both scheduled to go overseas to work for the Worldwide Church of God. However, before we go, I am returning every cent that I had ever stolen in my irresponsible adolescent days. She personally prepared this special lunch for you to replace the one I took from you and at the same time I'm returning the \$34.86 that you had in your change box. Here they are."

I could hardly believe what I was hearing. Since then I've received letters from them on special occasions and I hear about the wonderful work they are doing. Not everything goes bad all of the time for city bus drivers, does it?

Cabazon, Calif.

Member is No. 1 on job

FORT COLLINS, Colo.—Susan Dunker, a member who attends the Fort Collins church, was selected as Colorado's top Judicial Department employee for 1987.

Miss Dunker has been a probation officer since 1974 and works in Larimer County.

According to the March issue of *Colorado Courts*, Miss Dunker "is the recipient of the Employee of the Year Award which is the most prestigious award given to one employee annually whose performance exemplifies the values and professional standards of the Department in daily work... Susan's willingness to assist colleagues, and extra work effort serves as a model to other probation officers."

Miss Dunker received a plaque, which reads: "Chief Probation Officer's Award presented for 1987 to Susan Dunker for dedication, reliability and a positive attitude." She also received five days vacation.

She and six other employees were honored at a reception and awards dinner at the Marriott Hotel in Denver.



SUSAN DUNKER



WE DON'T HIDE FROM THE REAL WORLD.

Why are there escalating world troubles? Most programs don't tell you.

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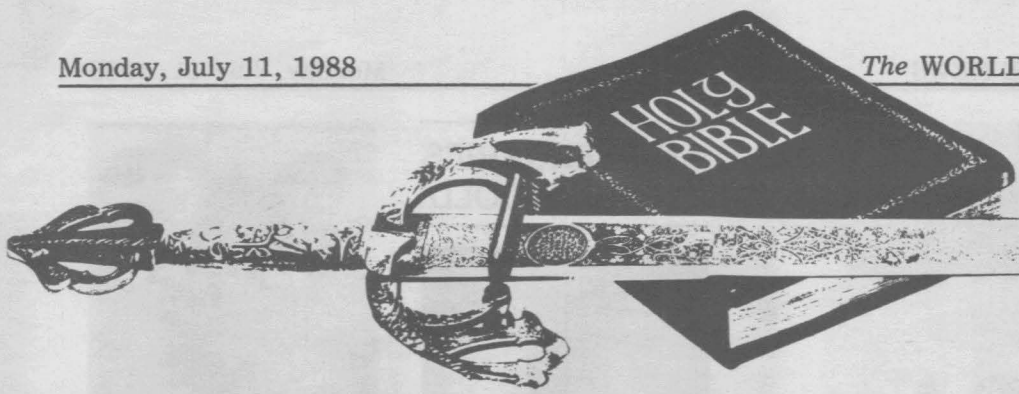
realistic, nonpolitical view of today's news without asking for contributions or members.

Of course, it would be easier not to face the issues. But we don't think we should live with our heads in the sand.

THE WORLD TOMORROW

The World Tomorrow is a syndicated weekly television program produced by the Worldwide Church of God and represented worldwide by BBDO.

INFORMATIONAL AD—The above advertisement, second in a four-part series, ran in the May 2 edition of *Broadcasting* and the May 9 edition of *Electronic Media*. According to evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, the ads were placed by the Church "as part of an on-going communications program to help clarify the major differences between *The World Tomorrow* and other religious programs in a time of uncertain perceptions about religion on television." *Broadcasting* magazine (circulation 36,000) and *Electronic Media* (circulation 26,000) are published for television executives. The ads were prepared and distributed by Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBDO).



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Serving needs of congregation key roles of deacon, deaconess

By George M. Kackos

Chances are you know several deacons and deaconesses. Most are pillars in God's Church. But do you know their purpose? Do you know how the office of deacon and deaconess was established?

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

As members of God's Church you should "know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you" (I Thessalonians 5:12).

A system for service

In A.D. 31 the New Testament Church was founded. It first consisted of Jews who had come from widely scattered areas to keep the Feast of Pentecost. After their conversion, these new members remained in Jerusalem and were joined by others God called and converted (Acts 2:44-47).

As their numbers grew, so did the need for a system to care for the widows among them. To provide this service, the apostles delegated this duty to seven men. Hands were laid on them and they were put into office (Acts 6:1-6).

But into what office? We are not told here, but later, Paul in writing to Timothy talks about the position of deacon. He lists the qualifications for elders and deacons (I Timothy 3:1-13). The office of elder involves

teaching God's Word (verse 2). The office of deacon does not.

We can conclude, then, that the seven who were ordained were given this office, which consists primarily of physical service. Some deacons today, however, are given the added responsibility of speaking at services and helping in other spiritual responsibilities.

What about deaconesses?

But what about the office of deaconess? Where do we find this men-



Artwork by Ken Tunell

tioned? Paul talks about the qualifications for a bishop, but not for a bishop's wife. Yet for the office of deacon, he gives the qualifications for wives as well: "Likewise their wives must be reverent" (verse 11, New King James). Why?

Phebe is referred to as a *diakonos* ("servant") in Romans 16:1 because she served the church. From this Greek word we get the English word *deaconess*.

The office of deaconess, like that of deacon, is one of physical service. However, it does not include speaking before the congregation (I Corinthians 14:34).

Appreciate their service

Because of the necessity for phys-

ical responsibilities in conducting Sabbath services, Bible studies, church activities and ministering to people's needs, the Church has many deacons and deaconesses. By performing these physical duties, they allow the elders to concentrate on serving the spiritual needs of the congregation.

Over the years, deacons and deaconesses have set a fine example. Following Christ's admonition in Matthew 20:26 ("whoever will be great among you, let him be your minister"), they have striven to serve the needs of the congregation.

In God's Church today, there are more than 2,900 deacons and deaconesses worldwide.

Like elders, deacons and deaconesses deserve our respect and appreciation (I Timothy 3:13; I Thessalonians 5:12-13). You can show appreciation through a note or word of encouragement, by thanking them for a job well done. Perhaps this will help them do a better job!

Above all, they need our prayers. So ask God to give them strength and wisdom to better serve God's people in this wonderful Work of God!

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

FAITH

● One of the foundational doctrines of the Church—Hebrews 6:1.

Faith is necessary for salvation

- We are justified by faith (Rom. 3:28, 5:1, Gal. 2:16).
- Righteousness comes by faith (Rom. 4:20-24, Gal. 5:5, Phil. 3:9).
- Grace comes through faith (Rom. 5:2).
- The promise of the Spirit comes through faith (Gal. 3:14, 22).
- We are sons of God through faith (Gal. 3:26).
- Salvation comes through faith (Eph. 2:8, II Tim. 3:15, I Peter 1:5).
- Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6).

Faith in what?

- In Jesus' authority (Matt. 8:8-10).
- In Christ (Acts 3:16, 24:24, I Tim. 3:13, II Tim. 1:13, 3:15).
- In God and His power (I Cor. 2:5, Col. 2:12, I Peter 1:21).
- Toward God (I Thess. 1:8, Heb. 6:1).

Source of faith

- Through Christ (Acts 3:16, Eph. 3:12, Phil. 3:9, Heb. 12:2, Rev. 14:12).
- By hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).
- God gives faith (Rom. 12:3, Eph. 2:8).
- From God's Spirit (I Cor. 12:9).

Faith alone is not enough

- Faith does not abolish law (Rom. 3:31).
- Faith must be with love (I Cor. 13:2).
- Faith without works cannot save (James 2:14-24).

We should live by faith

- The just shall live by faith (Hab. 2:4, Rom. 1:17, II Cor. 5:7, Gal. 2:20, 3:11, Heb. 10:38).
- We are commanded to have faith (Mark 11:22, Rom. 14:23, Eph. 6:16, Phil. 1:27, I Thess. 5:8, I Tim. 6:11-12, II Tim. 2:22, Jude 3).

Examples of faith

- II Chron. 20:4-22, Dan. 3:16-28, Matt. 9:20-22, 14:25-31, 15:22-28, Luke 17:12-19, Acts 11:22-24, 14:8-10, Rom. 1:8, 4:18-21, Heb. 11.

Australian Photo Contest

By Gary Regazzoli

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—Mark Armstrong, 13, of Melbourne, Australia, took the best overall color photograph in the 1988 Australian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) photography con-

test. Bradley Huthnance, 15, also of Melbourne, took the best overall black and white photograph.

The contest was judged by Colin Kelly, John Curry and Gary Regazzoli, of the Church's regional office. The judges said they were en-

couraged by the general improvement in the quality and quantity of the photographs this year.

Gary Regazzoli is an employee in the Church's Australian Regional Office.

Contest winners will receive plaques or certificates. First, second and third places in each category are as follows:

Unusual (color): Karinda Laird, 16, Sydney; Cameron Clancy, 17, Gold Coast; Simon Flack, 13, Adelaide.

Portrait (color): Karinda Laird; Sharon Schumann, 15, Sydney; Darren McLean, 13, Sydney.

General subject (color): Mark Armstrong, Simon Flack, Michele Flack, 17, Adelaide.

Action (color): Judith McLaughlin, 16, Bendigo; Gary Barbour, 12, Perth; Mark Armstrong.

Nature (color): Tammy King, 13, Gold Coast; Karinda Laird; Laila Patey, 15, Gold Coast.

Humor (color): Bradley Huthnance, Cameron Clancy, Bobby Fahey, 16, Gold Coast.

Human interest (color): Larissa Mucche, 13, Sydney; Sharon Schumann; Laila Patey.

Unusual (black and white): Simon Flack; Diane McLaughlin, 17, Bendigo; Mark Armstrong.

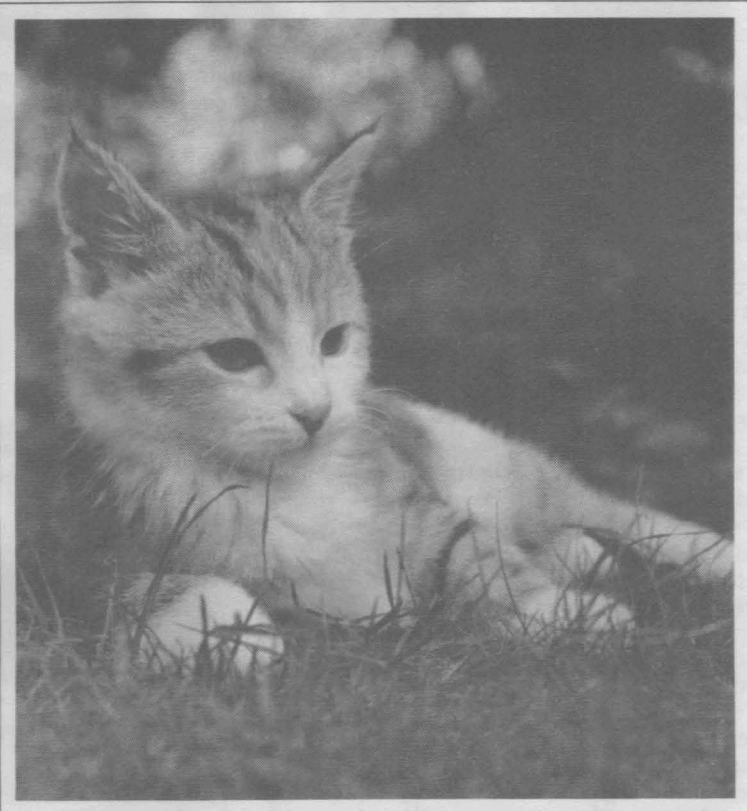
Portrait (black and white): Simon Flack; Caroline Sag, 17, Brisbane; Diane McLaughlin.

General subject (black and white): Simon Flack, Mark Armstrong, Rachel Hocking, 13, Bendigo.

Nature (black and white): Bradley Huthnance; David Coremans, 16, Perth; Diane McLaughlin.

Human interest (black and white): Michele Flack, Mark Armstrong.

Action (black and white): Kari Murton, 17, Melbourne; Naomi Berkin, 17, Mount Gambier; Karen Quinlan, 12, Bendigo.



BEST OVERALL BLACK & WHITE: BRADLEY HUTHNANCE



BEST OVERALL COLOR: MARK ARMSTRONG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG, Bruce and Philippa (Moss), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Erin Lynn, June 2, 10:45 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

BARLOTTA, Gary and Elesia (Weppler), of Wetaskiwin, Alta., girl, Donna Kathleen, June 12, 2:30 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BERLIN, Ron and Honee (Clayton), of Red Oak, Tex., boy, Travis Jack, May 4, 1:37 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

BONNET, David and Barbara (Borthick), of San Antonio, Tex., boy, Philip Daniel, March 9, 7:07 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

CALE, Stuart and Mary Sue (Trout), of Morgantown, W.Va., boy, Johnathan Kirby, April 19, 12 a.m., 6 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, first child.

CARL, Nick and Rachele (Redding), of Detroit, Mich., boy, Brandon Joseph, May 29, 10:49 a.m., 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, first child.

CROWELL, Mark and Nancy (De Ruyter), of Boone, N.C., boy, William Lucas, May 20, 3 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DEBNAM, Buck and Cindy (Green), of Moran, Wyo., boy, Matthew Joel, June 13, 10:06 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

DECKER, Michael and Pamela (Anderson), of Omaha, Neb., girl, Rebekah Elyce, March 16, 3:58 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

EASH, Tony and Delinda (Minton), of Fort Wayne, Ind., girl, Tasha Tiana, April 30, 2:10 p.m., 5 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

GILBERT, John and Kathy (Allen), of Wichita, Kan., boy, Tyler John, Jan. 16, 1:01 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

GOETZ, Mark and Jane (Burdura), of Norfolk, Va., boy, Aaron Taylor, April 18, 2:44 a.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys.

GRAHAM, Ronny and Ali (Ritenbaugh), of Sherman Oaks, Calif., girl, Lacey Kathryn, May 6, 1:07 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

GREENSTIEN, Stacey and Sherry (Snydal), of Lloydminster, Alta., girl, Kayla Lynne, June 5, 5:58 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

GUERRERO, Ruel and Marilu (Laureta), of Muntinlupa, Philippines, boy, Michael Joshua, June 8, 4:35 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys.

HUTCHISON, Bill and Christine (Brownson), of Pasadena, girl, Erika Louise, May 13, 6:23 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

KENNEDY, Stuart and Angie (Feakes), of Winnipeg, Man., boy, Patrick David Ryan, March 20, 9:18 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

KLEIER, Hollis and Joyce (Eller), of Argyle, Wis., girl, Melissa Joe, June 9, 11:04 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KUMAR, Sampath and Santhi (Santhi), of Coimbatore, India, girl, Mary Bethany, Feb. 27, 12:20 p.m., 3 pounds, first child.

KURR, Ray and Pam (Clement), of Tulsa, Okla., boy, Raymond Alan, May 21, 7:50 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

LEDY, Jeff and Sharon (Sarfert), of Midland, Mich., boy, Eric Ronald, March 24, 11:32 p.m., 10 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MALWITZ, Wade and Sherrie (Arnold), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Ashley Carol, June 9, 5:10 p.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MAPINDA, Jameson and Mele (Kanjuzi), of Biantyre, Malawi, boy, Latson, April 25, 9:20 a.m., 3.19 kilograms, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

McINTYRE, Fred and Sharon (Warkentine), of Prince George, B.C., girl, Jessica Elizabeth, March 15, 11:16 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

MOHR, Karl and Kathy (Smith), of Pasadena, boy, Sean Bryan, May 20, 2:24 a.m., 10 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MOODY, Douglas and Patricia (Fisk), of Nashville, Tenn., girl, Catheryn Jeannette, May 27, 12:33 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 girls.

NICHOL, Dwayne and Irene (Thompson), of Edmonton, Alta., boy, Brandon Dwayne Henry Roy, May 5, 12:30 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

PEARSON, Gary and Deborah (Harty), of Providence, R.I., girl, Jessica Rose, March 29, 2:48 p.m., 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, first child.

PHEARS, Don and Patti (Oien), of Honolulu, Hawaii, boy, Michael Ryan, Feb. 22, 1:26 a.m., 10 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

ROLLINS, David and Sue (Buckner), of Asheville, N.C., boy, Joseph Eric, June 7, 9:05 a.m., 9 pounds, now 3 boys, 4 girls.

SEKAVEC, Randall and Kimberly (Allen), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Stefanie Michele, May 12, 10:20 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SIMS, Patrick and Jan (Heinson), of Meade, Kan., girl, Shauncey Gaye, June 5, 11:56 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

SPOSS, Tibor and Tina (Beckers), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Corina Ruth, April 22, 9:57 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SMITH, James and Cathy (St. Charles), of Big Sandy, girl, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, June 13, 2:05 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

SMITH, Kevin and Treyon (Bradford), of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Zachary Blaine, June 12, 12:40 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

STILBORN, Dave and Dottie (Martin), of Regina, Sask., boy, Mitchell Guy, June 9, 6:31 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

THOMSON, Kenneth and Kristie (Jonas), of Pasadena, girl, Kirsten Nicole, May 7, 3:51 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

TIGHE, Patrick and Julie (Kellahan), of Detroit, Mich., boy, David Andrew, June 3,

11:26 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

TOBIN, Patrick and Barbara (Baker), of Marion, Ohio, girl, Lindsey Mishel, May 30, 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

TUNELL, Ken and Katie (Ward), of Anaheim, Calif., boy, Christian Edward, May 29, 7:07 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces.

VIEL, Francis and Judy (Tibbits), of Frederickton, N.B., boy, Marc Josef, June 2, 12:30 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

WENDLING, Stephen and Brenda (Peterson), of Big Sandy, girl, Paige Nicole, May 31, 6:39 a.m., 5 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WOLAVER, James and Angie (Rhodes), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Carl Joseph, May 20, 11:20 a.m., 9 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

WOODS, Richard and Kathy (Wolkott), of Sheridan, Wyo., boy, Jesse William, April 11, 4:02 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. William Harkins of Lakeland, Fla., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Frances to James Homer Brown of Minneapolis, Minn. A Sept. 4 wedding in Minneapolis is planned.

Marvin and Cheryl Bartell of Prince George, B.C., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sherri Lou to Robert Tibbo of Toronto, Ont. A Sept. 18 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Smith of Portland, Ore., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Diana Marie to Brian Eugene White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis White of Tacoma, Wash. An Aug. 13 wedding in Portland is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Werner of Eugene, Ore., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Heidi to Gregory Lynn Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell of Portland, Ore. An Aug. 21 wedding in Eugene is planned.

Katie M. Nily and C. Stele Hollis, both of Albuquerque, N.M., are pleased to announce their engagement. A pre-Feast wedding is planned.

Melva Lee of Shepparton, Australia, is delighted to announce the engagement of her daughter Jacqui to Mark Symonds, son of John and Ros Symonds of Melbourne, Australia. A September wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Majerich of Sorrento, B.C., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Mariela Jeanne to Stephen Axel Tanner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tanner of Edmonton, Alta. An August wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Martin of Knoxville, Tenn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Candace to Richard T. Ritenbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ritenbaugh of North Hollywood, Calif. An Aug. 14 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Owens of Minneapolis, Minn., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Rachel to Tim M. Spurgeon of Pasadena. An Aug. 14 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gay of Canton, Ohio, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Terri Lynn to John Snyder, son of Helen Snyder of Big Sandy, Calif. A Sept. 4 wedding in Canton is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beauchaine of Minneapolis, Minn., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Kristie Justine to Steve Berg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Berg of Barnesville, Minn. A Sept. 10 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. W. BLANKENSHIP
Beverly Jewell Haigler and Wayne Allen Blankenship were united in marriage March 6. Glen White, pastor of the Portland, Ore., South church, performed the ceremony. Lola Standley was matron of honor, and Tim Butler was best man. The couple reside in the Portland area.



MR. AND MRS. CHRIS BERRY
Mr. and Mrs. James Yates of Ar buckle, Calif., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Laura Ann to Chris Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berry of Sonoma, Calif. The ceremony was performed March 20 by Ray Lisman, pastor of the Chico and Eureka, Calif., churches. Debbie Alexander, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Donald Alexander was best man. The couple reside in Ar buckle.



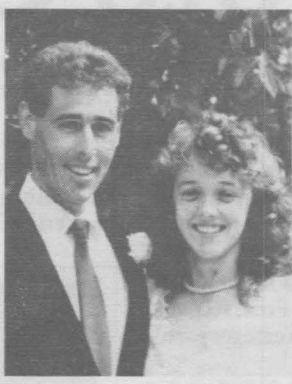
MR. AND MRS. DAVID TESTER
Mr. and Mrs. Rees Ellis of Whangarei, New Zealand, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Susan to David Tester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Tester of Wellington, New Zealand. The ceremony was performed March 6 by Rex Morgan, pastor of the Whangarei church. Janine Ellis was chief bridesmaid, and Nigel Tester was best man. The couple reside in Christchurch, New Zealand.



MR. AND MRS. MARK ROYSETH
Colleen Patzoldt, daughter of Robert and Margie Patzoldt, and Mark Royseth, son of Herman and Marleen Royseth, were united in marriage Oct. 4, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Victor Kukik, pastor of the Minneapolis North and St. Cloud, Minn., churches. The couple reside in Big Lake, Minn.



MR. AND MRS. J. PEYRACHE
Enid Morrison and Jean-Claude Peyrache were united in marriage Jan. 24 in Pasadena. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for the Church in French-speaking areas. The couple reside in Andresy, France.



MR. AND MRS. ROSS BEANLAND
Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark of Brisbane, Australia, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Margaret to Ross Beanland. The ceremony was performed Feb. 14 by Ross Beath, pastor of the Brisbane South and Ipswich, Australia, churches. Pam Reibelt, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Willy Zyle was best man. The couple reside in Phillip Island, Australia.



MR. AND MRS. RON HIEBERT
Marolyn May Wason and Ronald Paul Hiebert were united in marriage April 16. The ceremony was performed by Graeme Marshall, pastor of the Calgary, Alta., North and South churches. Carol Wason, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Dan Hiebert, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Calgary.



MR. AND MRS. D. SYLVESTER
Mr. and Mrs. James Farmer are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Linda Ann to Donald James Sylvester. The ceremony was performed March 20 by Ray Wooten, pastor of the Detroit West and Ann Arbor, Mich., churches. Cheryl Browning, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Mark Vreeland was best man. The couple reside in Wixom, Mich.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. ARNOLD LUIK
Arnold and Margaret Luik of Winnipeg, Man., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary April 3. They have been Church members since 1965. The Luiks' children, Diana, Marina and Ron, honored their parents April 10 with an afternoon dinner attended by 30 guests.



MR. AND MRS. R. CRAWFORD
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford of Melbourne, Australia, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 6. They have been Church members since 1969. The Crawfords have three sons, Chris, John and Basil, and two granddaughters, Katie and Jenny.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. DON KELLOWAY
Don and Emma Kelloway celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 28. The Kelloways have four daughters, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Many family members gathered for a celebration. Mrs. Kelloway is a member who attends the Ottawa, Ont., church.



MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE LEES
Clarence and Mabel Lees celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 21. They were honored by Baker, Ore., brethren with several gifts, a cake and flowers after Sabbath services April 23. The Lees were baptized in 1965.



MR. AND MRS. NOEL PHILLIPS
Noel and Hazel Phillips celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 25, 1987, at a potluck with Church members. Mrs. Phillips, who attends the Seattle, Wash., church, has been a Church member since 1963. The couple have three children.



MR. AND MRS. BASIL MORRIS
Basil and Ann Morris celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 26, 1987, with Church members at a potluck. Mrs. Morris, who was baptized in 1962, attends the Seattle, Wash., church. The Morrises have two children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

ELLIOTT, Jeanne, 56, of Phoenix, Ariz., died April 16 of cancer. She has been a Church member since 1971. Mrs. Elliott is survived by her husband, Arthur, a local church elder in the Phoenix West church; a son, Gary; three daughters, Kathy, Lori and Shari; two brothers; one sister; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Joseph W. Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States.



LEAH DENISE HOLLANDS
HOLLANDS, Leah Denise, 6, of Pickering, Ont., died March 21 after open-heart surgery. Leah is survived by her parents, James and Marilyn, five sisters and one brother. Graveside services were conducted by Laurie Nyhus, associate pastor of the Toronto, Ont., East church.

SEDSMAN, Anthony McKinnon, 42, of Adelaide, Australia, died May 29 of brain tumors. He has been a Church member since 1983. Dr. Sedzman is survived by his wife, Joan, also a Church member, and his children, Lachlan, Olivia, Andrew and Aiside. D'Arcy Watson, pastor of the Adelaide church, conducted funeral services.

KINGSLEY, Darlene, 60, of Wenatchee, Wash., died March 28. She has been a Church member since 1978. Mrs. Kingsley is survived by one son, two daughters and seven grandchildren. Harold Smith, pastor of the Yakima, Pasco and Quincy, Wash., churches, conducted funeral services.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Evangelist honored in Canada

Evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for the Church in French-speaking areas, spoke to 131 brethren in New Brunswick June 11.

Mr. Apartian received a plaque in honor of his first visit to the province and the 25th anniversary of the French Plain Truth (*La Pure Verite*).

A cake decorated with French and Acadian flags and the number 25 was prepared by Wayne Robichaud, a member who is a professional chef. (Acadia encompasses Nova Scotia and part of New Brunswick.)

During his visit Mr. Apartian gave two public Bible lectures. Twenty-one new people attended.

Sunday evening, June 12, Mr. Apartian directed the final Spokesman Club meeting of the year, which was a ladies night. One speech told the story of a newly married Acadian couple who in the 1750s were separated when the Acadians were expelled from their land.

Many were imprisoned in England, and most men were separated from their wives and children and forced to leave their homes for resettlement in Louisiana.

The couple searched for each other throughout their lives, and the aged bride finally found her husband on his deathbed. The speech illustrated the sixth law of success, perseverance. *Daniel Samson*.

SEP gets a face lift

Eighty-one men and women from the Duluth, Grand Rapids, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., and Fargo, N.D., churches worked over Memorial Day weekend, May 28 to 30, making the Summer Educational Program (SEP) site in Orr, Minn., ready for the summer.

The group reroofed three camper dormitories and two staff units, painted five dorms and one staff unit and made repairs on eight other buildings. They installed a new power plant for the camp and assisted with other preparations for the three camp sessions.

"The assistance given by our brethren up here has become a key to the success of our program," said Kermit Nelson, who coordinates

YOU activities in Church Administration.

Church members contributed several weekends to site maintenance before the Memorial Day effort. *Aub Warren*.

Ohio host to test run

An invitational track meet took place in Dayton, Ohio, May 29. Invitations went to about 100 churches in 13 states. All of the 197 participants from 29 churches finished third place or better in district track meets. Runners from the same YOU districts formed relay teams.

Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches, and Carrol Bryant, assistant pastor, coordinated the event. They were assisted

by area brethren and volunteers from other church areas.

After the meet, recognition was given to the participants, and ribbons were presented.

The invitational track meet, conducted with the approval of Church Administration, was one of two meets conducted as pilot programs that may be developed elsewhere. *Ray Meyer and John Davies*.

Institute pursues cooperation despite unrest in Sri Lanka

By David Baker and Michael Johnson

NUWARA ELIYA, Sri Lanka—"Bomb Blast in Petta—Over 100 Dead," "Sixteen Murdered in Evening Genocide," "Black Wednesday: 95 Killed."

They call it Sri Lanka's blood feud. The northern and eastern provinces have been labeled Sri Lanka's "killing fields." This island, once known as an Indian Ocean paradise, has become an island at war with itself.

David Baker directs the Ambassador Foundation project at the Waterfield Institute in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, and Michael Johnson is an Ambassador College graduate volunteer.

Sri Lanka is a country of incredible beauty and diversity—lush tropical rain forests in the south, sparsely populated arid regions in the north, peaceful fishing villages nestled among palm trees along the coast and thick green carpets of tea plantations covering hills and mountains on the interior.

As diverse as its geography are Sri Lanka's ethnic groups and religions—the Sinhalese, Tamils, Burghers and Malays who practice Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity.

For many years the four ethnic groups and four religions lived peaceably side by side. In the past few years, however, the country has

been ripped apart by violence. Polarization has replaced cooperation, especially among Sinhalese and Tamil communities.

With some leaders stressing that the various groups must work together for the common prosperity of the nation, many feel there must be a better way than destruction, heartache and suffering. The cooperation has already begun in small ways as people try to show that working together is possible.

Nestled among the tea estates of the Nuwara Eliya district, a school successfully demonstrates such cooperation. Waterfield Institute, founded in 1986, was established for the youths of Sri Lanka.

Here students with different languages and religions come together to learn vocational skills and English. They are doing what few Sri Lankan students have done in the past three decades: learning to work and study together, with an emphasis on helping each other and building a better future.

In January Ambassador Foundation Chairman Joseph W. Tkach visited the school and spoke to graduates.

"Waterfield Institute has shown by the fruits that I have witnessed here this afternoon that people of all backgrounds and religions can not only work together but can learn together and as a result grow together," said Mr. Tkach.

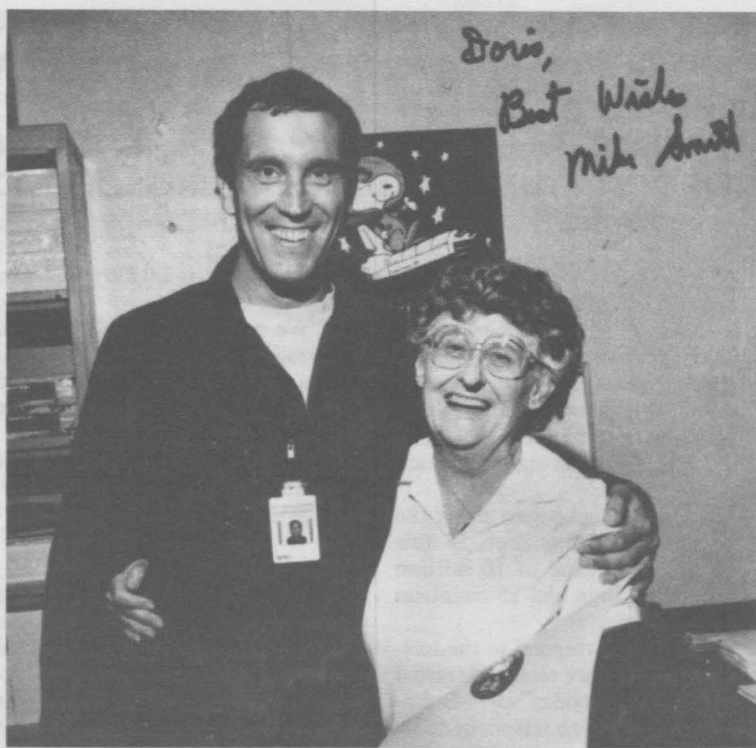
"Getting together this way breaks down the barriers that prevent us from accomplishing the

goals that mankind should set for himself," he continued. "If we are to have a secure future, we must teach our children. That is what Waterfield Institute is all about—to give them every opportunity."

He said: "I believe that the Waterfield Institute has enabled us to break down the barriers that would prevent us from being successful in helping these youths achieve their incredible human potential."

One school with limited resources cannot turn the tide by itself, but Waterfield Institute is portraying the fundamental solution to the problems of ethnic violence.

Until the way of sharing and cooperation replaces violence and strife, headlines like those at the beginning of this article will persist, and Sri Lanka will continue to languish in its troubled paradise.



CHALLENGER PILOT—Dorris Brooks, a member who attends the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, poses with Michael Smith. Commander Smith piloted the space shuttle *Challenger*, which exploded in 1986 killing all seven aboard.

Members aid space missions

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—When the space shuttle *Challenger* exploded 73 seconds after lift-off Jan. 28, 1986, Joe and Dorris Brooks, Church members here, were struck by the catastrophe more than most people were.

"I cried for days; I was quite upset," said Mrs. Brooks, 72.

Later that year, Mrs. Brooks retired from Rockwell International, manufacturer of the space shuttle.

That after 45 years with the aircraft industry, serving as security librarian, timekeeper and secretary, and in mail receiving and distributing.

Her retirement, however, provided the impetus for her and Mr. Brooks, 75, to become baptized Nov. 28, 1987. They have been attending Sabbath services in the Ambassador Auditorium since 1974.

Working with aircraft

After Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were married Feb. 2, 1941, they moved from Lubbock, Tex., to Long Beach, Calif., where both were hired by Douglas Aircraft Co.

"We were employed in the manufacturing of a troop transport and a fighter bomber," Mr. Brooks recalled.

Ten years later they moved to Palmdale, Calif. (where they live now), to raise chickens, 10,000 at a time. In 1953 they were hired by Edwards Air Force Base, where they worked for several years.

Since then Mrs. Brooks has worked for Motorola, Goodyear Aerospace and Rockwell, on such projects as aircraft and radar testing and the SR-71 spy plane.

Mr. Brooks worked for North American, where the X-15, the forerunner of the space shuttle, and the XB-70, forerunner of the B-1 bomber, were tested.

"The XB-70 had the six biggest engines ever put on an aircraft," he said. "No weapons equipment was ever designed for it, because it was all experimental."

He also helped test the F-3 for General Dynamics and the F-5

fighter for Northrop, before retiring in 1975.

'Snoopy' award

Mrs. Brooks has received several commendations, the most rewarding ones being the Astronaut Personal Achievement Award and the "Snoopy" award.

The Snoopy award, presented to her by Michael Smith, U.S. Navy commander and pilot of the ill-fated *Challenger*, applauded Mrs. Brooks' work in Palmdale coordinating the remote reprographics station, providing on-site support for receiving and distributing mail, operating datafax equipment and performing secretarial duties.

The award reads, "For professionalism, dedication and outstanding support that greatly enhanced flight safety and mission success during the Space Shuttle Space Transportation System Program."

"Dorris knew several of the shuttle astronauts and had occasions to aid them in programs and showing films, and indeed felt a part of the program," Mr. Brooks related.

The Brookses believe that manned stations will eventually exist in space. "Space is an environment of weightlessness and no contaminants," said Mr. Brooks. "It's a pure environment for medical experimentation" and studying the effects of earthly products such as bacteria and human blood.

"And not only that, I think that space stations can provide bases for going even farther into space," he added.

Attention on Church

Now the Brookses are turning all their attention to God's Church. They were instrumental in obtaining a guest speaker on the subject of the space shuttle from Rockwell for a student forum at Ambassador College.

Occasionally Ambassador students and Church members drive to the Brookses' home for breakfast, a tour of the space shuttle production line and to view NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) flight films.

"For years we have had students and faculty members, as many as 30 at a time, and members of the Church from around the world come to our home and then to Edwards Air Force Base for an all-day air show, including the Air Force flying team Thunderbirds," said Mrs. Brooks.

"It's been so interesting to us that we want to share it with everybody we know," she added. "We've surely enjoyed welcoming people from around the world."

Lone members in Florence

Truth makes sense to Italians

By Kathy Burch Johnson

CASTELVECCHIO-PASCOLI, Italy—"Sometimes we feel like the most isolated members!" said Gabriela Paoletti, who with her husband, Paolo, are the Italian church's only Florentine members.

The nearest church service is in Rome, 350 kilometers (217 miles) from their home in Prato, near Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Paoletti and their daughter, Irene, 12, attend one Sabbath service and one Bible study each month in Rome.

The Paolettis first watched the

World Tomorrow telecast four years ago. At the time they were

Kathy Burch Johnson is an associate editor of Youth 88. Michael Savoia of the Italian Department translated for the Paolettis, who do not speak English.

members of an evangelical church. What impressed them the most was that the first two times they saw the telecast, the late Herbert W. Arm-

strong addressed subjects their church was dealing with. They then asked for *La Pura Verita*.

"We liked Mr. Armstrong's explanations better because they made more sense," said Mrs. Paoletti. Mrs. Paoletti questioned their church's teachings on such doctrines as the immortal soul.

The Paolettis were two of the first people Michael Caputo visited in Italy. He visited them shortly after they first saw the telecast.

Mr. and Mrs. Paoletti began attending services in August, 1985. At first they were somewhat disoriented because they were familiar with a different type of services. They learned that the hymns the Church sings are often psalms from the Bible, not the typical Protestant hymns. Church ministers spoke longer and with more authority.

Mrs. Paoletti was baptized at the Feast in 1985, and Mr. Paoletti was baptized at the Feast in 1986.

When asked if they had any problems obeying God in Italy that brethren elsewhere may not have, Mrs. Paoletti replied, "The biggest problems are inside!" They have had few problems with family members, though some "think we're strange."

Mrs. Paoletti has some difficulty with her boss over the Sabbath. "My boss says I'm just trying to get out of work by not working on the Sabbath," she said. "Right now, I'm taking one day at a time of my yearly vacation each Sabbath."

Mrs. Paoletti is a secretary in a government office, though she plans to quit soon to spend more time with her daughter and because of the Sabbath problem.

Mr. Paoletti works "too much," according to Mrs. Paoletti. He does "what Mr. [Joseph] Tkach's name means"—he works with cloth as a weaver.



ISOLATED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN—Paolo and Gabriela Paoletti, lone members near Florence, Italy, and their daughter, Irene, who attend monthly Sabbath services in Rome, Italy, were two of the first people visited by a minister in Italy.



MEMORABILIA—Joe and Dorris Brooks, Pasadena members, served in aeronautics for several decades. [Photo by Jeff E. Zhorne]

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

PASADENA—The first 16 transmissions of the *World Tomorrow* telecast on Super Channel, a pan-European satellite channel, have brought in 500 responses, according to **Thomas Lapacka**, assistant director of Media Purchasing. Responses now average 31 each week.

Super Channel began airing the telecast at 12:30 p.m., Feb. 28, to a potential audience of 10 million homes in Britain and 15 countries across Europe.

"Those who respond to the telecast in Europe are really interested in what we are saying," said Mr. Lapacka. "Because no telephone number is given, they must jot down the address to write for the literature."

He added that English is not the first language of most viewers on the Continent.

By far the heaviest number of responses to Super Channel comes from the Netherlands, followed by West Germany, Ireland, Switzerland, Greece and Britain. Responses have been received from 18 other countries, including Iceland.

The most popular telecast was "AIDS—A Modern Plague," which aired March 27 and brought in 157 responses.

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PASADENA—Evangelist **Larry Salyer**, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, presented 25-year plaques and watches to evangelist **David Albert** and **David Wainwright**, professor of French at Pasadena Ambassador College and a pastor-rank minister, at a Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet June 7.

Dr. Albert, one of the presenters of *The World Tomorrow*, was ordained and hired into the full-time ministry when he graduated from Ambassador College in 1963. He serves as director of career counseling and professor of psychology at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Dr. Wainwright taught at the college's other two campuses, beginning in 1960 at Bricket Wood, England. He also served as pastor of the London, England, church for two years. Dr. Wainwright began teaching in Pasadena in 1977.

Dr. Albert's wife, **Simone**, and Dr. Wainwright's wife, **Sarah**, also received watches.

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PASADENA—**Gene Hogberg**, *Plain Truth* world news editor, traveled to Toronto, Ont., June 17 to attend the annual world economic summit June 19 to 21. **Neil Earle**, pastor of the Toronto East, West and Central churches, also attended the summit.

Mr. Hogberg spoke to the three Toronto churches at Sabbath services June 18. In the afternoon he spoke to Brampton, Ont., brethren.

During the summit, Mr. Hogberg spoke with **Willy De Clercq**, the European Community minister for external affairs.

After the summit Mr. Hogberg went on to Ottawa, Ont., where, on June 23, he interviewed **Ken James**, a member of Parliament for Sarnia, Ont.; **Peter Trueman**, a leading anchorman on Canada's Global television network; **Thomas d'Aquino**, president and chief executive officer of the Business Council on National Issues; and **Perrin Beatty**, Canada's minister of defense.

"The interviews in Canada dealt with United States and Canadian relations, specifically the proposed Free Trade Agreement between the two nations. This is an issue of great importance to the Canadians—as large in degree of magnitude to

them as 1992 is in Europe," Mr. Hogberg said.

"We are going to see the world coalesce into three economic mega-units—North America, Europe and a Japanese-led Asia," Mr. Hogberg said.

Keith Stoner, a local church elder in the Sarnia church, helped arrange the interviews.

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PASADENA—Several booklets are being translated into Afrikaans, one of two official languages in South Africa, according to the Literature Coordination Committee here. The booklets will be those that contain some of the Church's central doctrines.

During the June regional directors conference, representatives from the South African Office met with Editorial and Publishing Services personnel to discuss the booklets.

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PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ordinations:

Pedro Rufian, a ministerial

trainee in Santiago, Chile, was ordained a local elder June 9.

Michael Medina, a ministerial trainee in Buenos Aires and Ezeiza, Argentina, and **Hector Barrero**, a ministerial trainee in Bogota, Colombia, were ordained local elders on the Sabbath, June 11.

Horst Adams, a deacon in the Hannover, West Germany, church, was ordained a local church elder on Pentecost, May 22.

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PASADENA—The following are changes to the Festival choir directors list that appeared in the May 16 *Worldwide News*.

Big Sandy: **Byron Griffin**, (SMC) (DIR) (CCD), c/o Ambassador College, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

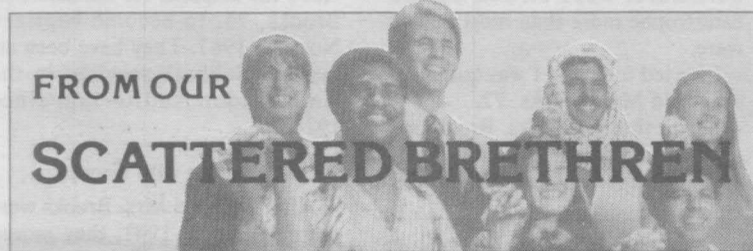
Corpus Christi, Tex.: **Mark Graham**, (SMC) (DIR) (CCD), 1490 Roycroft Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, 44107.

Mount Pocono, Pa.: **King Finlay**, (SMC) (DIR), 2045 Scheetz Church Rd., Quakertown, Pa., 18951.

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PASADENA—The Pasadena Rotary Club demotion dinner took place June 29 in the Ambassador College Student Center.

Evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs, welcomed the more than 300 Rotarians on behalf of Pastor Gen-



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

PASADENA—Marta (last name withheld) is the first member of the Church in Czechoslovakia, reported **Winfried Fritz**, pastor of the Darmstadt and Bonn-Duesseldorf, West Germany, churches, who baptized 21-year-old Marta on Pentecost.

She lives in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, said Mr. Fritz.

Marta, who works in a bank, came into contact with the Church through her aunt from Canada.

The Czech government granted Marta permission to attend the Feast this year in Canada.

"This is a new start for us," said Mr. Fritz. "She is the first, and like a mustard seed we hope it will grow."

Visit to Scandinavia

Peter Shenton, pastor of the Ipswich and Norwich, England, and Scandinavian churches, spent eight days in Scandinavia April 28 to May 5, visiting brethren and prospective members and baptizing three people.

Mr. Shenton also made arrangements for Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach's** visit later this summer.

Rising postal rates

The New Zealand post office introduced major changes to the postal system, reported evangelist **Raymond McNair**, regional director for New Zealand and the South Pacific.

"The main effect of these changes is that postage costs are now determined by the size of items rather than their weight," Mr. McNair said.

The Plain Truth, *Good News*, *Correspondence Course* and other large-size publications will attract a "considerably higher postage price."

If they are folded in half before mailing, however, postage costs will remain the same. The regional

office is negotiating with the postal system concerning the situation.

A look at the Philippines

The following is taken from a June 25 sermon in Pasadena by **Rodney Matthews**, regional director for the Philippines.

The Philippines are fragmented geographically. Many of the 7,107 islands are not populated. Filipinos speak more than 80 different languages.

There are 35 ministers serving about 50 churches and 10 outlying Bible studies. We have 4,400 attending services each week, and 2,450 of those are baptized.

The country is depressed, and the economy is not good, the government keeps telling us. But the year-to-date indigenous income of the Work is running at a 33 percent increase, and it was 20-plus percent last year.

Mr. Matthews joked that Filipinos might be related to the Israelites, pointing out how one of the Manila Office staff members refers to II Kings 9:20.

If you have been to Manila and seen the traffic there, you'll understand where the connection comes from. The driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously!

Eighty-five percent of the country is Roman Catholic. That makes a significant difference in the outlook of the people.

Basically they know little about the Bible, in spite of the fact that they are religious. When you point out something in the Bible, they are receptive to what is there. So *The Good News* has an exceptionally large circulation—the largest outside the United States.

I would guess that twice as many read each copy of the publications as in the States—six or seven, because of the strong family ties. Fam-

ily ties are much, much stronger than in this country. It's sort of their social security.

That also makes it difficult for minors to respond to their interest in the Church. And yet circulation of the *Youth* magazine has grown immensely.

The Filipinos greatly value education. The sacrifices that parents will make for their children are incredible. They will work overseas by themselves for many years or even go hungry.

In most of the 73 provinces in the Philippines, there are communist insurgents preying on the Filipinos' difficult circumstances and consequent discontent. They'll use any means including intimidation to gain a following.

So far the communists have primarily attacked military personnel to get weapons. It generally doesn't affect day-to-day life in Manila or any of the other major provincial areas. It affects the rural areas.

Some members on the island of Mindanao, who were threatened and felt their lives were in danger, considered moving away and just simply walking off farms.

The military suddenly came in, did a big sweep, cleaned everybody out and then went back again. So what looked like a serious situation was relieved.

We had to relocate a couple of members who spent several hours in their house lying on the floor while the bullets whizzed overhead. They got caught in a cross fire between the NPA (communist New People's Army) and the military.

The communists come through villages at night and flick their weapons' safety switches on and off. You hear this click, click, click outside, so you know you're basically surrounded. Mostly they're not interested in pure murder, but it's an overall intimidation program.

Several members of a minister's family had to lie on the floor of their house, because an NPA group attacked the constabulary headquarters, which was right next to his house. The minister came back and found his frightened family.

You learn to live with that sort of thing. It's pretty safe to assume that once they attack an area, they probably won't hit it again for a while. We do have to pray for the protection of the brethren. It's hard to predict what will happen.

In the rural areas some of the

nior who holds a degree in Russian; and Ambassador College graduate **Aaron Eagle**.

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PASADENA—Ninety U.S. and Canadian high school graduates took part in the Summer Educational Graduate Program (SEGP) June 22 to July 3 at Pasadena Ambassador College.

"The purpose of SEGP," said evangelist **Gregory Albrecht**, SEGP director and dean of students for the college here, "is to help prepare its participants for life after high school. Education, career planning, leadership, service and personal development are stressed. Each student also experiences Ambassador College firsthand to understand what AC is all about."

Roger Widmer, SEGP assistant director, said "SEGP helps young people in God's Church deal with this transitional stage of their life. They no longer are a part of YOU [Youth Opportunities United] and yet don't feel like they fit in with the singles or adults. The program gives them a foundation for becoming a successful adult."

Twenty-one of the graduates held leadership positions in their schools. These included one valedictorian, two senior class vice presidents, nine National Honor Society members, five yearbook or newspaper editors and four who were published in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

people are poor. In the cities there are some well-off members.

In areas where farming is the major occupation you'll find some members living in the classic nipa hut. Nipa is a product that comes from a coconut palm. The hut has a thatched roof, maybe a bamboo floor and is on stilts to let the water flow underneath when it rains.

They own a rice paddy or two, and if they're fairly well off, they own a carabao or water buffalo for plowing rice paddies. A carabao is a precious and expensive item—sort of like a tractor to a farmer here.

A farmer would probably not make more than 30,000 pesos (about \$1,500) a year. Many brethren come to the Feast with little more than \$100, so we do help them financially.

But you don't have to pity those people. Feel concern for their needs, certainly. But they are being taught the same thing you are: how to have a harmonious relationship with each other. It's what Mr. Tkach has been stressing. It's one of the most important things in the Church.

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