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U.S. host to new Feast sites: Colorado, Arkansas, cruise

PASADENA—The Festival Office announced three new locations for the 1991 Feast of Tabernacles.

Keystone, Colo., a resort area at an elevation of 9,500 feet in the Colorado Rockies, will be host to about 2,000 brethren. Vail, Colo., will continue to be a Feast site.

About 4,500 brethren will attend the Feast in Hot Springs, Ark., which replaces the Kansas

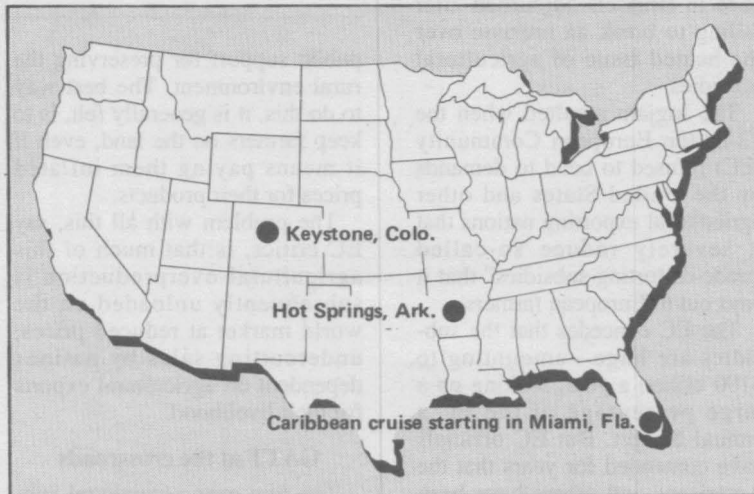
City, Mo., site. Hot Springs is an area that was used by American Indians for hundreds of years.

The Church will receive the use of convention centers in both cities free of charge, according to Mark McCulley, Festival Administration manager. "They realize that the benefit to the economy of the community will more than offset the cost of the facility."

After keeping the first four

days of the Feast in Miami, Fla., a Royal Caribbean Cruise liner will set sail for a six-day cruise, concluding after the Feast. Ports of call are not yet confirmed.

Further details on these sites will appear in the Jan. 14 *Worldwide News*. Members are reminded not to make travel plans or inquiries regarding housing arrangements. Making premature plans can jeopardize negotiations for lower rates, according to Mr. McCulley.



NEW FEAST OF TABERNACLES SITES—The Church's Festival Office announced three new 1991 Feast sites. They are Keystone, Colo. (about 15 miles east of Dillon), Hot Springs, Ark., and a Caribbean cruise originating in Miami, Fla. [Map by Ron Grove]

Hopes for registration in Cameroon Minister visits West Africa

BOREHAMWOOD, England—David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa in the British Office, visited West Africa in November to complete budgets with office managers.

Visiting English-speaking members in Yaounde and Limbe, Cameroon, Mr. Stirk was pleased to report that members seemed in good spirits, many of them having attended the Feast of Tabernacles in Nigeria.

He gave Bible studies and sermons, conducted a Nigerian ministerial conference for 10 elders and visited the Summer Educational Program (SEP) site in Jos, Nigeria.

In Accra, Ghana, he spent four days with Alan Tattersall, the Church's new office manager there, and addressed 250 brethren.

Mr. Stirk said financial requirements for this part of the Work will be less than last year.

Cameroon registration

The Church's Legal Office has been successful in pursuing, to the highest governmental level, an application for registration of the Church in the Cameroon. The application is awaiting approval.

With a call for multiparty poli-

tics in Cameroon, a bill was introduced in the parliament to permit registration of other organizations.

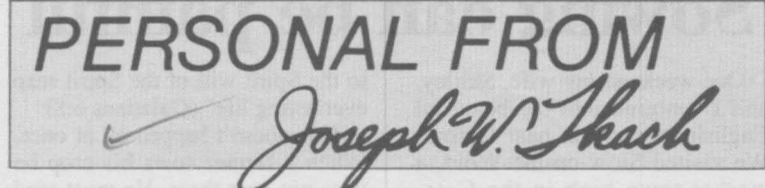
If the bill passes successfully, the Church's chances for registration are even greater, reported evangelist Les McCullough, British regional director.

"We would like to ask for the prayers of our readers in this

regard," he said.

A church hall is being built on the grounds of an English-speaking member near Yaounde. The hall, which is almost finished, could seat about 200 people if the Church is registered.

Besides serving as a location for Sabbath services, the hall could be host to a first-ever Feast of Tabernacles site in Cameroon.



Dear Brethren,

I am saddened when I think of those who have chosen to leave the Church over the past couple of years, some for what they feel is "the faith once delivered."

Though they are few in number, it is always sad when someone chooses to forsake the truth God has given his Church for some substitute gospel.

I remember when a number of ministers left the Church in the early '70s because they wanted to adhere to "the faith once delivered." They believed that Herbert W. Armstrong himself had departed from his own earlier teachings when he changed the Church's position on divorce and remarriage and about the day on which the Church observed the annual festival of Pentecost.

They also produced an article Mr. Armstrong had written in 1939 about government in the Church. Mr. Armstrong changed his view of this when he saw that only through the cooperative effort of a unified, firmly committed body of true believers could the commission be fulfilled and the gospel proclaimed to all the world

(Matthew 28:19-20).

But this article became an issue for some who left. It represented something that Mr. Armstrong had changed, and gave the color of legitimacy to their decision to leave the Body. The foundation of the contention was their belief that God gave all the truth to Mr. Armstrong at the beginning of his ministry, and that anything he changed later could not be of God.

Issues of separation

Where did they find support for this contention in the Bible? That was not the issue. The issue, to them, was that Mr. Armstrong was not doing things the way they wanted him to, so they left.

They used the idea of "faith once delivered" (from Jude 3) as their rallying cry, because it seemed to connote faithfulness to God, as opposed to what they called faithfulness to the "organization."

They did not consult the letter of Jude, however, to define the "faith once delivered." To them, the "faith once delivered" was what they wanted it to be, specifically: the day the Church observes Pentecost, the ruling that couples who previously divorced and then remarried (See PERSONAL, page 3)

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A New Beginning for Ambassador

'90-'91 school year off to successful start

The recently consolidated Ambassador College took on a new look as it opened its doors to approximately 1,200 students Sept. 3 for the beginning of the 1990-91 school year. Orientation Week began with an address from Joseph W. Tkach, chairman of the board and chancellor of Ambassador College.

Amidst the final stages of construction on campus, Mr. Tkach pointed out that although the physical structure of Ambassador may change, the college's philosophy and core will remain the same.

both in the field of education and in the Church, Ambassador emphasizes on success living, based on biblical values, offers our students the foundation needed to enjoy successful careers, family and spiritual life. But it is, after all, what matters most with their Ambassador education, and what kind of contributor they can make in society. That's why, as alumni, you are invited to us. While we often speak of the value of an Ambassador education, we also...

Welcome Alumni!

Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach

Greetings from Big Sandy! We're excited to send you this inaugural issue of *Ambassadors*, a newsletter created especially for you, the alumni of Ambassador College. As Ambassador enters the '90s, its role is as important as ever.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER—Above: The front cover of the first issue of *Ambassadors*, the official Ambassador College alumni newsletter. Art director Greg Smith (left) reviews a press sheet. The first issue will be mailed to the college's current alumni mailing list. [Photo by Jeremy Daum]

Macintosh users employ new methods Church publications go desktop

By Bill Palmer

PASADENA—The text of all eight pages of the Dec. 3 *Worldwide News* was produced by desktop publishing.

This move was the first step in

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switching the production of all Church publications to desktop publishing, said Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations.

Bill Palmer is editor for the "Biblical Workshop" section of *The Plain Truth*.

Ron Grove, art director for *The Worldwide News*, used Quark XPress, computer software designed to operate on Apple's Macintosh systems, to produce the Dec. 3 issue. Mr. Grove had already used it to produce one page in the Nov. 5 issue and two pages in the Nov. 19 issue.

The January *News of the Work*, the Church's newsletter for co-workers, was also produced on a

Macintosh computer. It was previously produced electronically on Ventura Publisher.

Ventura Publisher is suitable for newsletters but not for more sophisticated publications like *The Plain Truth* and *Youth 90*, according to Don Patrick, manager of the Technical Support team serving both the Editorial and Publishing departments.

"It is our plan to produce all Church publications with Quark XPress on Macintosh computers," Mr. Schnippert said.

Mr. Schnippert pointed out that "it wasn't until the past few years that systems capable of handling high quality, four-color publications in several languages have become available at reasonable (See DESKTOP, page 8)

GATT failure spurs trade-bloc rivalry

PASADENA—Major international trade deliberations have come to a standstill.

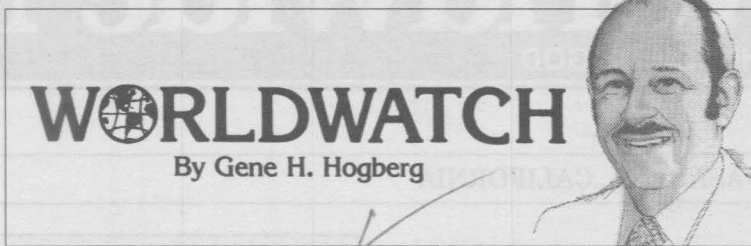
Dec. 7, delegates from 107 nations attending the concluding conference of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) conference in Brussels adjourned after failing to break an impasse over the heated issue of agricultural subsidies.

The logjam resulted when the 12-nation European Community (EC) refused to bend to demands by the United States and other agricultural exporting nations that it severely reduce so-called "trade-distorting subsidies" that it pays out to European farmers.

The EC concedes that the subsidies are huge—amounting to \$100 billion a year, soaking up a large percentage of the EC's annual budget. But EC officials have contended for years that the Americans and others have been unsympathetic to the political and economic realities of the Community.

European farmers represent only 8 percent of the EC work force, but their political influence far outweighs their numbers. An example is the degree to which German Chancellor Helmut Kohl carried the Bavarian conservative farmers' vote leading up to his successful reelection Dec. 2.

Also, throughout Community countries, there is widespread



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

public support for preserving the rural environment. The best way to do this, it is generally felt, is to keep farmers on the land, even if it means paying them inflated prices for their products.

The problem with all this, say EC critics, is that much of this agricultural overproduction is subsequently unloaded on the world market at reduced prices, undercutting sales by nations dependent on agricultural exports for their livelihood.

GATT at the crossroads

The row over agricultural subsidies is such a contentious one that it threatens to bring the entire GATT process to a halt. Plans to extend tariff reductions to new areas such as the service industries (banking, transportation and telecommunications) and intellectual property rights (computer software programs and television and motion picture productions) have reached a dead end.

Experts predict that an anticipated \$4 trillion in additional world trade over the next decade

could now be lost. Others believe that what GATT has achieved in its seven previous rounds of negotiations dating back to shortly after World War II may also be at risk.

"To most people," wrote economist James Flanagan in the Nov. 18 Los Angeles Times, "GATT stands for distant, dull arguments over customs duties—nothing to do with their daily lives. It's an understandable attitude.... We [forget] that nations used to fight wars over trade.

"But since 1947, nations have settled disputes peacefully within the framework of GATT... and those peaceful settlements have increased the international flow of goods by 500 percent to more than \$3 trillion....

"Quite simply, the agreement has helped to create a new world, one that spreads the work and increases output. A single Barbie doll, for example, is made in 10 countries—designed in the United States, with parts and clothing from Japan, Korea, Italy, Taiwan and other places.

"The same one-from-many production system holds for automobiles, airplanes, computers and dishwashers. Moving goods around like that is possible because, under GATT, tariffs have come down from an average 40 percent to 5 percent."

Not long ago I visited the massive Boeing Aircraft assembly plant in Everett, Wash., where the 747 and 767 models of jet passenger airplanes are built.

The manifold thousands of parts and subassemblies for these planes, while designed by Boeing engineers, come from subcontractors around the world. This is especially true of the 767. There were sections of the fuselage, still in factory crates with "Mitsubishi Heavy Industries" stenciled on them.

Breakdown into trade blocs

The outline of the post-GATT-

dominated world is already visible—and it is a potentially explosive one.

Nobody is predicting an all-out global trade war, at least in the short run. But certainly the threat of protectionism (erecting high tariffs and other trade barriers) will be more pronounced.

The most critical danger is the apparent dividing of the world into three rival trading blocs, grouped around a United States-led Western Hemisphere, a Japan-led Asia-Pacific region and a German-dominated Europe.

The United States seems to be welcoming such a development. It is no coincidence that while the Brussels negotiations were under way, President George Bush was on a trip to several nations in South America.

Dec. 3, Mr. Bush told the Brazilian congress that "it is within our power to make this hemisphere the largest free trading partnership of sovereign nations in the world." Such a free

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European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Crime and punishment: the only real solution

BOREHAMWOOD, England—The British prison system has been marred by riots at Strangeways prison in Manchester and the high suicide rates among teenage prisoners bullied and forced to clean up for older and tougher cell mates.

Prisons have gained a reputation as schools of crime where offenders on nonviolent charges later return for more serious offenses. The prison system doesn't work.

But what do the British, or any people, expect penal systems to do?

Radio 4 aired a debate on this subject. A panel of moralists, public figures and prison officers came up with a three-point responsibility: 1) punish the offender for his or her crimes against society, 2) keep dangerous people away from the public and 3) provide a deterrent to prevent a repeat of the crime.

The issues of crime and punishment are high on political agendas all over the world. Candidates claim that they will reduce the level of crime and be tougher with criminals when they are caught.

But despite the claims, levels of crime are still high.

Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote a novel titled *Crime and Punishment*. The main character examines his conscience (he has supposedly killed an old woman pawnbroker to ease the poverty of himself, his sister and mother) and realizes one by one, that his justifications are false. His soul-searching leads to his confession and repentance.

Sadly, there is little place for soul-searching in today's prisons. Some do determine to make a new life. Others bide their time, and leave the locked-up life no more prepared to face the temptations of the real world than before. For some, prison is an excellent education in the how-tos of a future career in crime.

The Bible has much to say about crime and punishment. Crimes in ancient Israel were punished differently than the sentences we witness today. Rape was given the same sentence as murder. "For just as when a man rises against his neighbor and kills

him, even so is this matter [rape]" (Deuteronomy 22:25-26, New King James throughout).

Damage to property required reparations by the one who perpetrated the crime.

Crime (like sin) is the transgression of the law. The roots of crime lie in the nature of men when influenced by Satan.

If we look at the three crime and punishment responsibilities noted by the radio panel, we see that God's way fulfills them all.

The Bible shows that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Christ releases us from this second death upon repentance, but still the old man must die.

Here the first requirement is fulfilled—it is the just reward for sin. But Christ takes our sins upon himself.

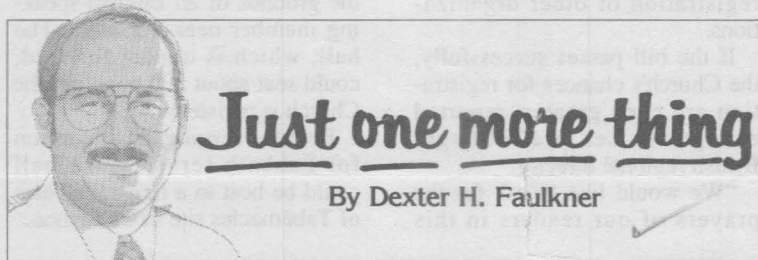
The second requirement is protection of others. This is made possible by the observance of the law by the one who has been redeemed. Now we are motivated by love for our neighbor. His property and his well-being are no longer threatened by us, but even enhanced by our presence. We become our neighbor's protector.

The third requirement is to prevent a relapse into the criminal state. We are commanded to crucify the old man and to walk in newness of life. Weaknesses should be repented of as we press forward in quest of changing our lives.

One of the greatest criticisms of prisons is that they offer little or no moral education. Here God provides amply for our needs. We overcome our past by being renewed by the Holy Spirit—taking on the mind of Jesus Christ. We are taught by his word, by his Church, by his involvement in our own life.

We can rejoice in our own redemption from sin. When we witness the terrible crimes committed in our society, we can look forward to the time when the earth will be as full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

It is only when man is fully reconciled to God and truly understands the purpose of his existence that this issue of crime and punishment can finally be put to rest.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Sowing can be painful

One weekend my wife, Shirley, and I ventured into the beautiful English countryside near Oxford. We visited Stow-on-the-Wold, a market town high in the Cotswolds surrounded by glorious scenery. It was even more breathtaking in this "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness."

While driving down narrow, winding country lanes, I was reminded of the differences between planting time and the harvest.

Christ said, "Behold, a sower went out to sow" (Matthew 13:3, New King James throughout). That is an expression of faith. The sower sowed in the spring, expecting to reap a harvest in the autumn.

My grandmother told me that while you can see how many seeds are in an apple you cannot see how many apples are in a seed. When you plant an apple seed you don't see the fruit it will produce. You plant it in faith, which is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).

Perhaps the hardest and seemingly least rewarding part of planting a crop is preparing the ground for sowing the seed. A farmer told me that, so long as the soil is suitable for sowing, preparing the ground is 95 percent of the task of bringing in a good crop.

He said that if the ground is not cultivated properly in the beginning, then no matter how much care you give it while the seed is growing, you will only have a mediocre crop.

Sow to the Spirit

The important thing to keep in mind is the ultimate reward. Paul inspired the churches in Galatia with these words: "He who sows

to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life" (Galatians 6:8).

This doesn't happen all at once. When a farmer sows his crop he does not stop there. He must tend the crop until it grows to maturity. So it is with spiritual growth.

Peter tells us: "For this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love" (II Peter 1:5-7).

James also shows how faith develops over time into perseverance, which in turn helps us go on toward perfection. He said: "The

acter defect. It takes faith to tackle a problem that may take months, even years, to overcome. This is where we must have in mind the vision of the final product—a new creation without that character defect.

When we sow spiritually we must have the vision of eternal life. The wonderful thing about working on character defects is that along the way we build other good character traits as by-products.

For example, if you are learning to control your anger, you would come to understand what causes anger and what you can do to control your anger. You would grow in self-control, you would grow in patience and perseverance as you worked on that problem over time. You would also grow in brotherly kindness and love with which you would replace uncontrolled anger.

Reaping a rich harvest

The farmer does not scatter seed indiscriminately nor choose its location haphazardly. The most valuable crop is allotted the most fertile ground.

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Don't be afraid to tackle the big areas of Christian character. Then you can reap the rich harvest of justice, mercy and faith.

testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:3-4).

The Greek word translated "patience" in James 1:3-4 is the same word that is translated "perseverance" in II Peter 1:6.

It takes diligence to prepare the ground before sowing. It takes faith to sow when you can't see the final produce, and it takes patience and perseverance to carry on tending that fruit when you can see the fruit beginning to emerge.

It is the same with building character. It takes diligence and forward motion to begin working on a char-

acter defect. It takes faith to tackle a problem that may take months, even years, to overcome. This is where we must have in mind the vision of the final product—a new creation without that character defect.

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PERSONAL

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must separate before being baptized and total autonomy for local congregations.

For those who have left in the last year or two, the "faith once delivered" is also what they want it to be. Once again, what Jude or any other part of the Bible says is not the issue.

To them, the "faith once delivered" could be classified as follows: 1) Every word of *Mystery of the Ages*, along with every word of every article and booklet Mr. Armstrong wrote, except those they are personally aware that he specifically changed himself. 2) God condemns Christians getting medical treatment. 3) God condemns Christians wearing makeup. 4) God condemns Christians observing birthdays. 5) God condemns Ambassador College seeking accreditation. 6) God always condemns Christians marrying if they are not the same race.

Then, in an effort to bolster their position, they invariably claim that the Church has gone from Philadelphian to Laodicean. But they claim to still be the true Philadelphians because of their

"deeper" understanding than that of the Church on these points. It is ironic that they also claim to be spiritually rich and increased with spiritual goods.

surface, and I am more than a little upset by what has come to me.

First is the way some of these ministers have treated their congregations. The minister places

Brethren, God is outgoing. He reaches out to his people and to humanity because he wants them to return to him.

With a little comparison of these points with the Bible, it becomes clear that these people have chosen to leave the Body of Christ over some "pretty big issues." (I speak facetiously.) What is the real fruit of their approach to God's Word? It is dissension, strife and self-righteous judging.

The way to live

To better understand just how deceived and confused a person can become when the focus is taken off what God says is important and onto what a person thinks is important, we need to compare this approach to the way Jesus Christ taught his true followers to live.

Now that some have left the Church, some of their general attitudes and ways have come to the

himself on a pedestal, usually along with his closest elders and deacons.

Some people are afraid to counsel with him because he is harsh and intimidating rather than considerate and approachable.

Members who become close to the pastor in this little clique

develops among those who are in this "righteous" group toward those who are trying to be faithful to the Church. Confidentiality becomes a problem, because things discussed with the minister may be shared in this clique.

Let me stop right here to say that THESE THINGS ARE ABOMINABLE IN THE SIGHT OF GOD! They are the result of an arrogant, smug, deeply SELF-righteous and superior attitude that is the opposite of all that Jesus Christ taught and stands for!

And all this sin-filled abuse of ministerial authority is cleverly disguised in a pious smoke-screen of somehow being "loyal" to Mr. Armstrong and teaching the real TRUTH!

to humanity because he wants them to return to him. God is love. Jesus told the disciples to go into all the world, preaching the gospel to everyone.

Though we must live in this world, we are called out of it in the sense that we are not to partake of its sins. We are to teach all nations to observe all things Christ has commanded. That great commission cannot be accomplished if we are not willing to follow Jesus Christ as he leads us through the Holy Spirit.

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pull out all stops in their efforts to get and stay "in good" with the pastor. Many become men-pleasers in their attitudes toward the leaders who are in the "in" group.

A certain smug attitude

This kind of minister, I have found, does not teach members how to think in the light of God's Word. Rather, he requires that members check virtually every decision with him, and then he gives the yea or nay.

There is a strong rigidity to the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law goes lacking.

Rigid policies not approved by headquarters have even been enacted, such as getting approval from the pastor before a first date with another member.

The brethren in such a congregation tend to become extremely judgmental and critical of one another. While there may be plenty of socializing, there is not much real fellowship, partly because people are afraid to talk to one another for fear of getting reported to the minister.

God is outgoing love

Brethren, God is outgoing. He reaches out to his people and

It is precisely because we rely on the Bible as our standard that occasionally we find we need to change. And as God leads us to change, change we will, but not because we want our way. We change because, as God's people, we want God's way. We want to teach the truth, not our own personal opinions or feelings.

Let's pray always for God's guidance and blessing as we strive to serve him faithfully. That is exactly what Mr. Armstrong did, and he changed when God led him to do so. If we are to be faithful to God, we can do no less.

Let's not be deceived by emotional arguments put forth by former ministers who desire a following after themselves.

Let's stand firmly together as God's elect, growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, looking forward anxiously to the day when he will return, bringing our inheritance with him!

**'Rarely talked about his pain'
Philippine elder dies at 61**

By Ruel H. Guerrero
MANILA, Philippines—Felix Manubay Jr., 61, a local church elder in the Marikina church, died Nov. 15 after a three-year battle with leukemia complicated by

malignant lymphoma. Mr. Manubay, a member since 1966, lapsed into a coma Nov. 15 and was placed in intensive care. He died in the night without regaining consciousness.

Ruel H. Guerrero works in the Manila, Philippines, Regional Office.

Mr. Manubay leaves his wife, Emerenciana (Mer), a member, and five children: Abelardo, Belinda, Felix III, Marivic and Doris.

He was employed with Globesco, a paint company, and was its secretary and vice president for production. His formula for a new paint became one of the leading brands in the country.

In early 1987 Mr. Manubay contracted leukemia. Blood transfusions (with blood donated mainly by Church members) sustained him for three years.

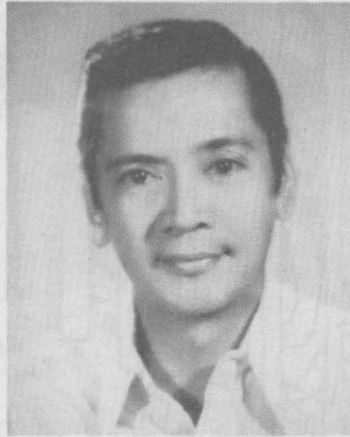
"He will probably be remembered most for the fine example he set during his illness," said Paul Kieffer, regional director.

"He rarely talked about his

pain, but always seemed to direct the conversation toward the needs of his visitors or the needs of the Work."

Mr. Kieffer said Mr. Manubay fulfilled the scriptural qualification of being respected by those without.

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 20 by Jose Raduban, pastor of the Quezon City, Philippines, church, who was ordained at the same time as Mr. Manubay.



FELIX MANUBAY JR.

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**Local church elder dies:
Hundreds attend service**

SAN FERNANDO, Philippines—Aurelio Mandap, 62, a local church elder in San Fernando, Pampanga, died Oct. 19.

Mr. Mandap was baptized in 1965 and ordained in 1980.

He was so respected in his hometown that hundreds came to his funeral, according to Paul Kieffer, Philippine regional director.

Mr. Mandap's death was a loss not only to his family but also to the Church, particularly his congregation, Mr. Kieffer said.

Mr. Mandap is survived by his wife, Lolita, and seven children, Lolita, Relly, Connie, Ernesto, Nelson, Nelito and Rachel.



AURELIO MANDAP

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Readers enjoy magazine

My husband and I are happy to be among your *Plain Truth* readers. The topics in the magazine are really interesting and realistic. Indeed, we are enjoying it. We always find some time to read the magazine. We are hoping to learn more about God our Savior.

I feel very happy about the new magazine, because I am reading my Bible and also I am a Catholic. I learned from my parents the Christian way of living and had religion class throughout elementary and high school. Perhaps back then I didn't understand much about God's Word, but now it means so much to me. I just want you to know that your magazine is so important to us.

By the way, this letter is to say thanks and forgive me for the spelling and

grammar of this. I am still learning the language.

M.C.
Stanford, Conn.

I find many of the articles very interesting. Especially "Letting Go" in the November *Plain Truth*, by Ronald D. Kelly. I have grandchildren 14 and 18 years old. It also applies to me.

I am handicapped and at times very much in pain. I love to read and still plan things. My books, etc., sometimes are all over my room. It's hard for me to hang up my clothes, so they sit on a chair until I have the strength to get to them.

The poem, "Empty Room" by Mr. Kelly's mother-in-law is beautiful. I shall keep it always and pass it on to others. It hits the nail right on the head.

I had to add this, some people don't like *The Plain Truth*. I hate to have to sit back and hold my tongue and keep quiet. I tell it like it is.

D.J.
Greensburg, Pa.

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Thankful for true teaching

Thank you for your interest in me and all the people you try to give clean, moral and faithful understanding in the true words of God in these trying days. I really love your magazine and your interest in all the people you reach out to. May God bless you and your hard work to spread goodness in this world.

F.Z.
Farrell, Pa.

Bankruptcy to booming business: Deacon transforms ailing firm

By Ruth Muench

LOS ANGELES—Geoffrey Berg, 35, a deacon here, helped transform a bankrupt landscape design company into a booming enterprise serving Southern California.

Ruth Muench, a former Worldwide News staff member, is a senior at Ambassador College.

Van Herrick's Environmental Planting, a landscape design, installation and maintenance company, serves interior and exterior landscaping needs of more than 4,000 clients.

Included are the Los Angeles offices of Ronald and Nancy Reagan, Sheraton and Hyatt hotels, 100 Kaiser hospitals and more than 400 Bank of America branches.

In 1988 Mr. Berg and a partner, David Dworsky (not a member),

acquired Van Herrick's, after it went into bankruptcy after being in business for 44 years.

"The first year was a challenge," he recalled. "We were taking losses, we didn't have enough cash flow, the business was operating without any computer system and it had a large overhead."

Mr. Berg and Mr. Dworsky cut the overhead by selling a 3.5-acre greenhouse facility and made contracts with plant growers.

They also added computers to streamline procedures, laid off unproductive employees and added department heads.

"We showed the customers that we could maintain efficient, quality service," restoring faith in Van Herrick's as a reliable company.

Growth picked up about 18 months ago, and now sales have more than tripled. About 170

employees are on the payroll.

'You have to go forward'

Mr. Berg said knowing God's way of life has helped him succeed in the business world. A positive outlook, how to motivate people, persistence—"these are things you learn in the Church," he observed.

"You can't sit still. If you do, you find yourself going backward because of inflation and normal attrition," Mr. Berg explained. "You have to go forward. If you just maintain, you lose accounts. You have to be aggressively going after new business and replace lost business."

"I don't have just an 8-to-5 job," he continued. "I have to be willing to work whenever work needs to be done and to take responsibility. There is no one else I can pass the buck to. When there are decisions

to be made, you cannot be reluctant in making them, but make the best decision that you can with the facts you have available. Don't be afraid to make mistakes."

But, he's quick to point out, "there's joy in having your own business too. If it goes well you reap the benefits."

Mr. Berg also attributes his success to being people-oriented. He uses recognition to motivate his employees to do their best. "When someone is doing a good job, you can never pat him or her on the back enough."

Every six months he organizes an awards banquet for employees, giving out awards for outstanding performance. The employees also can earn bonuses in the company, giving them "additional incentive to work for the benefit of themselves and the company."

What would he tell a Church member considering owning his own business? "God is the one who blesses us, but we must be willing to put out the needed effort and accept the appropriate risks," Mr. Berg said. "Don't be scared of obstacles. Just be creative in tackling them. You have to discipline

yourself to overcome the odds facing you."

Mr. Berg says to surround yourself with people who are better than you are in their area of specialty. "My philosophy is to delegate work to competent employees so the



GEOFFREY BERG

operation runs itself and my partner and I just monitor different areas and have them report to us.

"I try not to get stuck behind a desk doing paperwork, I try to be visible everywhere within the company and to our valued clients." Mr. Berg also tries to stay

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A MAJOR MISTAKE

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

Summer vacation arrived at last and that meant Jim, Susie and Major would spend happy days on the farm with their grandparents. But the very first week in the country brought complications in the form of a rival dog.

Harry, who lived just up the gravel road, came skipping down early one morning, leading a black and brown dog. "Hi!" shouted Harry as he stopped at the front yard gate. "Look what I've got! His name is Lucky."

Jim and Susie looked up from the picnic table, where they were helping Grandmother shell peas from the garden. "Where'd you get him?" asked Jim, rising and walking over to the gate.

"ROFF! ROFF! ROUUURF!" Major came racing up with a challenge in his voice. He bared his teeth a little, determined to defend his territory.

"Say, you'd better not bring him in the yard," Jim cautioned, proud of Major's aggressiveness and also feeling strangely envious that Harry had a dog that looked a good deal like his own. "Major'll tear him to pieces!"

"Oh no. My dog can beat him up any old day," Harry retorted, reaching up to unlatch the gate. Lucky began to bark as loudly as Major. The two dogs stood nose to nose at the gate.

Grandmother intervened. "Harry, these dogs need to meet each other on neutral ground. I think you'd do well to take your nice little dog on back home, and you and Jim can introduce them down on the bridge tomorrow. OK?"

Harry backed off, pulling his dog along. "OK. I'll see you tomorrow, Jim. I've got a great dog here, haven't I?"

"Sure you have," Jim admitted. "Where'd you get him?"

"At the dog pound."

The yapping of the dogs prevented further conversation, and Harry went back up the hill, pulling the reluctant dog after him.

Susie knelt to give Major a hug,

"You're the best dog in the whole world."

They returned to their work at the picnic table. Grandmother commented: "Let's try to be generous, dears. We're glad that Harry has a nice, new little dog friend."

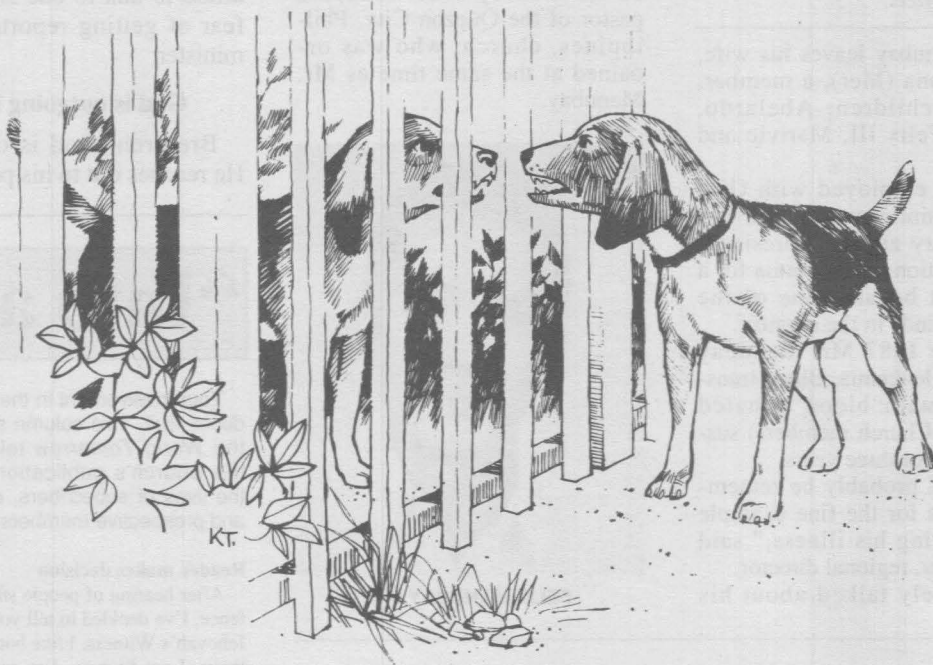
That seemed to settle it. Late in the afternoon as Grandfather and Jim came up from the pasture where they had mended a fence, Major chased a rabbit into a weed patch. In his excitement, he snagged his shoulder on a piece of barbed wire. The wound was serious enough that Grandfather decided to hustle him

Major's collar. "Steady, fella. Sit." Smiling, Major waved his tail and sat.

Grandmother came up with eyes wide and anxious. "The sheriff has an order to take Major away."

Grandfather stopped in his tracks, thunderstruck. "Why? What's this all about, Sheriff?"

Sheriff Becker thrust a paper into Grandfather's hands. "A dog chased sheep in Dugan's pasture this afternoon and crippled a ewe. Dugan recognized the dog as your grandson's. I have a warrant to take him in."



Artwork by Ken Tunell

into town to have the veterinarian put in a few stitches. They were soon back at the farm.

As Grandfather pulled into the driveway with Jim and Major beside him in the cab of the pickup truck, he gave a short exclamation. "What's Sheriff Becker's car doing here?"

The moment they parked the pickup and got out, Grandmother and Susie burst from the house. A tall man in tan work clothes and wide-brimmed hat followed them.

"Major's going to be arrested!" Susie wailed. "Don't let him take Major away!"

"What?" demanded Grandfather. "What's going on here?"

Reaching down, Jim grabbed

"Whoa!" Grandfather replied. "Major's never been out of our sight today. A mistake's been made somewhere. You've got the wrong dog."

"I'll say," Jim said with relief. Grandfather knew how to handle every emergency.

The sheriff looked down at Major. "Farmer Dugan got a shot off and winged the dog as it ran off. I see there's a fresh bandage on your dog's shoulder."

"He cut himself on a barbed wire fence," explained Grandfather. "We just came back from seeing the vet."

"Dr. Alexander?"

"Yes, sir."

"Hmmm. I can check that out mighty fast with a phone call."

"You're welcome to use my

phone," replied Grandfather.

"I'll just do that."

As they trooped into the house Major stayed close beside Jim.

Grandfather got out the telephone book and found the number for the sheriff. Then they went on into the living room while Sheriff Becker made his phone call in the kitchen.

The sheriff soon came in, and he looked less stern. "Dr. Alexander says it definitely was a jagged wire wound all right. That puts a crimp in my evidence."

"I should think it would," Grandfather said looking down at Major with affection. "That little dog wouldn't hurt a flea. Take a chair here, Sheriff. I'm going to make a phone call myself." And he went out, leafing through the telephone book.

Soon he was back. "My hunch was correct. You've got a case of mistaken identity here. If you drive up the hill to Stressner's place, I think you'll find the culprit. I called the pound. Harry's new little dog has a history of chasing chickens and sheep. You need to ask Harry where his dog was this afternoon."

"Harry can't tell you that," Grandmother broke in. "He and his father went by at noon. They weren't with the dog half the day."

Sheriff Becker rose from his chair. "I guess I'll drive up there and continue my investigation. I'm sorry we accused your dog falsely."

Grandfather laid a hand on the sheriff's shoulder. "I hope you'll give Harry and his dog another chance. A dog means a lot to a boy." They shook hands, and the sheriff went out.

Grandfather turned to Grandmother. "Can you keep supper on hold for about 20 minutes? I've got to make a little drive."

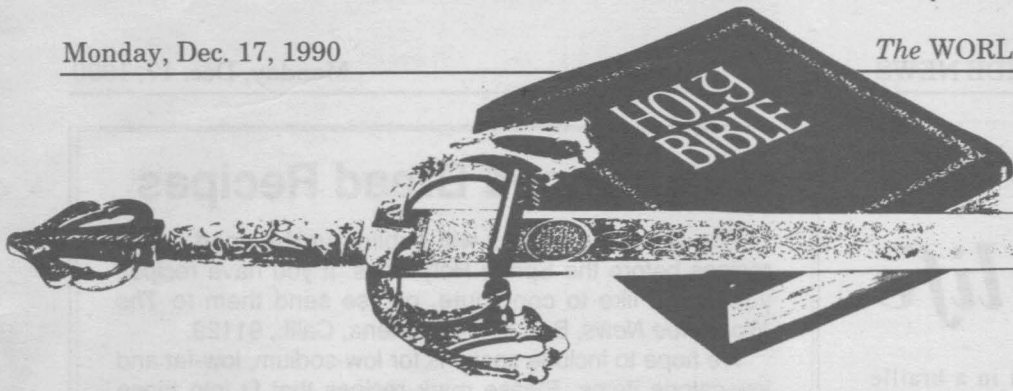
"Of course, Ben, but where're you going?"

"I need to have a little visit with Farmer Dugan and clear Major's good name. We don't always see what we think we see."

Jim remembered a phrase he'd heard his father say. "We have to get all the facts, don't we?"

"Exactly," Grandfather said. He paused at the door and looked down at Major. "Right?"

"Woof!"



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Goat-of-an-attitude and the secret of the universe

By Paul Monteith

While browsing in a bookstore I came across *The Book of Stupid Questions*. Flipping through the pages of the book, one question in particular stood out.

It read: *If you could learn the secret of the universe, but then immediately have all memory of it erased from your mind, it would be pretty pointless, wouldn't it?*

That, I thought, is a humorous and interesting question. But what if you learned the secret of the universe and then did not use it? Wouldn't that be just as pointless?

Not acting on the world's greatest secret is illustrated in Christ's description of spiritual goats in Matthew 25.

Two great commandments

A scribe asked Christ "which is the first commandment of all?" (Mark 12:28, New King James throughout). Love God, Christ answered the scribe.

This love for God is not just an emotional experience but a love that affects one's entire being (verses 29-30). It directs our thoughts, guides our actions and governs our emotions.

Loving God is the first part of the secret. "And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these" (verse 31).

"On these two commandments hang all the law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:40). Humanity's future in the universe hinges on love of God and love of neighbor—the two components to the secret. Goats acknowledge

only one of the two components.

Goat-of-an-attitude

Goats have an attitude problem. Christ said as much when he

Goats—they mean well but they don't always do well. It is not enough just to say, "Be warm and filled" (James 2:14-17).

told the parable about the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-45). Both knew the secret of the universe, but only the sheep lived by that knowledge. And what the goats chose to ignore hurt them (verse 46).

The goats thought they could love God and be indifferent to their neighbors. When Christ asked them why they hadn't attended to his needs the goats said: "Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?" (verse 44).

The goats were more than ready to love and serve Christ. They wouldn't have hesitated to help had they seen him in need. But they didn't see Christ in need. The goats only saw their neighbors, but they did not see their neighbors as worthy of their time or resources.

Those with a goat-of-an-attitude live lives of detachment. A neighbor's problem is not their problem, at least not one in which they should get involved.

It is this goat-of-an-attitude that separated the priest and the Levite from the Samaritan (Luke 10:30-35). The priest and the

Levite should have known about the secret of the universe because it is in the law (Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Leviticus 19:16).

But neither of them wanted to

get involved with a man who had been beaten, stripped and robbed. Perhaps they offered up a prayer and hoped that someone else would come along to take care of

this poor victim. But they themselves did nothing to alleviate the Samaritan's suffering.

And that is part of the trouble with goats—they mean well but they don't always do well. It is not enough just to say, "Be warm and filled" (James 2:14-17).

The apostle John addressed this be-warm-and-filled attitude in his first epistle: "But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (I John 3:17).

Those who think nice thoughts but do nothing, when it is in their power to do something, have an impure religion (James 1:27).

How to love God

The goats didn't understand that by responding to the needs of their neighbors they would have

been loving and serving Christ.

You can't love God and not love your neighbor. The secret of the universe doesn't work like that. If we are going to love God then we must learn to love one another because "he who does not love does not know God, for God is love" (I John 4:8).

To know God, to understand who and what God is, requires that we love the rest of humanity.

Our love for humanity is to be active. It requires that we do something for others (Matthew 25:34-40). It is this dynamic love that separates the sheep from the goats (verses 31-33).

Without love for our fellow man we cannot love God. Our futures hang on our understanding and fulfillment of the two great commandments.

So back to the question: If you learned the secret of the universe and then did not use that knowledge, wouldn't that be pointless?

Forgive them from the heart

By Michael Morrison

While spiritual perfection is the Christian's goal (Matthew 5:48), no Christian is yet made perfect in this life. It is inevitable that Christians will sin. If someone sins and hurts you, here's what to do: Forgive.

Michael Morrison is production coordinator for the Pastor General's Report.

The best solution is for the sinning member to realize what he has done, and to repent. If he repents, God will forgive. God will wipe the slate clean and never mention it again. God's children should do the same.

Jesus Christ told his disciples: "It is impossible that no offenses should come.... If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him" (Luke 17:1-4, New King James unless noted).

The best solution doesn't always happen, however. Sometimes the sinning person insists that what he did



was right. This calls for plan B: Forgive the person because he doesn't know what he's doing. Jesus forgave his murderers for this reason (Luke 23:34).

We cannot afford to harbor grudges within the Church of God. Love "keeps no record of wrongs" (I Corinthians 13:5, New International Version).

Jesus gave a parable about forgiveness in Matthew 18:21-35. A king forgave a huge debt; his wicked servant did not forgive a small one. So the king had the wicked servant punished until he paid the debt.

"So My heavenly Father," said Jesus, "also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses" (verse 35).

We must forgive—from the heart—because God has forgiven us a far larger debt.

Forgiving one another is so important that Jesus included it in the model prayer: "Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us" (Luke 11:4).

"If you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:15).

Serving within your walls

By Irene Wilson

Some say, "I am elderly, disabled by illness and housebound—what can I offer God and his Church? How can I serve within these walls? My days are long and empty—I feel worthless."

Irene Wilson works in the British Office.

If you are housebound, for whatever reason, perhaps you can relate to some of these feelings. Our society emphasizes youth. The media tell us to look younger, feel fitter, to get up and go. But what about those who cannot?

As members of God's Church each of us has an important part to play in uniting the family. Perhaps none more so than the housebound member.

Meet Ernest and Isabel Cardy of Hemel Hempstead, England. Homebound because of illness and both in their 90s, the Cardys are loved and respected by brethren around the world. Why? By learning to serve from within their walls.

The Cardys write between 12 and 18 letters each week to encourage people in the Church.

Almost every day they have visits from friends. Their hospitality is

second to none. The couple keep up with the sick or those going through trials and pray for them.

The Cardys, Church members for more than 30 years, have been shut-ins for years. They are in constant pain.

Instead of feeling despondent and worthless, they serve God with joy and set an example of love and service—one extending from within their walls to the Church family throughout the world.

If you are a housebound member, you can greatly enrich your life and the lives of others.

Stay informed about world events. This information linked with your rich experience of life will give depth and wisdom to your conversation.

Pray for the family. Find out who are sick or suffering and remember them.

Open your home and make it a welcome place for visitors.

The speed of life robs many of the time to communicate. You have the opportunity to be a bridge builder. Start now by writing a letter or telephoning someone.

You may be amazed at how easy your walls can crumble and become an open door.

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

GOD'S LOVE AND GOD'S LAW

God commands us to love

- We should love our neighbors as ourselves (Lev. 19:18, 34, Matt. 19:19, 22:39, Jas. 2:8).
- Love one another (John 13:34-35, 15:12, 17, I Thess. 4:9, I John 3:23).
- God is love. If we love one another, God is in us (I John 4:7-8, 11-12, 16).

Love and law work together

- God requires us to love him and keep his commandments (Deut. 10:12-13).
- Loving God and loving neighbor are the two greatest commandments (Matt. 22:37-40).
- If we love Christ, we will keep his commandments, and we will be loved by him and the Father (John 14:15, 21, 23, 15:10, 14, I John 3:22, 24).
- When we love one another, we fulfill the law (Rom. 13:8).
- We love the brethren when we love God and keep his commandments (I John 3:10, 5:2).
- God's love is that we keep his commandments (I John 5:3, II John 6).

God's law is good for us

- God gave commandments "for our good," that it may go well with us (Deut. 6:24, 10:13, 12:28).
- God's law is perfect, converting the soul, bringing reward, wisdom and peace (Ps. 19:7-11, 111:10, 119:105, 165).
- The law is holy, just, good and spiritual (Rom. 7:12, 14, I Tim. 1:8).
- Doers of the law will be blessed (Jas. 1:25).
- God's law is the standard of righteousness and judgment (Ps. 119:172, Rom. 3:20, 4:15, 5:13, 7:7, I Tim. 1:9-10, Jas. 2:12, I John 3:4).
- "We ought to obey God"
- God's people keep his commandments (I John 2:3-4, Rev. 12:17, 14:12).
- Do not omit "the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith" (Matt. 23:23).
- "We ought to obey God" (Acts 5:29).
- Jesus magnified the law
- Jesus did not destroy the law (Matt. 5:17). Those who keep the commandments and teach them will be great in God's kingdom (verse 19).

Canadian man refuses to let disability hinder a full life

FREDERICTON, N.B.—The outside metal stairway that leads up to Jim Noseworthy's second floor apartment can be quite slippery on a cold winter night and Jim himself leans over the rail to issue a word of warning.

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Jim graciously invites the visitor into his snug living room and sits down in a cozy armchair to chat. There is nothing about his movements as he gathers three-year-old Joshua onto his knee or his conversation, as he jokes with his wife Betty, which indicates that Jim is different from any other husband and father, but he is.

Jim has never seen Joshua's dark eyes, Betty's bright smile or the steps that have to be so carefully navigated. He is blind. He has been since birth. But his disability has never stopped this friendly, outgoing and intelligent man from living life to the full.

For the last few years, thanks to modern technology and a small machine which sits on a desk in Jim's favorite room, living and working have been made easier for him and other blind people.

Asked if he prefers to be called "visually impaired" rather than blind, Jim chuckles and says, "I don't mind a bit. I can't see and never have been able to and that's all there is to it."

Jim and Betty live in a modest six-room apartment on Fredericton's northside. It isn't palatial and it isn't close to Jim's workplace, the offices of the CNIB [Canadian National Institute for the Blind] on York Street, but they don't mind.

Jim explains that he was working as an entertainer when he met Betty in Saint John. "I played keyboard and sang," he says "and I traveled all over the Maritimes and even as far as Toronto."

Asked if his handicap didn't make this kind of life difficult Jim said, "I never gave it much thought." He did, however, decide that the life of an itinerant entertainer meant "too many hotel rooms and restaurants," and when he was offered a job at a film lab in Fredericton, he

took it right away.

This meant leaving Betty at home in Maces Bay while, as Jim says, "I came to Fredericton to look for an apartment and start a new job." Adding that "I didn't have much time to find a place which had three bedrooms and was on a bus route."

The smallest of these bedrooms is Jim's den and his favorite room.

Talking to Jim, it is easy to forget he is blind and therefore it comes as a surprise when he walks into his den and asks Betty, "Is the light on?" Always ready with a laugh and a smile, he adds "you would be surprised how much blind people save on electricity, and we don't worry if there is a power cut."

Although it's the room where, according to Betty, her husband spends all his spare time, it is quite sparsely furnished. "I don't need something out of *Better Homes and Gardens*," Jim laughs, "after all, I can't see it."

On one wall there are two floor-to-ceiling bookshelves and several of the shelves are taken up with what appears to be 18 volumes of the Bible. That is exactly what they are. This is the Bible in braille and proof that Jim is not kidding when he says "you can imagine how difficult it used to be for blind people to lug their books around."

Now thanks to a little machine which sits on top of a large office desk in the room, things have changed. It is a lap top computer which has opened up the world of communication for Jim. It is his pride and joy.

This is a standard machine with a keyboard and monochrome monitor. There is just one difference—when Jim switches on and types out instructions, the words which appear on the screen are also spoken by a disembodied voice coming out of a small speaker on the table.

It sounds like one of those voices which gave Captain Kirk information on Star Trek except that it speaks much, much faster. Too fast for the average person to be able to understand, but for Jim and others like him, this "voice program" is perfectly audible.

His interest in technology and his aptitude for computers and machinery have led Jim into a new career. He recalls that a few

years ago he read in a braille magazine about a company in California which was selling a computer voice program. "It was still in the beta stage then," he recalls, explaining for the layman that this means "the bugs weren't all out of it."

Still it was good enough for Jim, who once he received the diskette in the mail began to "borrow computers and do whatever I could to learn it."

He taught himself so well that in the spring of 1987, he went to the people at the CNIB and asked them for a job. "I told them that technology is going to be the key to blind people's survival," he says. They were convinced and now Jim is the technology coordinator for the province.

This means that when he isn't in his office "researching different types of equipment" or in his favorite room "figuring out new things to do with the computer," Jim and his lap top, which he calls "my best friend," are on the road. He may be teaching a client how to use computers and programs or servicing some-

Unleavened Bread Recipes

The Worldwide News will publish unleavened bread recipes before the Spring Holy Days. If you have recipes you would like to contribute, please send them to *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

We hope to include sections for low-sodium, low-fat and low-calorie items. Please mark recipes that fit into these categories.

Recipes must be received by Feb. 1.

one's machine.

As Betty draws the drapes in the den and Jim slides his chair over the brown carpet towards the door so that he can give Joshua a goodnight hug, he is still talking about the way that computers have opened doors for the blind.

"I could talk about this all night," he chuckles and when he adds that part of his job is being an advocate for the blind people it's obvious he must be a good one.

Jim would like to see more blind people able to own computers and he would certainly like to have more equipment in his favorite room. Costs, however, are prohibitive. Jim explains that a "voice calculator" has a price tag of over \$100 and a Kurt-Zweil scanner which can read any print and translate it to voice is \$15,000.

"But just think what it would

mean if every blind person could have one of those," he says, "we could read anything we wanted to and never have to rely on anyone else."

Not relying on anyone else has been the name of the game for Jim since he left his native Newfoundland and went to school in Halifax. He can turn his hand to anything from piano tuning (which he hates) to public speaking.

He is happiest, however, when he is sitting in his favorite room "working things out" on his computer. "He often will discover the answer to a client's problem while working here," Betty points out.

Deciding to take a break for a while and settling down on the couch to "see what is on TV," Jim Noseworthy says, "Now be sure to watch those steps on the way down—I always have to."

Memorizes music then records on tape

Blind musician serves Church

By Susana Karoska

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Rare indeed is the boy who at age 8 discovers what will be his lifetime occupation.

Susana Karoska is a member who attends the San Diego, Calif., church.

For Clarence Bell a traumatic event led him to discover his life's work. While attending a boarding school for the deaf and blind in St. Augustine, Fla., glaucoma took what was left of his vision.

Mr. Bell said: "In that school

most of us learned quickly the need for mastery of talents and skills. And that is where and when I concluded that I wanted to be a part of music, in some fashion, for the remainder of my life."

Some years later he migrated to San Diego and was hired in the musical field. Mr. Bell also acquired a bachelor's degree in psychology from San Diego State University in 1975.

Since then he has accumulated an array of performance credits and experience in the professional music world.

"I made many mistakes," Mr. Bell said, "but I corrected them."

By using his keen sensitivity to those he worked with, he rapidly obtained the musical knowledge necessary for a career. He has earned his livelihood in the music profession for the past 25 years.

In addition to his work for the church, he operates in three areas: Recording music for others (he operates his own computerized home recording, songwriting and arrangement studio), teaching mastery of artistic performance and personal performing.

In 1965 at the age of 21, Mr. Bell first heard the *World Tomorrow* radio broadcast, while attending a junior college in Florida.

"It was provocative," he declared. "I listened to the program twice every morning. I paid tithes, wrote for literature and tapes, and after I acquired a braille bible, I began to study in earnest." He was baptized in 1985.

When San Diego church pastor Dean R. Wilson issued a call that "we should all be willing to develop our gifts and talents, and gladly become part of service to the Church," Mr. Bell responded.

He plays piano for hymn service, special Sabbath music and choir presentations.

Mr. Bell memorizes music he transfers to his tape recorder from "The Bible Hymnal of Selected Choral Music." Bobbie Williams, a member here, helped him by providing a braille-transposed copy of the choral hymnal.

"I find that while preparing the hymnals the words overwhelm me," said Mr. Bell. "There I am—absorbing a mini-Bible study with each selection. And when I walk on stage and hear that jumble of chattering voices behind me, I think, The song director and I are responsible to God to have all these voices singing as one."

Not only does Mr. Bell feel responsible, but he says: "I am coming to see that whatever talents we have, God has given us for the purpose of sharing them with others. I feel very blessed to have a small part in the Work."



BY EAR AND TOUCH—Clarence Bell, a blind musician, uses a synthesizer, home computer and recording equipment to produce a song. [Photo by Calvin McClay]

Business

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in contact with key managers, clients and employees.

Balancing act

Mr. Berg balances work and family by making sure he spends time with his wife, Wendy, and children, Jessica and Jason.

"On weekends I try not to have anything to do with the business," he said. Serving the congregation is important to him. One of his roles as a deacon is being a Youth Opportunities United (YOU) coordinator.

After attending Imperial Schools, Mr. Berg graduated from the Pasadena campus of Ambassador College in 1977. He was sports information director and taught physical education at Ambassador for a year, before venturing into the business world.

He worked in two companies, building up experience, before running businesses of his own. In the

late 1970s he helped build up an energy management business and ran an international operation with seven manufacturing companies, five regional offices and 500 franchises. Mr. Berg started his first business in 1983.

Some Church members seem not to want to get involved with business because they think it will conflict with the Sabbath, but Mr. Berg says it has never been a problem in his jobs.

"While working for an employer, I never had a problem with the Sabbath or Holy Days because I was always a top producer. I made sure I was.

"It's difficult for an employer not to cater to good employees."

He added: "There is so much room for honest people, especially if you're good at what you do and are clean cut.

"Even though you might get pushed around a bit and taken advantage of from time to time, and you may not always be liked, you'll always be respected for what you stand for."

Annual Singles Dance

Nashville, Tenn.—The Nashville church cordially invites all interested singles to "Reach for the Stars" at its annual singles dance Jan. 19.

The event will feature live music and snacks at a cost of \$10 for each person.

For more information write to Robert Peterson, 865 Bellevue Rd., Apt. M3, Nashville, Tenn., 37221, or telephone him at 1-615-646-3526.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AKAKPO, Lucas and Margaret (Aryee) of Accra, Ghana, boy, Lucas Kwaku Jr., Sept. 26, 8:45 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

ALMOND, Robert and Susan (Whites) of Hull, England, girl, Zoe Susan, July 18, 5:10 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

ANDERS, Jonah and Patricia (Smith) of Tuscaloosa, Ala., girl, Whitney Patrice, Oct. 22, 2:47 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

BEITZEL, Ernest and Susan (Shoemaker) of Cumberland, Md., boy, Andrew James, Sept. 9, 4:02 a.m., 8 pounds 3/4 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BLAIR, Clifford and Kelly (Peterkin) of London, Ont., girl, Katy May Rose, July 27, 8:10 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BURKES, Douglas and Heaven (Griffin) of San Jose, Calif., girl, Jasmine Christina, Nov. 8, 9:53 a.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

COKER, Micaiah and Esther (Onibokun) of Lagos, Nigeria, girl, Priscilla Titilope, June 13, 8:05 p.m., 3.75 kilograms, now 2 girls.

DANN, Emery and Karen (Irwin) of Santa Rosa, Calif., girl, Cristina Lynette, Nov. 19, 5:17 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

du TOIK, Piet and Bethany (Burger) of Bloemfontein, South Africa, girl, Hannelie Martha, Aug. 24, 1:50 a.m., now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DUPONT, Noel and Crystal (Engen) of West Bend, Wis., boy, Brandon Jaymes, Oct. 24, 5:36 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DWILLIS, Randy and Teri (Marsh) of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Andrew William, Aug. 8, 5:43 p.m., 7 pounds 7 3/4 ounces, first child together, 3 total.

FALLON, Tom and Jan (Coco) of Chicago, Ill., boy, Joseph Timothy, Sept. 19, 8:40 p.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

FARMER, Kevin and Ann (Ortolano) of Orlando, Fla., girl, Nicole Marie, July 15, 6:50 p.m., 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

FIX, David and Sarah (Johnson) of Pasadena, boy, Brandon David, Oct. 22, 2:47 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

FURLANO, Dominick and Mery (Corrales) of Kearny, N.J., boy, Joshua Dominick, Oct. 13, 3:40 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GAJALI, Einstein and Cecilia (Laraba) of Ashaka, Nigeria, boy, Bifam Ganakuri, Aug. 20, 8:15 a.m., 3.5 kilograms, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

GENEST, Roch and Catheryne (Chappelle) of Montreal, Que., boy, Micah Charles, Aug. 23, 2 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HART, Darryl and Ferne (Creelman) of Halifax, N.S., boy, Laskey Sebastian, Aug. 11, 4:15 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HECKMAN, Allen and Dianna (Hinds) of Franklin, Mo., boy, Spencer Allen, Nov. 6, 7:40 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HILDEBRAND, Ronald and Lori (Ward) of San Antonio, Tex., boy, Troy Wesley, Sept. 21, 7 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

HOFER, Jim and Helen (Wolfe) of Winnipeg, Man., girl, Alexandria Sarahne, Aug. 26, 10:47 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

JERSETT, Bruce and Melody (Cox) of Duluth, Minn., boy, Nathan James, Oct. 30, 4:33 a.m., 9 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 5 boys.

KORS, Onno and Yvonne (Hermans) of Doorn, Netherlands, boy, Bernard Coen, Nov. 4, 12 a.m., 6 pounds, first child.

KUHNS, Dennis and Beth (Noel) of Youngstown, Ohio, girl, Kirsten Elizabeth, Nov. 9, 8:23 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

LEES, Denis and Tania (Wulfsohn) of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, Vincent Kevin, Oct. 12, 6:04 a.m., 3.35 kilograms, first child.

LOOSE, Ray and Joanne (Ebert) of Tyrone, Pa., boy, Eric Raymond, Oct. 10, 9:16 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

MERRILL, Ward and Marilyn (Jackson) of Roseburg, Ore., girl, Ruth Alisha, Oct. 27, 11:30 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MILLER, James and Karen (McCormick) of Abbotsford, B.C., girl, Katie Amelia, Sept. 29, 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

MOORER, Matthew and Dianna (Vough) of Montgomery, Ala., girl, Amanda Marie, July 31, 6:55 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

NITZBERG, Howard and Dawn of Knoxville, Tenn., girl, Sierra Autumn, Oct. 16, 4:37 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child together, 4 total.

OBBO, Jacob and Mirionzi (Akoth) of Tororo, Uganda, boy, Emmanuel Trumpet, Sept. 20, 1:30 p.m., 3.6 kilograms, now 5 children.

OLANDESCA, Rizalino and Raquel (Remigio) of Imus, Philippines, boy, Ralph Paolo, Oct. 9, 11:07 a.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

PEREIRA, Richard and Donna (Wood) of St. Petersburg, Fla., boy, Richard Mark Jr., Oct. 30, 8:38 p.m., 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

RIDEOUT, Danny and Joyce (Penney) of St. John's, Nfld., boy, Jared Daniel, Nov. 3, 2:48 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ROSS, Joe and Wanda (Waller) of Maple Ridge, B.C., girl, Sarah Elizabeth,

Sept. 4, 5:38 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

ROULSTON, Gregory and Sherylyn (Simmons) of Warwick, Qld., boy, Clinton Alexander, Sept. 25, 4:15 p.m., 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

SAWYER, Donald and Kathleen (Cherry) of Orlando, Fla., boy, David Elliot, Nov. 12, 8 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SHEPHERD, Robert and Julie (Wallis) of Melbourne, Vic., girl, Jasmine Amelia, June 10, 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy 2 girls.

SIMS, Patrick and Jan (Heinson) of Meade, Kan., girl, Clair Anne, Nov. 17, 2:05 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

SLAY, William and Ruth (Carrigan) of Long Beach, Calif., girl, Kristol Anne, Oct. 31, 2:19 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

SLUDER, Melvin and Norma (Mangrum) of Chattanooga, Tenn., boy, Jonathan Chase, Nov. 1, 2:22 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys.

STEINFORT, Wouter and Eveline (Herst) of Zoetermeer, Netherlands, girl, Kristie Jane, July 30, 7:23 p.m., 3.5 kilograms, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

TRIGLETH, Jessie and Jody (Hoppe) of Little Rock, Ark., girl, Jessica Renee, Oct. 30, 12:23 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

TRUMBLE, Donald and Julie (Bradford) of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Baillie Ann, Oct. 30, 1:16 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

WEBSTER, Wesley and Shaaron (Taylor) of Washington, D.C., girl, Katrina Malinda, Nov. 1, 2:45 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

WHITTLE, Alvin and Danica (Taylor) of St. John's, Nfld., girl, Emily Adelia, Oct. 1, 1:33 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

WILLARD, Jack and Debbie (Efimov) of Mobile, Ala., girl, Lisa Chere, Sept. 4, 8:13 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WILLIAMS, Larry and Angela (McKoy) of Union, N.J., boy, Michael David, Aug. 16, 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lapp of Fenton, Mich., are pleased to announce the engagement of Mrs. Lapp's daughter, Tonya Reschly, to Harold Compton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Compton of Silverwood, Mich. A May wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Smith of Reading, England, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Ginny to David Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wallace of Newcastle, England. A July wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kendall of Atlanta, Ga., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Katy to Brian Schroeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schroeder of Pasadena, A. March 24 wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

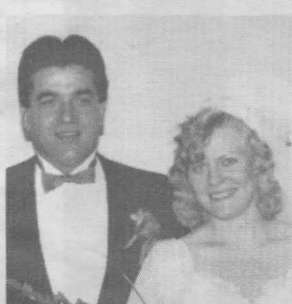
WEDDINGS



MR. & MRS. LEONARD THIBODEAU

Lucina Burke of Sydney, N.S., and Leonard Thibodeau of St. Louis de Kent, N.B., were united in marriage Aug. 5. The ceremony was performed by Alan Redmond, Sydney pastor. Bridesmaids were Colleen Burke and Linda Campbell. Best men were Rheel Hebert and Roger Boucher. The couple live in Sydney.

James E. Burr and Mildred Dursch of Spokane, Wash., were united in marriage Oct. 27 after Sabbath services. David Treybig, Spokane pastor, performed the ceremony. John Burr, brother of the groom, was best man, and Kimberly Marie Petersen, granddaughter of the bride, was maid of honor.



MR. & MRS. JOSEPH LA MACCHIA

Edward and Carol Lindsley of Seattle, Wash., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sheri Alane, to Joseph La Macchia of Brooklyn, N.Y., son of Josephine La Macchia and the late Joseph S. La Macchia. The ceremony was performed Sept. 30 by the bride's brother, Curtis Lindsley, a minister in the Seattle church. The couple live in Brooklyn.



MR. & MRS. BONIFACE KAMARU

Mr. and Mrs. Macharia B. Kamaru and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mukira of Kibirichia, Kenya, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Nina Karwitha Mukira, to Boniface Macharia Kamaru, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kamaru of Nairobi, Kenya. The ceremony was performed Sept. 2, by Owen Willis, Nairobi pastor. Doris Mukira, aunt of the bride, was matron of honor, and Joseph Wainaina was best man. The couple live in Nairobi.



MR. & MRS. JAMES ARNOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Devine are delighted to announce the marriage of their eldest daughter, Ruth, to James Edward Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Arnold. The ceremony was performed Sept. 14 by the bride's father, a minister in the Nottingham, England, church. John Arnold, brother of the groom, was best man, and bridesmaids were Rachel Devine, sister of the bride, and Jane Arnold, sister of the groom. The couple live in Beverley, England.



MR. & MRS. SCOTT STEENPORT

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kennedy of Auckland, New Zealand, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Maria Jane, to Scott H. Steenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Steenport of Chilton, Wis. The ceremony was performed Sept. 30 by evangelist Raymond McNair, regional director for the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific. Debra Thompson was maid of honor, and Rollin Kennedy was best man. The couple live in Larsen, Wis.



MR. & MRS. MYRON STARUSCHAK

Jennifer Lynn Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Peterson, and Myron John Staruschak, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Staruschak, were united in marriage April 29 in Toronto, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Neil Earle, Toronto West and Central pastor. Stacey Peterson was matron of honor, Adrienne Pinelli was maid of honor and Dan Felice was best man. The couple live in Pickering, Ont.



MR. & MRS. RANDALL NORTHROP

Rebecca F. Garcia, daughter of Alpha Johns of Dallas, Tex., and Randall S. Northrop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Northrop of Denton, Tex., were united in marriage July 15. The ceremony was performed by Ross Flynn, Redding, Calif., pastor. Linda Benton was maid of honor, and Mychal Connors was best man. The couple live in Richardson, Tex.



MR. & MRS. JEROME WENDT

Laura Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patterson of Folcroft, Pa., and Jerome Wendt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wendt of Merrill, Wis., were united in marriage Sept. 23 in Prospect Park, Pa. Donald Mathie, a minister in the Wausau, Wis., church, performed the ceremony. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Folcroft.



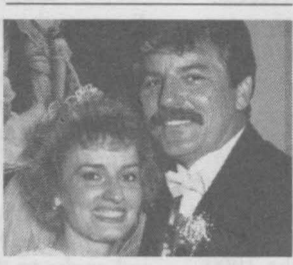
MR. & MRS. MATTHEW THIMGAN

Linda Kathleen Plessner and Matthew David Thimgan were united in marriage Aug. 19 on Bainbridge Island, Wash. The ceremony was performed by David Baker, a minister in the Bremerton, Wash., church. Donna Taylor was maid of honor, and Darcy Bazzill was best man. The couple live in Suquamish, Wash.



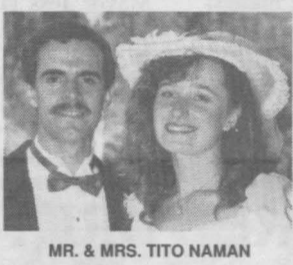
MR. & MRS. SHELLY C. HUDNALL

Mr. and Mrs. Shelly C. Hudnall were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary Aug. 14 by their four children and their spouses, seven grandchildren and Midland and Odessa, Tex., brethren. Mr. Hudnall was ordained a deacon on Pentecost, June 3.



MR. & MRS. JAMES GAUDEN III

James Gauden III and Angela Fulk were united in marriage Aug. 19. The ceremony was performed by Dan Creed, Wisconsin Dells, Wausau and Eau Claire, Wis., pastor. Windy Bance was maid of honor, and Chris Smith was best man. The couple live in Mauston, Wis.



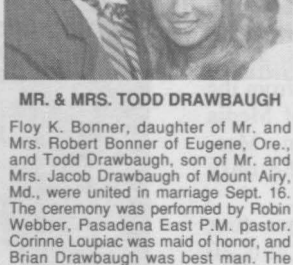
MR. & MRS. DONALD HICKS

Frances Wojcicki and Donald Hicks were united in marriage Sept. 2. The ceremony was performed by Michael Swagerty, Chicago, Ill., North and Northwest pastor. Susan Cecaia, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Jack Hicks, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Buffalo Grove, Ill.



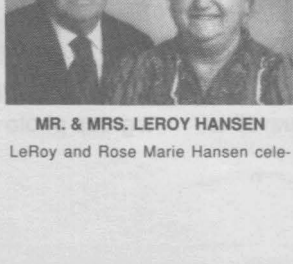
MR. & MRS. TITO NAMAN

Denise Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Mason, and Tito Bray Naman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Toufic Naman, were united in marriage Sept. 27. The ceremony was performed by Royston Page, Vancouver, B.C., pastor. Zahia Thomson, sister of the groom, was matron of honor, and Gary Duffus was best man. The couple live in Vancouver.



MR. & MRS. EMMETT RUSHING

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Rushing celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Sept. 10. They were honored Sept. 9 at a surprise party attended by their family and friends. The couple have two children, Rachel and Ben, and two grandchildren. They attend the Glendora, Calif., church.



MR. & MRS. EMMETT RUSHING

brated their 41st wedding anniversary Oct. 15. They were married in Laurence Harbor, N.J. Mrs. Hansen attends the Union, N.J., P.M. church. The couple have four children and three grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. JAMES BOYD

James and Virginia Boyd celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 20. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd live in Olathe, Kan., and attend the Kansas City, Kan., South church. The couple have seven children, 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. JAMES BOYD

West Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., brethren honored Roger and Janice Foster with a surprise wedding anniversary party Oct. 13. Mr. Foster serves as pastor of both churches. He and his wife have been married 30 years. The couple were presented with a clock and a card signed by members of both congregations. Mrs. Foster also received a bouquet of flowers. Cake and punch were served.

Raymond and Mattie Beverly of Coburn, Va., celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary Oct. 6. Mrs. Beverly attends the Pound, Va., church.

Daniel and Evelyn McKinney of Big Stone Gap, Va., celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary Oct. 13. Mrs. McKinney attends the Pound, Va., church.

The children of Jessie and Pauline Kiser of Clinchco, Va., honored their parents with a party for their 39th wedding anniversary Oct. 22. The Kisers have six children and 11 grandchildren. Mrs. Kiser attends the Pound, Va., church.



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John and Rae Osenbaugh celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary Nov. 14. The couple have seven daughters, Lisa, Saffron, Megan, Erin, Sharona, Shannon and Samantha, and one son, John Lee.



MR. & MRS. DEAN ABBIEHL

Dean and Pat Abbiehl celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Oct. 20. The couple attend the Eau Claire, Wis., church. They have six children, Lisa, Gina, Monte, Jilene, Chad and Daren.



MR. & MRS. ROY BRONSON

Franklin, Pa., brethren presented Roy and Vera Bronson with a bronze commemorative plate in honor of their 50th

wedding anniversary. The couple were married Nov. 2, 1940. They have one son and one daughter.



MR. & MRS. QUENTIN ROBERTSON

Quentin and Edna Robertson, members who attend the Monroe, La., church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 22. The Robertsons were honored by Monroe brethren with a dinner and gift. The couple have four children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are a deacon and deaconess. Mr. Robertson has worked for the Church since 1954.



MR. & MRS. TED RUSH

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rush celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary Sept. 30. The couple attend the Pasadena West A.M. church.

OBITUARIES

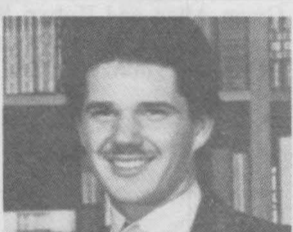
MCLYEA, Earl, 93, of Dallas, Tex., died Oct. 23. Mr. McElyea was the oldest member in the Dallas East church.

WITT, Betty, 66, of Climax, N.C., died Sept. 22 after a stroke. Mrs. Witt is survived by her husband, Kenneth; and four children, Sharon Minor, Larry, Gary and Patricia Stokes.

FITCH, Merlyn, 71, of Wilkeson, Wash., died Nov. 11. Mr. Fitch is survived by his wife, Betty, nine children, 25 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

PRATT, Iris, 77, of Leicester, England, died Sept. 23 of cancer. Mrs. Pratt is survived by her husband, Eric; a daughter, Susan; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

SWAN, Margaret Queener, 83, of Johnson City, Tenn., died Oct. 17 of a prolonged illness. Mrs. Swan is survived by three daughters and several grandchildren.



MICHAEL BOREN

BOREN, Michael, 24, of Wichita, Kan., died Aug. 23 in a boating accident. Mr. Boren is survived by his mother, Barbara; father, Bill; one sister, Lisa Lowry; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Williamson.

OSTERLOH, Maude Mae, 87, of Springdale, Ark., died Sept. 12. Mrs. Osterloh is survived by three sons and one daughter.



DIXIE LEE GRAHAM

GRAHAM, Dixie Lee, 49, of Walworth, Wis., died Oct. 28 of a liver ailment. Mrs. Graham is survived by her husband of 31 years, five sons, two daughters and six grandchildren.

BERRY, Eric, 69, of Brisbane, Qld., died Nov. 3 after 12 years of heart disease. Mr. Berry was the first Church member to be baptized in Tasmania. He is survived by his wife, Hilda, three brothers, two sisters, 10 children and grandchildren.

TAYLOR, Alice, 91, of Fort Worth, Tex., died Nov. 7 of cancer. Mrs. Taylor is survived by four sons, 50 grandchildren, 73 great-grandchildren and 30 great-great-grandchildren.

MCCONNELL, Gwendolyn Louise, 85, of Port Alberni, B.C., died Oct. 16. Mrs. McConnell is survived by one daughter, Betty Studer; five sons, Garry, Wayne, Douglas, Colin and Gordon; two sisters, Florence Peterson and Vera Armshaw; 22 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

COLOMBE, George L., 61, of Albany, N.Y., died Nov. 12. Mr. Colombe is survived by his wife, Isabelle, two daughters, two sons, one sister, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

DYCKMAN, Alma, 74, of Kingman, Ariz., died Nov. 13 after a short illness. Mrs. Dyckman is survived by her husband, Larry.

JOHNSON, Carlton, 55, of Halifax, N.S., died Oct. 8 of cancer. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Mabel; a daughter, Rhonda; and two sons, Carlos and Joshua.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



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ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. LEROY HANSEN

LeRoy and Rose Marie Hansen cele-

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

James Chapman, pastor of the Jacksonville, Fla., church, was raised to pastor on Pentecost, June 3.

Peter Lee of the Suva, Fiji, congregation was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, April 21.

William Paz, a deacon in the Brooklyn, N.Y., North church, was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 20.

Albert Van Lieu, a deacon in the Trenton, N.J., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Nov. 24.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—Gold achievement awards were presented to the following Church youths for their entries in the 1990 Australian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) art and photography contests.

Art: **Ruth Elfverson**, Penrith, N.S.W.; **Senya Lukacevic**, Sydney, N.S.W.; **Anthony Mew**, Ipswich, Qld.; **Brad Rumler**, Melbourne, Vic.; and **Franziska Schreiber**, Gold Coast, Qld.

Photography: **David Cameron**, Toowoomba, Qld.; **Scott Cameron**, Toowoomba; **Kim Deters**, Sydney; **Debbie John**, Perth, W.A.; and **Sharon Germein**, Sydney.

Judges for the contest were **John Curry**, **Robin Jackson**, **Val Leech** and **Fiona Chadwick**, employees in the Church's Australian Regional Office, and **Gwen Allen** and **Robyn Brochmann**, artists who attend the Gold Coast church.

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PASADENA—Seven Bible

Trade bloc

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trade zone, he continued, could extend "from the northernmost reaches of Canada ... to the tip of Cape Horn."

Only days before, the President had conferred with Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, in Monterrey, Mexico, about extending the U.S. Free Trade Agreement to include Mexico.

The Mexicans and other Latin Americans are interested in such a relationship primarily because they see the nations of Western Europe preoccupied for some years to come with the reconstruction of formerly communist Eastern Europe, and thereby unable to be of much help to them.

Some experts wonder about such a reorientation by Washington, pointing out that direct U.S. investments in Europe, representing nearly half of all U.S. investments overseas, dwarf that of investments in Latin America.

They warn of possible pitfalls in encouraging a Western Hemisphere bloc, pointing out Latin America's historic political instability and current high level of indebtedness.

As we progress deeper into the decisive decade of the 1990s, we are going to see, as these economists predict, a powerful European power bloc taking shape—with the United States increasingly on the outside, looking in.

lectures were conducted in Latin America after the Feast: three in Mexico and one each in Venezuela, Panama, Guatemala and Honduras.

All the responses were higher than last year's, reported **Keith Speaks**, Spanish *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

In Mexico, 51 people, representing a 10 percent response, attended in Tijuana; 31 were on hand in Mexicali (a 11 percent response); and Guadalajara lectures ended with 244 attendees, a 12 percent response.

In Panama City, 126 who attended the lectures represented a 17 percent response.

Eighty people in Panama City wanted to have more Bible studies, "and everyone was interested in attending Sabbath services," said Mr. Speaks. "Some were already tithing and keeping the Sabbath by themselves and wanted to be baptized."

In Guatemala City, 528 attended, for a 25 percent response. Finally, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 36 percent responded (124 people).

These lectures ended the 1990 Bible lecture series in Spanish-speaking areas of the Work.

Just more than 34,300 invitations were mailed to *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) subscribers in 1990, for an overall response rate of 12 percent—"the highest

rate of response ever," said Mr. Speaks.

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MONTREAL, Que.—Evangelist **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration International, met with the French Canadian ministers and ministers serving the local English-speaking congregations here Nov. 15.

During his visit Mr. Salyer discussed with evangelist **Frank Brown**, Canadian regional



LARRY SALYER

director, the addition of French Canada to the Canadian region. The two men also discussed potential ministerial transfers and the reorganization of church circuits in Quebec and New Brunswick.

Mr. Salyer remained in Montreal for the Sabbath, Nov. 17, and spoke to the combined Montreal French churches. Mr. Brown spoke to the Montreal English church.

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PASADENA—Pasadena Mayor **Jess Hughston** presented



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

PASADENA—Four faiths in the government secondary schools do not participate in the traditional morning worship service, reported a Barbados newspaper Sept. 30.

The Worldwide Church of God was mentioned along with the Moslems, Jehovah's Witnesses and some Roman Catholics.

There have been no conflicts between church and state in the Barbados schools, as principals have granted exemptions freely.

A school headmaster noted that children of Church members are granted a week's leave from school every year to attend a special assembly.

Member leaves Turkey

Emma Brem-Tuerksoy, formerly of Alanya, Turkey, returned to her native Germany in November. She now lives in Munich.

According to statistics from the media analysis section of Media Planning & Promotion, Mrs. Brem-Tuerksoy was the only member living in Turkey.

There are still one donor, four *Youth 90* subscribers and 20 Bible correspondence course students in Turkey.

Environmental day

The Benin, Nigeria, government has declared the second Saturday of every month as "environmental day."

This is in addition to the last Saturday of the month, which is a national environmental day, previously reported in *The Worldwide News*.

No one is allowed to travel or

be out in public unless engaged in cleaning up the environment.

"This is causing great concern among our members in that area," said evangelist **Les McCullough**, regional director. "Efforts are being made to gain permission for us to keep our Sabbath, possibly providing the necessary work towards cleaning the local environment at some other time."

The difficulty Nigerian authorities face is that Friday is the Moslem holy day and Sunday is the day of worship for many Christian denominations.

This leaves them little option but to choose Saturday for such activities. "It is hoped that this decree will not be vigorously enforced," Mr. McCullough said.



FEAST KEEPERS—Brethren in Myanmar (formerly Burma) gather for a group photo during the Feast of Tabernacles there.

the Ambassador Foundation with a plaque before the Nov. 4 performance of the Ballet Folklorico Nacional de Chile at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

Evangelist **David Hulme**, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, accepted the honor on behalf of Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**, chairman of the foundation.

The commendation reads: "Ambassador Foundation, since its inception, has been dedicated to the promotion and betterment of the cultural development of this community; and has brought a series of world-class cultural events to Pasadena for the past 16 years. The events sponsored by the foundation have been a source of pride and have provided an opportunity for Pasadena residents, as well as the entire Southern California area, to enjoy the very best in cultural programming."

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NEW YORK—The International Society of Performing Arts Administrators (ISPAA) presented an award for Best Television and Radio Spot to the Ambassador Foundation Dec. 9. The spot, which profiles the foundation's 1990-91 performing arts season, was shot at the Ambassador Auditorium May 7.

The spot features acclaimed Shakespearean actor **Patrick Stewart**, who plays Captain Jean-Luc Picard on the television series "Star Trek—The Next Generation."

The production of the spot was supervised by evangelist **David Hulme**, Performing Arts director. The spot was written and directed by **B. Douglas Russell** and produced by **Mary Shaner**. Technical and production assistance was provided by the staff of Ambassador Auditorium and Ambassador Television.

The award was presented at the 43rd annual ISPAA conference, where 40 international performing arts institutions from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and Germany participated.

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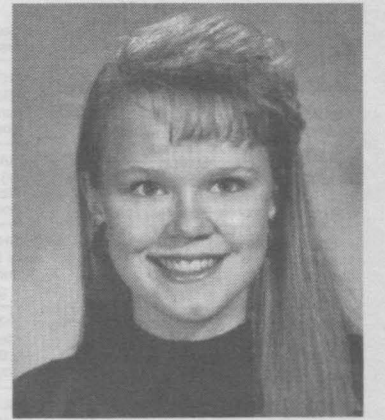
LONGVIEW, Tex.—**Julie Baughman**, 16, was one of 35 students selected as a regional winner for the annual National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Space Science Student Involvement Program.

Based on the merit of her space experiment proposal, Julie was selected to attend a conference at the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

In Huntsville students worked with scientists to improve their proposals for competition in the selection of a national winner.

The space proposal was a class assignment for Julie's honors biology class.

Julie attends the Longview church with her parents, Dael and Alice Baughman. Her father is a local church elder.



JULIE BAUGHMAN

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cost." Media Operations tries "to purchase equipment and technology that can interface with other equipment and technology on hand," he continued.

"*The Worldwide News* is the test publication," Mr. Schnippert added. "It is the first to be produced by Quark XPress."

The next publication to be produced with Quark XPress will be *Youth 91* as early as the middle of 1991, according to Mr. Patrick. *The Plain Truth*, because it is published in six languages, probably won't be produced electronically in all languages for at least 18 months.

Mr. Patrick pointed out that the principal advantage of desktop publishing is that it "gives flexibility, creativity and control to the managing editor and art directors."

A second benefit, he noted, is time. Electronic publishing eliminates some production steps, so the staff of a publication can devote more time to improving quality rather than spending it performing repetitive tasks.

For example, in the past Mr. Grove spent about 16 hours each issue pasting corrections into the layouts. With the new system a staff member need only make a few keystrokes on the computer to insert corrections.

Each page will also look cleaner, Mr. Grove said. When artists produce layouts manually, cut lines or shadows may appear in the page negatives because copy and artwork have been pasted on a layout board. Removing these lines and shadows is a time-consuming process.

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