

## Pastor general speaks in two cities, attends YOU game

### Mr. Armstrong participates in YOU weekend

By Aaron Dean

CHICAGO, Ill. — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong flew here March 10 to attend a Youth Opportunities United (YOU) invitational basketball weekend and conduct Sabbath services for 3,500 brethren.

The G-II jet took off from the Burbank, Calif., airport at 9 a.m., Pacific Standard Time. Aboard were Mr. Armstrong; evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services; evangelist Dean Blackwell, and his wife, Maxine; Aaron Dean, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide, and his wife, Michelle; Julie Stocker, a secretary in the executive offices; and Elaine Browne, Mr. Armstrong's nurse.

Kevin Dean, YOU director, flew ahead of the group to make arrangements for the pastor general's visit. The jet touched down at Chicago's O'Hare airport at 2:20 p.m., Central Standard Time. Mr. Armstrong was greeted by area ministers as he stepped from the G-II into 20 degree weather (minus 6 degrees Celsius).

The group was driven from the airport to the Hyatt Expo Center where about 3,500 people waited to hear Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong was pleased to learn that teenagers accounted for half of the audience.

After announcements by Kevin Dean, the pastor general delivered a powerful sermon, explaining who and what God is and the consequence of man's choice in the Garden of Eden. He concluded with an outline of God's soon-coming Kingdom.

After the sermon Mr. Armstrong conducted a ministerial meeting, commending the ministers and wives for the work they're doing. After discussing Church growth and spiritual progress of youths in the Church, Mr. Armstrong asked Mr. Tkach to update the ministry.

#### Ministerial shortage

After presenting some ministerial manpower statistics, Mr. Tkach asked the ministers and wives to pray that God would provide more ministers to help with the spiritual harvest, referring to Matthew 9:37-38. He added that more than 2,000 new people requested ministerial visits in January and February in the United States.

Mr. Armstrong then dismissed the meeting, and joined the group from Pasadena; John and Evelyn Ritenbaugh; Allan and Edna Barr; and David and Ardis Roenspies, for dinner at Henrici's. Mr. Ritenbaugh pastors the Hammond, Ind., Chicago West and Park Forest, Ill., churches; Mr. Barr pastors the Chicago South church; and Mr. Roenspies, a local church elder, serves in the Chicago Northwest congregation.

Henrici's, a restaurant built in the late 1800s, brought back memories to Mr. Armstrong. He ordered Lake Superior whitefish, still on the menu 60 years after he last ordered it.

After dinner the group drove through snow flurries to the Palatine, Ill., High School gymnasium,



**BASKETBALL NIGHT** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr. (center), director of Ministerial Services, greet a youngster at a Youth Opportunities United (YOU) basketball game in Palatine, Ill., March 10. [Photo by Joe Jacoby Sr.]

where YOU basketball games took place. Mr. Armstrong was greeted with applause as he entered.

One child, hearing his parents point out Mr. Armstrong's arrival, asked, "Where's the TV?" The child had only seen Mr. Armstrong on the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

The pastor general watched two basketball games between teams from Findlay, Ohio; Wausau, Wis.; Cincinnati, Ohio, South; and Chicago West. Cheerleaders performed dance routines for Mr. Armstrong.

The pastor general was pleased with the attitudes and sportsmanship displayed by the teams. The 40 teams that participated in the invitational weekend played three games each, with emphasis on meeting each other instead of on

determining which was the best team.

#### Setting examples

Mr. Armstrong learned that the staff of the Marriott hotel, where the teens stayed, regarded the YOU members as the finest young people that had stayed at the hotel.

Afterward Mr. Armstrong drove to the Chicago loop for a night's rest at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Sunday, March 18, the group joined Mr. Armstrong for a tour of Chicago before flying back to Pasadena.

The tour began along Lake Shore Drive, continuing to Wilson Avenue where Mr. Armstrong and his wife, Loma, lived, and on to Wilson Avenue Beach, where the pair took walks.

Next they drove by the Museum of Science and Industry, the R.R.

Donnelley & Sons' building and the University of Chicago. The R.R. Donnelley firm was one of Mr. Armstrong's clients during his advertising days. The company now prints the U.S. and other editions of *The Plain Truth*.

The group drove by 123 W. Madison in Chicago's financial district, where Mr. Armstrong had an advertising office on the fourth floor. The tour continued to Maywood, where an apartment building on North Fifth Street still stands. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong lived here in the 1920s.

The tour ended at the Ambassador East Hotel, where the group ate brunch. After the meal they returned to the O'Hare airport to board the G-II.

Mr. Armstrong and his group arrived in Pasadena at 5:30 PST.

### HWA greets brother, speaks in Canada

By Aaron Dean

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Participating in a weekend of Youth Opportunities United (YOU) activities, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong traveled here aboard the Church's G-II jet March 16.

Aaron Dean, a pastor-rank minister, is Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide.

The trip began with an aborted takeoff at the Burbank, Calif., airport. After taxiing back to the hangar a fuel flow problem with the left jet engine was checked out, and Mr. Armstrong proceeded to Port Angeles, Wash.

There he met by Melvin Dahlgren, pastor of the Tacoma and Olympia, Wash., churches; Richard Parker, pastor of the Auburn and Bremerton, Wash., churches; Paul Shumway, a local elder in the Tacoma and Olympia churches; and others.

#### Visit with brother

From the airport Mr. Armstrong was driven to his brother Dwight Armstrong's home.

The two white-haired gentlemen exchanged affectionate greetings and talked for nearly two hours. Mr. Armstrong thanked his younger brother again for the many hymns he composed for the Church's songbook and offered encouragement.

The younger Mr. Armstrong, now in his 80th year, has cancer. After saying good-bye, the pastor general returned to the G-II for the short flight to Vancouver.

The G-II landed at 5:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time. Mr. Armstrong was met by Colin Adair, regional director of the Church in Canada, and his wife, Margaret; and Canadian Office staff members.

After lunch on the Sabbath, March 17, Mr. Armstrong was driven to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre for 1 p.m. services.

After announcements by Mr. Adair and special music, Mr. Armstrong was welcomed by applause as he walked onto the stage.

Because several YOU activities were scheduled for the weekend, Mr. Armstrong spoke directly to the youths in the audience in the beginning of his sermon.

#### Preparing to rule

He drew an analogy about the hard work and diligence required of athletes training for the Olympics and the Church's more important task of readying for rulership in the Kingdom of God.

He explained the cause of this world's problems and how God's Church is restoring long-lost truths.

Mr. Armstrong conducted a ministerial meeting afterward, stressing the need for unity in the Church.

After being driven to the Vancouver airport, Mr. Armstrong boarded the G-II at 4:45 p.m. for the trip home.

After stopping in Seattle, Wash., to clear customs, Mr. Armstrong continued to Burbank, arriving there at 7:30 p.m.

### Television produces largest response

## Church uses variety of media

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — To preach Christ's Gospel the Church uses a wide range of media activities including television and radio, direct mail, magazine and newspaper advertisements and the *Plain Truth* newsstand program, said David Hulme, director of media purchasing for the Church.

Certain methods of promoting the Gospel work better in some areas, because of financial constraints, restrictions on religious programming and other considerations.

"Direct mail campaigns in Canada and South Africa are doing extremely well," said Mr. Hulme.

"Direct mail has the greatest potential for new *Plain Truth* subscribers in Canada," said Colin Adair, Canadian regional director, during the Feb. 29 to March 13 Ministerial Refreshing Program here.

Since December, more than one million direct mail packages have been sent out, producing a 3 to 4 percent response, said Mr. Adair. "We are shooting for a 6 percent response on direct mail."

The single largest source of new *Plain Truth* subscribers, said Mr.

Adair, is *Plain Truth* newsstands, which account for almost 25 percent of new subscribers. About 320,000 English-edition subscribers compare with more than 75,000 subscribers to *La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*).

Mr. Hulme noted that *The Plain Truth* in Canada has "one of the highest penetrations per head of household" with one in every 34 Canadians receiving the magazine.

*The World Tomorrow* is on 49 radio stations and 35 television stations.

Mr. Hulme remarked that the radio audience is "enormously fragmented" and has declined tremendously. "But on the other hand, the audience for television has increased in almost direct proportion," he added.

Response from radio "is not what it used to be," said Mr. Adair. "Years ago we were blanketing Canada with radio, but responses have fallen dramatically. Television is the thing."

Roy McCarthy, regional director of God's work in southern Africa, agreed that today's society is television oriented.

Though no radio or television stations carry *The World Tomorrow* in southern Africa, Dr. McCarthy said the work is looking into putting the television program on private channels in hotels.

In southern Africa, God's work relies primarily on *Plain Truth* newsstands and advertising, said Dr. McCarthy. Advertisements are run in *TV Guide*, *Reader's Digest* and other magazines and newspapers in English and Afrikaans.

An advertisement in *Reader's Digest* in July, 1983, produced 21,000 responses, "which dwarfed everybody," the regional director said.

He added that an advertisement in the February issue has already brought in more than 23,000 responses.

Each month 45,000 *Plain Truths* are distributed from newsstands, which yield an average 5.2 percent new subscribers.

"Word of mouth supplies about 15 percent of new subscribers," said Dr. McCarthy. "Even if we didn't advertise, the number of new subscribers would still grow."

# European unity to be 'made in America'?

PASADENA — Western Europe is well on the way to becoming a third force — complete with its own nuclear weapons.

Moreover, the United States is actively pushing its NATO allies in Europe in this direction, thinking that it is a good idea.

Flowing into the News Bureau every week is a steady stream of reports in which leading personalities in America and Western Europe are calling for changes, some of them quite radical, in transatlantic relations.

A good example of this is a 7,000-word essay in *Time* magazine March 5 by former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Dr. Kissinger outlined the issues increasingly dividing the alliance. Part of the problem, he feels, is that the European allies do not have a large enough stake in the alliance.

Dr. Kissinger suggested a variety of possible incentives for Europe to play a larger role. His principal proposal involved the suggestion that the post of NATO's supreme allied commander should go to a European, while that of secretary-general be given to an American. Traditionally these roles have been reversed.

Dr. Kissinger also urged that the Europeans considerably add to their conventional forces so that NATO would, in a crisis, not have to resort to nuclear defense too early.

"If Europe," warned Dr. Kissinger, "condemns itself to permanent conventional inferiority, we will

have no choice but to . . . [consider] a gradual withdrawal of a substantial portion, perhaps up to half, of our present ground forces."

But Dr. Kissinger's recommendations were mild compared to those of others. Irving Kristol, the so-called "dean of neoconservative journalists," added to the rising decibel level in an article in the February U.S. *Reader's Digest*, entitled "NATO Needs Shock Treatment."

"The Atlantic alliance," he wrote, "is gradually emptying itself of all meaning . . . The only way to keep NATO from disintegrating may be a radical reconstruction . . . But it would have to be an all-European NATO, with the United States as ally, not a member."

### European integration advances

The Europeans themselves are beginning to get the message. The French, in particular, are calling for greater cooperation among European nations in the military sphere.

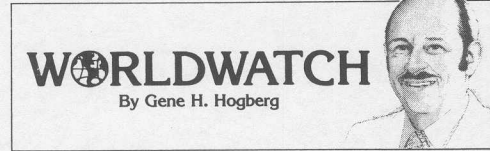
Paris has called for a meeting this fall in Italy, under the aegis of the long-dormant Western European Union, to discuss what has come to be called the "Europeanization" of European defense.

This meeting, according to a report by John Vinocur in the Feb. 26 *New York Times*: "will be the first wide-ranging discussion by West European defense ministers, including France's, to take place outside of the Atlantic alliance and

without Americans. In describing the initiative, European officials stress their need for continued military cooperation with the United States."

Most interestingly, the French

between West Germany and nuclear weapons . . . A French socialist *depute*, writing in *Le Monde*, argued that, as part of a move toward a more united European defense posture, the Germans should have dual-key con-



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

are proposing that restrictions be lifted that have not permitted West Germany to produce certain types of long-range weapons. This is a development of extreme importance.

France, according to the Feb. 28 *Financial Times* of London, has proposed that West Germany be allowed "to produce types of long-range guided missiles and fighter bombers . . . Dropping the ban on conventional weapons would not alter restraints which prevent Germany from making nuclear, chemical or biological weapons."

But even the consideration of West German access to nuclear weapons is no longer a nonissue. Adds Ian Davidson, writing in the March 5 *Financial Times*:

"Among the French, of all people, it is now becoming acceptable to raise the long-taboo notion that there needs to be a change in the relationship

control of some of the French nuclear weapons."

### American encouragement

While the Europeans are beginning to take the first cautious steps toward a military union apart from the United States, certain circles in

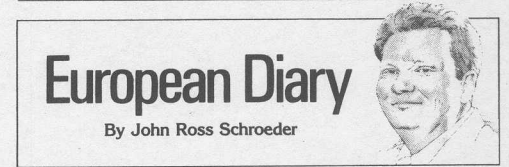
America are encouraging them to move as quickly as possible toward complete independence.

Dr. Kissinger's proposals, it should be noted, were cautious. He is of the generation that knows that too much power in the hands of the Europeans could be dangerous. He wants to restructure the alliance, not break it down.

Other "experts," however, display the American disability to see more than one enemy, or potential enemy, at a time. They are blinded by the threat of communism.

For example, the most impassioned plea yet from an American for a nuclear-armed united Europe was delivered in the March 15 *Wall Street Journal* by Melvyn Krauss, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, a conservative think tank in California.

If Mr. Krauss' line of reasoning is followed, the United States, as this work has long predicted, could indeed be responsible for creating its own Frankenstein monster: (See UNITY, page 11)



## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

## The un-Common Market

ON BOARD SHIP — This is a Youth Opportunities United outing aboard a ship from Ramsgate, England, to Dunkerque, France, with my daughter. Only we weren't able to land on French soil today. Lorry (truck) drivers blocked the entrance to the city. Among other things, they were fed up with customs regulations.

When many European groups were urging Britain to enter the Common Market, the word went out something like this: "There will be no borders, no customs, no pass-

ports — free and easy access between all Common Market countries."

But 26 years after the founding of the Common Market the bureaucratic nightmare is worse than ever. There are passports, identity cards, landing cards — all to be filled out. That's if you are just an ordinary tourist.

The lorry driver has his own special nightmare.

The forms to be written or typed out are legion. Waiting to clear customs at Dover, England, can take two days or more. To the one-vehicle owner-operator, the loss of two days' work can be financially catastrophic. Red tape is nothing short of incredible. One can fully empathize with frustrated lorry drivers.

As of this writing about 200 British lorry drivers are trapped in the French blockade. They are rapidly running out of money, although many French citizens, who remember the British liberation in 1944, are coming to their aid. French hos-

(See MARKET, page 9)

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Thailand trip

Thank you for *The Worldwide News*. It was interesting to read about [Pastor General Herbert W.] Armstrong's visit to Thailand [see "King of Thailand Confers Award on Pastor General at Royal Palace," *WN*, Feb. 13]. It is fantastic what love and respect the king and queen of Thailand have for him. Also the article on the little baby, Cha-Toi, was very good.

Lynn Bickel  
Brighton, Colo.

The events related by John Halford about Herbert W. Armstrong, the Queen, and little Cha-Toi were very heartwarming. I appreciate Mr. Halford's relating it to us in this way.

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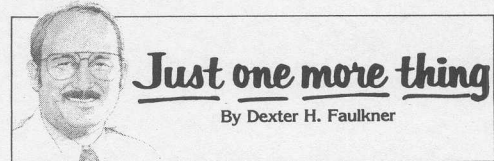
### Appreciates 'Announcements'

I was reading through a recent edition of *The Worldwide News* and as usual carefully scanned the names and events in the birth, marriage, anniversary and obituary sections. I was suddenly struck with the thought that these sections almost summarize the entire growth process of God's Church.

We are born, marry, have children and anniversaries and deaths of loved ones in our lives as we eventually arrive at death ourselves; yet in this mirror of happenings we are able to share these same events in the lives of our brethren.

So, though perhaps our particular situation may be under the saddening obituary section, we can rejoice in the marriage or birth in the life of someone else God has blessed to be His child. Truly, as one Body, it is a blessing we are never alone in anything, at any point in our lives.

Francis Cantrell  
Dell City, Tex.



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## The subtle flaw

One of our *Plain Truth* staff writers used an example to illustrate a point in his article. The example reminded me of an unforgettable experiment in my high school chemistry class.

Our teacher placed an unsuspecting frog in an oversized beaker of chilly water. Under the beaker he placed a Bunsen burner with a low flame so that the water heated slowly.

The temperature rose so gradually that the frog was not aware of the change. We checked the temperature every few minutes. Two and a half hours later the frog was dead — boiled to death.

The change occurred so slowly that the frog neither tried to jump out nor released a murmur of complaint. Not even a kick.

Observant as I was during that gruesome experiment, I did not realize I was witnessing a profound principle — one that would remind me of that frog for the rest of my life. The principle, a real law in a word, is *deterioration*, the silent toll of ugly creeping decay.

The first 11 chapters of *I Kings* give us a living lesson of the slow, unrecognizable to himself, deterioration of a great man.

Blessed with royal blood and an abundance of intellect, Solomon was a natural for the throne of David. As heir apparent, he was taught at the feet of the prophet Nathan, groomed and prepared through his mother, Bathsheba, refined under the eyes of David and matured by the hand of God.

No doubt about it, the mark of excellence, the seal of approval was upon him. Though he was young when his father died, he was thoroughly prepared to reign over Israel.

David's gifted son for the first few

years of his kingship characterized the attitudes and acts of wisdom, loyalty, diplomacy, faithfulness and efficiency.

First of all, "Solomon loved the Lord" (1 Kings 3:3) and walked in His ways. Solomon's achievements, power, international influence and wealth were nothing short of remarkable. Review his successes in 1 Kings 4:29-31, 10:23-24.

He sought wisdom, happiness and pleasure, brimful and heaped high. He was the wealthiest man who ever lived, no doubt a multibillionaire by today's standards. Candidly, Solomon, as this world would look at it, really had it made!

Slowly, imperceptibly, things began to change. Solomon began to allow some compromise to enter his life. He allowed himself to wander into a bit of pride, then lust, idolatry and licentiousness. He became unreasonable, even cynical of things he once held in high esteem.

Layers of dust collected in the majestic temple he built to honor the almighty God who gave him so much. The king turned his attention to another pet project: the building of unusual edifices for the gods he and his pagan wives were serving.

Solomon simply drove too fast and traveled too far. Solomon forgot who gave him everything he had. He forgot to check his character deterioration level.

The finish of his now sordid life came prematurely. His so-called success story became a sad story. We know because all he did, and the wisdom that God granted him, is preserved for our learning.

Solomon wrote: "God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give

to him who is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind" (Ecclesiastes 2:26, Revised Authorized Version throughout). He left a nation confused, in conflict and soon to be fractured by war.

Remember the frog! Deterioration is never sudden. No vegetable garden all of a sudden becomes overgrown with weeds. No building all of a sudden breaks down. No strong nation all of a sudden becomes an average power. No man or woman all of a sudden becomes immoral or base. No member of God's Church all of a sudden squelches God's Holy Spirit.

Slowly, ever so slowly, certain things are accepted that once were rejected. Things once considered harmful are now secretly tolerated. Little by little we let down.

At the outset it appears harmless, perhaps even exciting, but the wedge it brings leaves a gap that grows wider as moral corrosion joins hands with spiritual decay. The gap becomes a deep ravine. That "way which seems right" slowly becomes, in fact, "the way of death." King Solomon wrote that in Proverbs 14:12. He ought to know.

The apostle Paul wrote, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12)! Be careful about changing standards or priorities to correspond with personal desires. We need to be cautious about becoming inflated with thoughts of our own importance.

Be alert to the pitfalls of misguided prosperity and success. God grants riches and success, but be patient. Stay balanced in all things. Ask God daily to give His wisdom and understanding. We must keep our eyes on the goal. Don't compromise with God's laws.

Remember Solomon, who deteriorated from a humble young man of wisdom to a vain fool in a rather brief span of years. Be on guard. Don't become complacent. Watch and pray. We must not take our calling lightly.

I'm grateful for that chemistry experiment I watched years ago. The memory of that green frog has kept me out of a lot of hot water. We all might do well to remember the principle of deterioration.



# Church launches Norwegian PT with two-month ad campaign

OSLO, Norway — *Den Enkle Sannhet* (Norwegian *Plain Truth*) was officially launched here March 6. Intervaco, a Norwegian public relations firm, prepared and distributed press kits to major Norwegian publications announcing the distribution of the Norwegian-language edition.

### Landmark day

"It was a landmark day in the history of God's Church," said evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the British Office. The British Regional Office oversees the Scandinavian area.

The official launch of *Den Enkle Sannhet* preceded a two-

month advertising campaign in Scandinavian publications to build circulation. Magazines and newspapers in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden will carry ads.

The evangelist said that a target circulation of 35,000 subscribers in Scandinavia is the goal for 1984. The figure includes 15,000 subscribers to the English *Plain Truth*.

### Breakfast meeting

Mr. Brown; Dexter Faulkner, executive editor of *The Plain Truth*; David Hulme, director of media purchasing; Roy Ostensen, *Plain Truth* regional editor for

the Scandinavian edition; David Gunn, *Plain Truth* circulation manager for the British Regional Office; and Donna Lenszner, an account executive from the BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn) advertising agency; were present at a breakfast meeting organized by Intervaco to officially present the Norwegian *Plain Truth*.

Mr. Faulkner said that Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong welcomed the publishing of the seventh-language edition of *The Plain Truth*.

"This is the last area of modern-day prophetic Israel to be reached in their own language," Mr. Faulkner said.

Twenty-five thousand copies of the 50th anniversary edition of *Den Enkle Sannhet* were printed in England for the first issue. (See "Church Prints First PTs for Scandinavian Area," *WN*, Feb. 13.)

According to Mr. Ostensen, the Norwegian language was selected for the Scandinavian edition because "Norwegian is felt to be more easily read by Swedes and Danes than, for instance, Swedish is by Norwegians and Danes."



**NORWEGIAN LAUNCH** — Pictured above are Church and advertising officials who took part in the official launching of *Den Enkle Sannhet* (Norwegian *Plain Truth*) in Oslo, Norway, March 6. From left: Roy Ostensen, regional editor of *Den Enkle Sannhet*; David Hulme, director of media purchasing for the Church; evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the British Office; Donna Lenszner, BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn) international account executive; Dexter Faulkner, *Plain Truth* executive editor; and David Gunn, circulation manager for the British Regional Office. [Photo © Svein Erik Dahl]

## Department gives update of Acapulco, Mexico, site

By Leon Walker

PASADENA — Following are instructions for brethren who wish to transfer to the Acapulco, Mexico, site.

*Evangelist Leon Walker is regional director of the Church in Spanish-speaking areas.*

- Do not request an application or attempt to transfer to Acapulco if you went last year. More than 2,000 brethren expressed a desire to go to Acapulco and only 200 or 300 can be accepted. Priority will be given to those who did not go last year.

- Please do not attempt to have family reunions or go in large groups from your church area or with groups from other church areas. The Spanish Department can accept only a limited number of transfers from each church area, making it impossible to accommodate requests of this nature.

- Spanish-speaking brethren who wish to transfer will be given priority only if they did not go to Acapulco last year. Spanish-speaking brethren are encouraged

and invited to transfer to one of the other Spanish-language sites listed in the March 12 *Worldwide News*.

- Hotel accommodations: Two hotels have been booked by the Church and will be used by all transfers. The Acapulco Plaza costs \$60 a day (one to six persons a suite). The Holiday Inn Acapulco Beach costs \$40 a day for single or double occupancy, \$45 for triple occupancy or \$50 for four persons (two children under 12 are free if they share the same room).

Since it is not possible to leave Acapulco after services are completed on the Last Great Day, a minimum stay of nine days should be planned.

- Write for an application to: Spanish Department Acapulco Application 300 W. Green St. Pasadena, Calif., 91129

Please do not telephone the Spanish Department.

Note: This includes those who responded to the announcement in the Nov. 7 *Worldwide News*. The poll taken then was for information purposes only. It is necessary to write for an application if you wish to transfer.

## 10 U.S. churches assigned

# Niagara Falls, N.Y., site expands

PASADENA — Ten U.S. churches and the province of Ontario will be assigned to the Niagara Falls, N.Y., Feast of Tabernacles site for 1984, according to the Festival Office here. Transfers will be available as well.

"We felt that opening this attractive site to U.S. brethren would relieve some of the burden from the Mount Pocono [Pa.] site and cut

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**CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN** — The above advertisement is part of an ad campaign to build the circulation of *Den Enkle Sannhet*, the Norwegian-language *Plain Truth*. The ad, which ran in Norwegian and English, will run in 16 Scandinavian publications in March and April.

## Jerusalem Feast Information

To obtain information and reservation coupons for the 1984 Jerusalem Feast site please write to Gil Tours, 1617 JFK Blvd. Suite 946, Philadelphia, Pa., 19103, Attention: Jan/Mary. You may also call Jan or Mary at 1-800-223-3855. In Pennsylvania call 215-568-6655.

## West German site open for 1984 Feast transfers

BONN, West Germany — For the eighth consecutive year the Feast of Tabernacles will take place in West Germany's Black Forest in the vacation town of Bonndorf.

In addition to European guests, the German Office will accept 200 transfers from English-speaking countries.

The *Worldwide News* received this article from the regional office in Bonn, West Germany.

For English-speaking guests there will be simultaneous translations of messages given in German, using modern, infrared hi-fi equipment. Several messages, including those of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, are given in English.

Some of the activities the German Office has planned for the Festival are:

A welcome evening in which a folk group will acquaint brethren

down on traveling distance," said Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator.

Feast services will be conducted in the Niagara Falls International Convention Center, which is connected by fully enclosed all-weather walkways to some major buildings in town, providing access to accommodations and restaurants.

Niagara Falls, situated between

Ontario and New York, is formed by the Niagara River, a 35-mile-long strait that connects Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

One of the natural wonders of the world, Niagara Falls offers more than 65 restaurants, 70 hotels and motels and 25 points of interest.

The world's first hydroelectric plant, Adams Station, was developed there and operated until 1961.

The Niagara River, Lake Ontario and other waterways boast excellent boating, swimming and fishing.

Niagara County has golf courses, city parks and 10 state parks. Hyde Park, a 200-acre park in the center of the city, offers picnic facilities, golf, tennis and a four-season ice rink.

In the Niagara Wax Museum 46 exhibits display life-size wax figures and events depicting the history of the Niagara frontier. Downtown, the Wintergarden features more than 1,000 tropical plants in a glass-enclosed building.

The Schoellkopf Geological Museum traces the area's geological history, while the Buscaglia-Castellani Art Museum shows 19th and 20th century art.

Brethren can catch a dolphin performance at the Niagara Falls Aquarium, take in panoramic views from one of three observation towers and take boat cruises to the basins of the American Falls and Canadian Horseshoe Falls.

A scenic drive on Niagara Parkway winds along the shoreline of the Niagara River.

More than 50 family rides, shows and attractions are available at Fantasy Island, an amusement park five minutes from Niagara Falls on Grand Island.

One block from the falls is the Rainbow Centre Shopping Mall with shopping, dining and entertainment enveloped in greenery and skylights. The mall features a 70-foot fountain and a sky elevator.

Other malls in Niagara Falls offer department stores and specialty shops, restaurants and supermarkets. Sixty variety stores are in the Main Street shopping area.



## FOCUS ON YOUTH

### JAMAICA TEENS ATTEND DISTRICT FAMILY WEEKEND

KINGSTON, Jamaica — YOU members here attended a district family weekend Jan. 20 and Jan. 21.

A Bible study on how to have better family relationships took place Friday evening, Jan. 20.

Saturday evening the teens attended a social that included bingo, Chinese checkers and a joke-telling session.

After the jokes came a dance contest, which was won by the cousin team of Greg and Janeta Golding, and more dancing. The evening ended after the teens cleaned up the hall. *Bevon Brydson.*

### CANADIAN TEENS MEET FOR VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY

MONTREAL, Que. — The French-speaking church here was host to the annual YOU volleyball tournament Jan. 22 with participants from Ottawa and Cornwall, Ont., and Magog, Montreal and Trois-Rivieres, Que.

The Montreal French A team overcame Cornwall in the final games of the junior division. In the senior category Cornwall defeated Montreal French B.

Most valuable players in the junior division were Walter Peters from Cornwall and Wendy Logan from Ottawa. George Lang from Cornwall and Nathalie Gauthier from Montreal French were named most valuable players in the senior division.

The best team spirit award for the junior division went to the Montreal French A team, while the senior division winner was the Montreal French team.

Church pastors John Adams, Robert Scott, Cecil Maranville, Philip Shields, Bruno Leclerc and Donat Picard commented that the participation, conduct and attitudes were excellent. *Jean-Guy Gauthier.*

### PHILIPPINE YOU HEARS DENTAL HEALTH LECTURE

NAGA CITY, Philippines — Fifteen YOU members here received instruction on dental health care at Villanueva Hall, Naga College, Feb. 5. This educational activity coincided with the 34th Philippine Annual Dental Health Week Celebration Feb. 3 to Feb. 9.

The lecture was conducted by Lujan Dizon, Public School dental health supervisor for the province of Camarines Sur. The

lecture focused on preventive dentistry.

The youths learned the right way to brush their teeth, the need for adequate diet and about which fruits and vegetables are rich in vitamin C and calcium. They learned how tooth decay develops and how to prevent it and how to allay toothache when seeing a dentist is impossible.

They were also told about different brands of toothpaste and the instruments used by dentists. They were told that dental services are costly, but that YOU members would be given discounts. They were warned against consulting spiritists (common in the area) who pull out teeth with crude instruments. *Gregorio D. Laureta Jr.*

### WEEKEND FEATURES BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

ATLANTA, Ga. — YOU District 34 sponsored a family weekend and basketball tournament here Feb. 18 and Feb. 19.

Sabbath activities, Feb. 18, included youth- and family-oriented messages by Kenneth Martin, pastor of the Atlanta churches, and Gordon Harry, associate pastor of the Atlanta churches.

After services 10 church areas were represented in a double elimination district Bible bowl. The Atlanta West team finished first, Rome, Ga., was second and Columbus, Ga., third.

The basketball tournament began Saturday evening and continued Sunday. In the YOU A division, first place went to Atlanta West, second place to Macon, Ga., and third place to Columbus. The sportsmanship award went to Columbus.

All-tournament players in the A division were Andrew Attyah, Columbus; David Black, Rome; Wendell Bond, Macon; Chris Collier and Rodney Collier, Atlanta West; Warren Oxley, Athens and Gainesville, Ga.; and Bruce Wynn, Atlanta East.

In the YOU B division, first place went to Atlanta West; second place to the Charleston, N.C., and Savannah, Ga., team; and third place to Columbus. The sportsmanship award went to Macon.

All-tournament players included Jimmy Andrews, Columbus; Ken Gibbs, Macon; Russell Martin, Atlanta West; Ronny Stripling, Atlanta East; Barry Usry, Charleston-Savannah; Paul Warren, Anniston, Ala.; and Jamie Zimmerman, Rome. *Michael Hanisko.*



**TRIBUTE TO BROADWAY** — The Imperial High School Choralliers perform songs from Broadway musicals including *A Chorus Line*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Oklahoma* and *The Sound of Music* in the Ambassador Auditorium Monday evening, March 5. The Choralliers were directed by Dennis Pelley, and the show was choreographed by Linda Wright. [Photo by Hal Finch]

## Photos found from turn of century

# College started from mansion

PASADENA — The Ambassador College library was once not a library at all.

In the fall of 1946, after months of searching for the best location to begin a college, Herbert W. Armstrong bought the Claypool estate, a 17-room mansion at 363 Grove St., for \$100,000, according to an installment of his autobiography published in the December, 1962, *Plain Truth*.

Photographs of the Claypool estate in the late 1800s, found at Pasadena's John Muir High School in 1983, were donated to the Pasadena Historical Society.

"The album [of photographs] is one of the most complete sets of early scenes from that part of Pasadena that I have seen," said Sue Schech-

ter, society director.

The estate, built in 1897, had one of the choicest views to be found in the city, according to the Pasadena *Daily Evening Star*.

"The grounds contain two acres, and are beautifully laid out and planted to rare trees, shrubs and flowers," reported the *Star* April 23, 1901. "The buildings consist of the residence, a magnificent Moorish structure, three stories high and containing some 16 apartments, a smaller dwelling of eight rooms and fine stables."

Mr. Armstrong wrote that the building's architecture was more institutional than residential and could house classrooms, recording studios, offices and printing equipment.

Mr. Armstrong found that the Claypool estate could house the work for \$200 a month less than what it cost in Eugene, Ore.

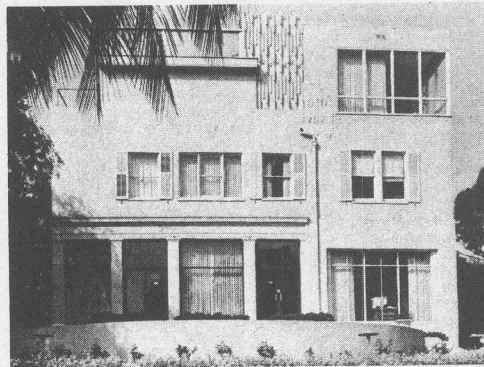
After spending \$30,000 to bring the building up to city fire codes, and establishing Lucy Martin as the first librarian, Mr. Armstrong approved opening the library's doors Oct. 8, 1947, and Ambassador College was born.

The one building "housed all classrooms, library, music department, assembly — everything, except business office," continued Mr. Armstrong in his autobiography. "In the rear ground-floor room . . . we opened the first Ambassador College office."

Today the former Claypool estate is only one part of the 33-acre college campus. In 1962 penthouse offices were added to the building. Below, fountains have been converted into the Lower Gardens, where commencement exercises have taken place.

Under librarian Richard Walther, the library staff includes 24 employees who continue to fulfill students' needs 37 years later.

This one-time residence is now connected by cable to the Church's Data Processing Center. The card catalog, King James Version of the Bible and Church literature can now be accessed by computer terminal, according to Dr. Walther. Microcomputers are available for student use, and audiovisual materials should be on computer by the end of the summer.



**BEFORE AND AFTER** — The bottom photo shows the original Ambassador College building as it appeared at the turn of the century — a mansion in an affluent section of Pasadena. The top photo shows the building, which houses the Ambassador College library, as it appears today. [Top photo by Hal Finch, bottom photo courtesy of Pasadena Historical Society]

## Canada conducts essay contest

By Colin Adair

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Winners of the Youth Opportunities United National Essay Contest are Robert Kienitz, 18, in the senior

*Colin Adair is regional director for the Church in Canada.*

division, and Craig Raspberry, 13, in the junior division. Each received a \$50 prize.

Robert is the son of Gustav and Jean Marjorie Kienitz of Essex,

Ont. Robert and his mother attend the Windsor, Ont., church. Craig is the son of Patricia Raspberry of Worsley, Alta. They attend the Grande Prairie, Alta., church.

Contestants were assigned the title, "What I Think I Will Be Doing in the Millennium." Winners were announced Feb. 13.

In the senior division, second prize, \$25, was awarded to Charlotte Penner, 18, of Douglas, Man., who attends the Brandon, Man., church. Third prize, \$15, went to Linda Zatorski, 18, of Wildwood,

Alta. She attends the Evansburg church.

Second prize in the junior division, \$25, was awarded to Ramona Lukinuk, 14 of Burnaby, B.C., who attends the Vancouver church. Third place, \$15, went to Donald Mackay, 14, of Sudbury, Ont.

The deadline for the contest was Dec. 31. This is the first year that Canada had an essay contest separate from the United States. In past years Canadian teens entered the U.S. contest organized through Pasadena.



# Is buying insurance a sin?

By Herman L. Hoeh

It may come as a surprise, but the Bible does say something about insurance!

The question of insurance has perplexed many in the Church. It is reasoned by a few who do not have insurance that it would be showing lack of faith to be "protected" by insurance. Others have claimed that when they had insurance they did not feel they needed to trust God as much as before. It seemed to destroy their faith, since they were protected by men.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh is the editor of The Plain Truth.

Is this kind of reasoning right? Exactly what does the Bible reveal about insurance — about saving for the future?

### Is it wrong to save?

Before we can understand the right or wrong of insurance, we must first ask ourselves the question: "Is it wrong to save for the future?"

Notice what the Bible says about laying up for a rainy day.

The prophet Agur, under inspiration wrote: "There are four things which are little on the earth" — they are little in size — "but they are exceedingly wise: The ants are a people not strong" — in comparison with the weight that a man lifts — "yet they prepare their food in the summer" (Proverbs 30:24-25, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

The ant saves. The ant gathers in summer for the coming winter. The ants are wise creatures. They do not have to borrow or beg for food.

No wonder Solomon said: "Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler" — to tell the ant what to do — "Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest" (Proverbs 6:6-8).

The ant does not wait till the win-

ter comes to gather food. It is too late by that time. The wise thing to do is prepare for hard times.

So the Bible counsels laying up for a rainy day.

Notice Proverbs 13:22: "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous."

The good, as well as the sinner, save for the future. If a man is good in God's sight, he will have saved enough for his grandchildren! Most people whom God calls to salvation are poor, however, because they have been sinners throughout life — until they come to repentance. Life is too short after conversion to save very much even for their children.

Then what did Jesus mean by saying: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Does this mean that Jesus frowned upon saving for the future? Not at all! Jesus sanctioned saving for all eternity — "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." That saving Jesus will give us as a reward when He returns. But Jesus warned not to lay up "for yourselves" earthly savings. Don't save for yourselves — save for others! That is the *give* way. A good man does not lay up for himself. He saves for his grandchildren! A wise man does not build up a bank account only for himself, but for his family.

### What is insurance?

Now we are ready to understand what insurance is.

Insurance involves a program by which many individuals pay small premiums into a company, so that in case of accident, injury, fire or death, the party or family suffering the loss receives sufficient money as compensation for the loss. It is a kind of pool in which people save

and share the burdens of one another.

Insurance, of course, does not prevent accident, injury, fire or death; it merely compensates one or one's family if one suffers such a loss so that one can regain economic stability. In case of death, insurance provides security for widows and children.

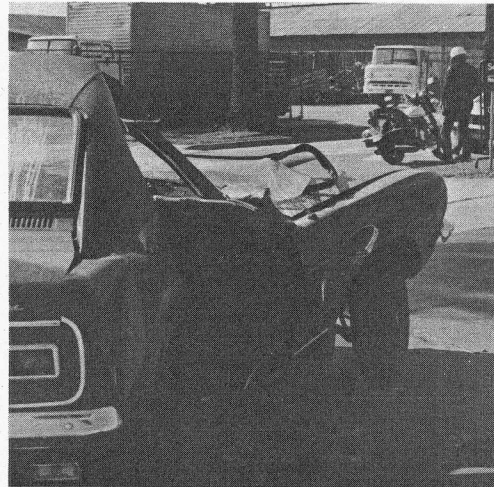
Does the Bible have anything to say about this kind of insurance?

Turn to Deuteronomy 14:28-29. "At the end of every third year you shall bring out the tith of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates." For whom is this laid up? For yourself?

No!

For "the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates [or cities]." Why? So that they may "come and eat and be satisfied, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do."

This is insurance! Here is God's insurance program to take care of (See INSURANCE, page 9)



**TIME AND CHANCE** — Automobile accidents can have far-reaching financial and legal effects. Compensation for related health problems can also cause problems. Having the right kind and amount of insurance can lessen these difficulties. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

## Consider options before buying

# Insurance: educate yourself first

By Chris Anderson

The underlying purpose of insurance is sound. Having insurance enables you to avoid becoming a burden on society in case of catastrophe. While there may be a lot of bad things to say about insurance, there are also plenty of good things to say.

For example, consider a family who has a hospital bill of \$85,000 because their child was born premature. They're glad they have health insurance.

Chris Anderson is assistant insurance manager for the Worldwide Church of God in Pasadena.

Consider the young mother of three children who has to face an uncertain future after her husband's death. She is thankful he had adequate life insurance, which now serves as a source of financial stability for her and the children.

And what about the driver who, just for a second, took his eyes off the road and totaled a Mercedes? He's thankful for his auto insurance, which will restore the other person's loss.

In Exodus 21 and 22 God gave Israel certain laws governing personal responsibility when the property of others is damaged or a person is

injured at the hands of another. Basically, God commands that we be prepared to pay for injury or damage we cause.

Since accidents happen, we must be prepared to accept the responsibility for our actions. While we must first be sure our cars are safe to drive, we must go one step further and be sure we can restore someone's losses if we cause an accident.

Most state laws require some form of insurance, or an alternate form proving financial responsibility, to drive an automobile.

Insurance can and should be treated like any other purchase you make. You should know how it works, what you need and what you don't need.

Libraries and bookstores offer many books and publications on insurance. Or, perhaps you could take a class on the subject at a community college. Then, when you make your purchase, you will be better equipped to make wise decisions.

Below are hints to assist you in buying insurance.

### Auto and homeowner's insurance

• *Service.* "Will the company be there when you need them?" is a good question to ask when buying this insurance.

Service after a loss or an accident is

the acid test for any company. Ask around. Ask others if they received good service when they had an accident.

• *Shop regularly.* When you consider the many factors that determine your insurance premium: a change in where you live or the type of car you drive, or adding a youthful driver or getting older; can change your costs significantly up or down. Insurance companies are changing, too. It pays to shop around for coverage.

This doesn't mean you should change companies every six months. But you should, once a year, check to see if your policy is competitively priced. Price isn't everything, so remember the first point, too.

• *An Independent Agent offers more variety.* An Independent Agent will often be licensed with three or four companies and can help you shop around. He can also be an asset when you have a claim.

• *Know what you need.* Become familiar with the different parts of your policy. You shouldn't have to rely on an agent to decide what you need. Be prepared to answer the following questions:

- (1) What limit of liability do you want?
- (2) Do you want rental reimbursement?
- (3) Do you want comprehensive or collision coverage, and if so, what deductible do you want?
- (4) How much is your home worth?
- (5) What is the value of your personal property (clothes, furnishings)?

### Life insurance

• *Determine how much you need.* In 1976 Citibank performed an independent study to help consumers determine how much life insurance is enough. The result was that the average family should carry between five and eight times their annual salary. Of course no family is average, but it is a helpful guideline.

Citibank considered the expenses a family would continue to incur in the event of the death of the breadwinner: housing, food, clothing, transportation and education, not to mention funeral expenses and last minute medical costs before death.

These can really add up, so to avoid becoming a burden on others, you should seriously consider these factors in your personal planning.

• *Buy the right kind of insurance.* Though it is not the object of this article to discuss the various philosophies (See EDUCATE, page 11)

# Beware of sales pressure when buying insurance

Accelerative endowments. Annuities. Beneficiaries. Blanket fidelity bonds. Mortality savings. Retroactive conversions.

These are but a few of the terms brethren might deal with in buying insurance. "Few services are so complex and so little understood," says Herbert S. Denenberg, former commissioner of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department. But he adds: "Few are as vital to a person's financial and physical well-being."

All Ambassador College and Worldwide Church of God vehicles are fully insured. According to the Church's Insurance Department, all full-time U.S. Church and college employees receive term life and health insurance. Employee insurance outside the United States varies.

In principle, buying insurance is paying someone else to assume certain risks on your behalf. On the personal level, people generally buy insurance to protect themselves from economic loss.

A husband might buy life insurance to protect his wife and children if he dies unexpectedly. Medical insurance cushions individuals against expensive medical treatment. Property insurance provides protection if your home is vandalized or is damaged by fire.

But many people fail to understand the jargon and complexities of insurance. Mr. Denenberg said one study found "the standard automo-

obile insurance policy is harder to read than Einstein's theory of relativity."

Buying insurance is further complicated by intense pressure applied by some insurance companies and agents. Adds Mr. Denenberg, "Commissions are high, and selling techniques finely developed, so that the buyer usually starts with a huge disadvantage."

According to consumer advocates, some insurance agents can be unscrupulous and intentionally devious in selling extra insurance. In his book *How Life Insurance Companies Rob You and What You Can Do About It* (Random House publishers), Walter S. Kenton recalls dozens of case histories where insurance salespeople intentionally sold people more insurance than they needed.

Said Mr. Kenton, a member of the Million Dollar Roundtable sales group: "I was successful not because I sold the life insurance that was best for you, but because I sold the life insurance that was best for me" (his emphasis).

Insurance experts agree that learning more about insurance saves you money in the short term and long run. "The more confused your intention in purchasing insurance, the greater the chance you will come out on the short end of the bargain," warns Vladimir P. Chernik, author of *The Consumer's Guide to Insurance Buying*.

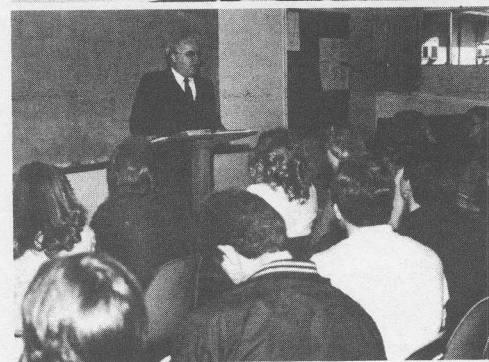
## How to Select an Agent

Selecting an agent is an important part of buying insurance. According to Vladimir P. Chernik, author of *The Consumer's Guide to Buying Insurance*, there are two basic types of insurance agents: life insurance agents (who write life and health policies), and casualty agents (who write automobile, fire and property insurance). Often the two are combined.

Mr. Chernik and Herbert S. Denenberg, a former Pennsylvania Insurance Department commissioner, offer the following considerations in selecting an agent:

- Secure the services of a full-time agent with experience; avoid part-timers who sell insurance as a sideline. The part-timer may have switched professions when you need advice on a claim.
- Obtain help from people with experience in dealing with insurance agents. Good recommendations might be available from bankers, lawyers, businesspeople and friends.
- Consider agents with professional and educational qualifications. In the United States CLU (chartered life underwriter) and CPCU (chartered property and casualty underwriter) are professional designations. But these initials "should not be mistaken for a seal of competency or honesty," says Mr. Chernik.
- Test the agent yourself. If he or she cannot communicate well or fails to answer your questions, seek another agent. Two questions to ask at the first meeting: "What's the best policy on the market?" and "What is best for me?" "If he's a good agent," says Mr. Chernik, "his answer to both will be, 'I don't know.' He obviously cannot know all the programs and policies available from several hundred companies."

## Activities in Pasadena feature service, teamwork, cooperation



**RANGE OF ACTIVITIES** — Counterclockwise from top: Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong is a frequent speaker in Pasadena; evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services, oversees all four Pasadena churches; evangelist Dean Blackwell, pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church, conducts an Imperial Schools senior Bible class; Victor Root, Auditorium A.M. associate pastor, presents medals to Youth Opportunities United (YOU) cheerleaders; Dale Apperson answers incoming calls at the Pasadena Church Offices in the Hall of Administration; and Richard Rice, a pastor-rank minister who directs the Mail Processing Center, speaks at a singles' Bible study. [Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr., Thomas Hanson, Barry Stahl and Warren Watson]



**By Jeff Zhorne**  
PASADENA — How does being a Church member in Pasadena compare with being a member in outlying areas? The primary differences are the number of ministers, brethren and activities, said evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services.

Sixty ministers serve 3,300 brethren in a 10-square-mile area — "the most concentrated group of God's people anywhere on earth," said Robin Webber, an assistant pastor in the Auditorium P.M. church.

That ministry includes Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's assistants, full-time ministers, department heads, Ambassador College faculty, Imperial Schools teachers, administrative personnel and local church elders, Mr. Webber added.

They give sermons and sermonettes in Pasadena and outlying churches on a rotating basis, scheduled by Mr. Tkach.

### Pasadena congregations

From his office in the Hall of Administration Mr. Tkach oversees all four Pasadena churches — Auditorium A.M., pastored by Ronald Howe; Auditorium P.M., pastored by evangelist Dean Blackwell; Imperial, pastored by Selmer Hegvold; and Spanish, pastored by Robert Flores.

Mr. Blackwell was named overall coordinator by Mr. Armstrong in 1981. According to Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Armstrong wanted each Pasadena congregation to be as much like a field church as possible. Each has its own activities, and area members are assigned to specific congregations.

Mr. Blackwell considers hearing the top men in the work speak as one of the advantages of living in Pasadena.

The Spanish-speaking church has 143 brethren who attend weekly services; Imperial, 714; Auditorium A.M., 827; and Auditorium P.M., 1,622 brethren (including 632 Ambassador students).

"With so many people, it's nice to have a centralized building like the Hall of Administration to serve them," said Mr. Webber. In this building, adjacent to the Auditorium, the ministry is centralized and better able to coordinate programs and communicate harmoniously.

"Employees can stop over during lunch for visits, counselings or anointings," he continued.

But it hasn't always been this way. In 1964 Pasadena brethren met for a single afternoon Sabbath service in the Ambassador gymnasium.

In 1966, 1,100 brethren not directly employed by the work

attended Sabbath services in Los Angeles, Calif. Then in February, 1971, some brethren began attending the new San Marino, Calif., church, Mr. Tkach recalled.

"San Marino began with 230 members, but by 1975 grew to 700," said Mr. Tkach. Then it became the Imperial congregation, pastored by Clint Zimmerman, now pastor of the Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colo., churches.

### Ministers' varied activities

Besides baptisms, counselings, anointings, weddings and funerals, ministers keep busy directing Spokesman and Graduate clubs in the Pasadena churches.

Because of the quantity of activities and brethren, Mr. Tkach delegates responsibilities to various pastors and their assistants.

"A massive amount of delegating within the pyramid structure of government is necessary or we wouldn't be able to function as effectively," said John Kennedy, an assistant pastor of the P.M. church.

"Delegating is a key to growth," remarked Mr. Howe. "If I had to run newsstands, for instance, by myself, I wouldn't get very much done. It takes a lot of involvement and teamwork. The same thing goes for track meets or picnics. You have to share the load."

A day in the life of a typical Pasadena minister might include, in addition to receiving up to 30 telephone calls, teaching a Bible class at Imperial Schools, visiting brethren, checking in on an evening Youth Opportunities United (YOU) activity and directing a Spokesman Club.

Ministers devote time to counseling the three or four people who come to Pasadena each day to find out more about the Church, Ambassador College and the Ambassador Foundation. "People from all over the world come here, not knowing we have local churches," said Mr. Kennedy.

During each session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program, Auditorium P.M. brethren and students are invited to a Sabbath kaffeeklatsch in the Ambassador Student Center to enjoy refreshments and meet and renew acquaintances with ministers.

Senior citizens meet on campus for biweekly Bible studies, which are followed by potlucks. Many of the 255 YOU members in Pasadena participate in basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, camp-outs and serving at Tuesday evening refreshing program dinners.

Imperial and Spanish youths can be members of a Senior Boys Club and Senior Girls Club under the direction of local elder Paul Troike, a plant engineer for the Church.

Boys learn about electronics, engineering, household mechanics and wood carving, while girls are taught

sewing, flower arranging, interior decorating, jazzercise, prenatal care and home economics.

Some subjects, such as hair care, beekeeping, landscaping and horticulture, are taught to boys and girls. A cultural evening is set aside each year, in addition to an evening attending an Ambassador College speech club.

Other activities in the Pasadena area range from father-and-son basketball evenings and hayrides to churchwide pancake breakfasts and fund raisers like newspaper drives and serving at the Rose Parade.

### Service opportunities

Church members volunteer for auxiliary Sabbath security patrol and department store inventories, for moving and Sabbath usher crews and to answer Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line calls.

Besides serving in these areas, Church women assist Gwen La Ravia, wife of evangelist Ellis La Ravia, in maintaining a used clothing outlet (see article, page 9).

Other women volunteers are YOU cheerleading and volleyball coaches. Women also help the elderly locate housing.

Under Mr. Tkach, Selmer Hegvold, pastor of the Imperial congregation, directs a program to aid deaf brethren nationwide.

"We encourage pastors to get involved with the deaf and hard-of-hearing in their local areas through a newsletter we create here and send to them," said Mr. Hegvold. "The newsletter keeps the deaf abreast of what we're doing."

Before the Feast, deaf brethren are contacted by Pasadena and told which sites interpreters will attend, he added.

Brethren from the Imperial and Auditorium A.M. and P.M. churches also stock 290 *Plain Truth* newsstands in the Pasadena area, where more than 27,600 magazines are distributed each month.

The Spanish church conducts monthly picnics and dances and annual camp-outs, said Fred Lopez, a minister in the Spanish congregation. YOU members combine with Imperial church youths to form basketball and volleyball teams.

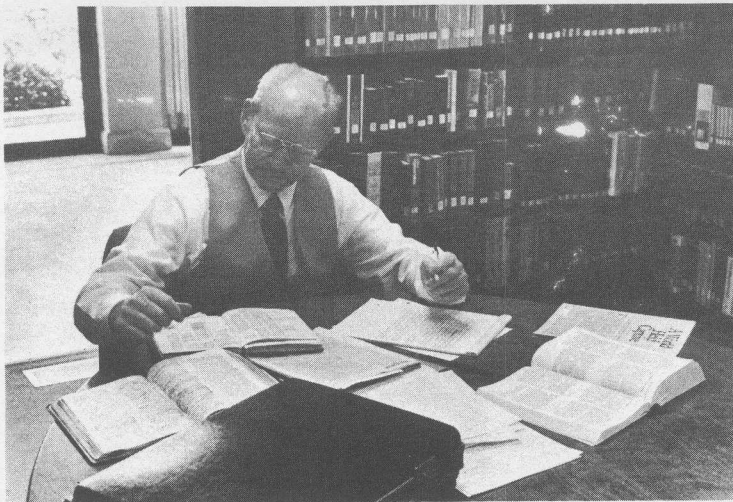
When Mr. Armstrong speaks in the Auditorium, his message is broadcast into an overflow area set up in the Imperial gymnasium, and broadcast and translated in the Spanish church, said Mr. Webber.

Mr. Tkach said that through Mr. Armstrong's sermons and example in Pasadena, brethren are learning to apply biblical principles of cooperation and teamwork.

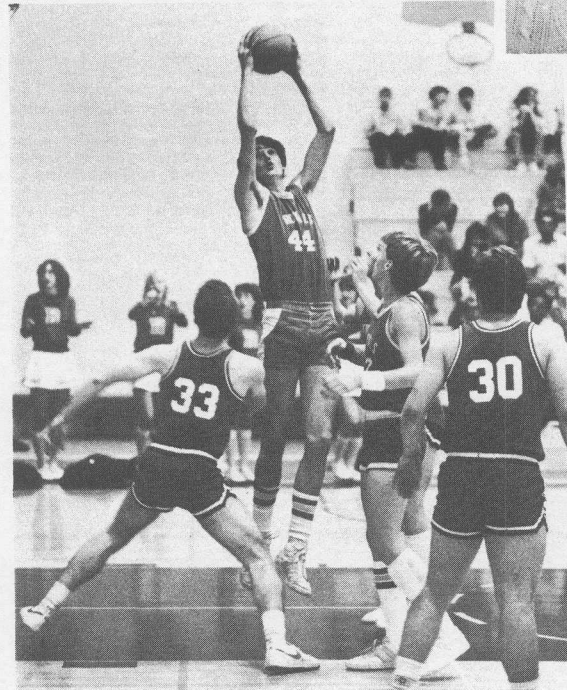
"The hundreds of brethren who freely give their time and service are exemplifying qualities of Christian leadership and unity," the evangelist concluded.



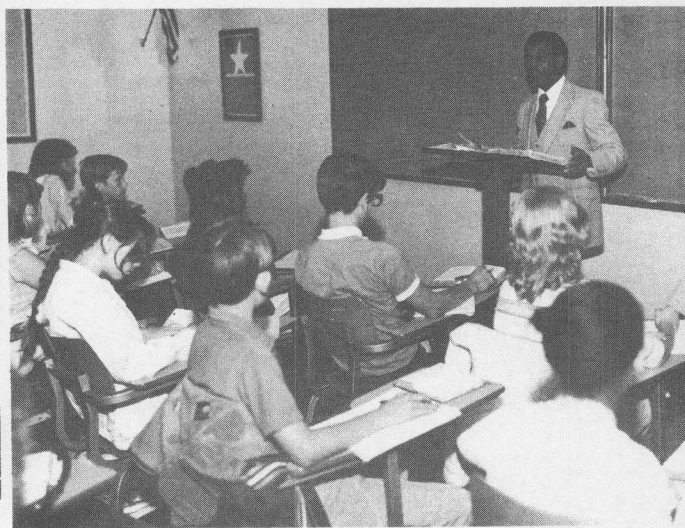




**LABOR OF LOVE** — Pasadena ministers' varied activities include giving sermons, teaching classes and leading Spokesman Clubs. Above, Selmer Hegvold, pastor of the Imperial church, prepares a sermon about the Passover in the Ambassador College library; right, Ronald Howe, Auditorium A.M. pastor, checks a roster of activities in his Hall of Administration office; and left, an Auditorium P.M. Spokesman Club plays host to a widows' night. [Photos by Jeff Zhorne]



**JOINING MINISTERS AND BRETHERN** — Clockwise from above: Robin Webber, an Auditorium P.M. assistant pastor, conducts counseling sessions in his Hall of Administration office; Robert Flores is pastor of the Spanish church; Curtis May, an Imperial church associate pastor, explains God's Kingdom to an Imperial Schools class; and the Imperial gymnasium is the site of Youth Opportunities United (YOU) basketball games and cheerleading performances. [Photos by Warren Watson and Hal Finch]





# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Events range from fairs to variety shows

After afternoon Sabbath services conducted by associate pastor Melvin Rhodes Feb. 11, **TIVERTON**, England, brethren took part in a social evening.

Admission was a cake baked by the head of the household or a song. Mike Lee sang in the Zulu language. Bill Deakins won a cake-baking contest. His prize was a wooden spoon for more stirring.

A beetle drive was won by Naomi Steel. Her father, Andrew, won Mr. Deakins' cake for drawing the most artistic beetles.

The evening was rounded off by a visit from John Jewell, a former pastor now serving in Ireland, his wife, Tina, and son Jonathan.

About 250 **MERCER**, Pa., and **YOUNGSTOWN**, Ohio, brethren attended a chili supper and square dance Feb. 18 at the Mercer church hall.

The meal, which began with a covered wagon salad bar, was served by YOU members who set and decorated tables and served chili, rolls, beverages and desserts.

Entertainment started with a band, consisting of Lee and Louise Greuter, Paul Coleman, Jim and Todd Guy and Roger Lambert, that played square dance tunes.

A balloon race for youngsters and two vocal numbers by Jim Guy were additional high points. Eugene Noel, pastor of the two churches, was caller and master of ceremonies.

The evening ended with fading strains of "The Virginia Reel."

**PARIS**, France, YOU members and brethren presented a talent show Feb. 18, aided by the Paris Spokesman Club. The evening, introduced by Dominique Alcindor and James Coulin, featured a talent display of songs, instrumental pieces, sketches and a Viennese waltz.

The youngest performer, Claudia Kneller, 6, accompanied by her mother, played a piano melody. Nine-year-old Camille Stevenin played the doctor in a humorous scene from Moliere's comedy "Le Malade Imaginaire" ("The Imaginary Illness").

Other items included a rendition of three Italian songs by Valerie Jacquinet, an interpretation of one of Andre Gide's poems by 19-year-old Corinne Edou and an instrumental piece titled "A Concerto for One

Voice" by St. Preux, played on the saxophone by Celine Viard.

Hobbies of the Paris youths were also on display. Items included stamp collections, paintings, Camembert cheese cartons and a perfume bottle collection. Two lanterns in forged iron were made by Yannik Leveau, 17.

Nineteen decorated cakes made by the youths were sampled. "This evening has encouraged us to do even better the next time," commented 17-year-old Veronique Alcindor.

"Songs from a Happy Home" served as theme for a **LA-FAYETTE**, Ind., musical variety show Feb. 11. David Swaim, program director, left no stone unturned in discovering the church's hidden talent.

The cast, which donated evenings to practice, presented its show after a carry-in dinner after Sabbath services.

Vocals and instrumentals accented the main theme. The musical closed with a family reunion, all singing "Climb Every Mountain." Piano accompanist Janice Carnahan received flowers for her hours of service.

A tropical island setting greeted 45 brethren from 16 churches who converged on Larkfield Leisure Centre in **MAIDSTONE**, England, for a pool party Feb. 11. The event was organized by David and Lorraine Rowing and pastor John Meakin, and the center was booked exclusively by the church for the evening.

With soft lighting that played on green foliage and temperatures well into the 80s Fahrenheit (27 to 32 degrees Celsius), young and old filled the free-form pool and a warmer children's teaching pool. A spiral slide was in constant use, and a wave machine periodically transformed the pool's placid surface into tumbling waves that crashed on eager youngsters.

Dance music was provided by Stuart Channon and his Ambassador Big Band. Members danced and sat around the pools, drinking in the warm family atmosphere.

Sports enthusiasts put three squash courts, four badminton courts, six table-tennis tables, a trampoline and tumbling mats to use.

After Sabbath services Feb. 11 **SARNIA**, Ont., brethren had a pot-

luck of scalloped potatoes, meat dishes, tossed salads and desserts at the Alexander MacKenzie secondary school.

After dinner brethren received basic square dancing instructions and danced. Children played basketball and other games.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of *The Plain Truth*, **TOLEDO**, Ohio, brethren selected "The Plain Truth Around the World" as a theme for their 15th annual winter ball Feb. 18.

Under the direction of Dale Gill, a group decorated tables with candlelit globes of the earth. Elsewhere copies of foreign-language editions of the magazine were displayed with vintage issues from each decade since 1934.

Members danced to the music of The Imports and sampled hors d'oeuvres. Entertainment featured a 60-minute show, produced by Rod Kuntz and Dick Sandilands, saluting the seven-language editions of the magazine.

Beginning in the United States, the audience was taken on an imaginary balloon trip around the world by slides. A cast of more than 25 musicians, dancers and actors performed songs and sketches reflecting the flavor of the language or area represented.

Pastor George Kackos closed the program by exhorting the audience to be thankful for *The Plain Truth* and the way God is blessing its growth. "Though we've enjoyed tremendous success so far," said Mr. Kackos, "the best days of *The Plain Truth* are yet to come!"

**GREENVILLE**, S.C., brethren sponsored their fourth annual country fair Jan. 29 with 10 game booths, a pie- and cake-baking contest, a country kitchen and a variety show.

More than \$500 profit was raised from the event, said pastor Ronald Jameson. Adults were charged a \$1 admission price, while children paid 50 cents. Included in the admission price was a game card for all fair booths.

In the country kitchen a family of four could dine on hot dogs with trimmings, a bowl of chili, snacks and home-baked goodies for less than \$4.

Prizes were awarded for the best fair booths, which were designed and built by members. "Ozzie Octopus," built by local church elder Henry Merrill Jr., took first place. Second place went to "The Weatherman," a computer game designed by Al Cleveland and his son Steve Rogers. "The Rifleman," a shooting gallery designed by Jyrel Henderson, took third.

Mary Littlejohn won the pie-



**COLLECTORS** — Paris, France, YOU members Evodie Robert, 11 (left), and Philippe Robert, 12, display their collection of Camembert cheese carton labels during a hobby and talent show Feb. 18.

baking contest with a Bavarian apple torte, and Cheryl Bowens took first in cake-baking with a Japanese fruitcake. The cakes were auctioned off to the highest bidders.

The final hour and a half was devoted to a variety show with deacon Ronnie Poole as master of ceremonies.

Wine and cheese complemented a talent show enjoyed by **FLOR-ENCE**, Ala., brethren Feb. 18. Loyd Howell, organizer of the show and master of ceremonies, introduced 13 acts ranging from 3-year-old Sarah Kelly singing "Tomorrow" to comic Gary Wesson who portrayed Sherlock Holmes searching for an important paper for the King of England.

Other acts included a comedy clown routine by Joe Parsley and his sons, Jody and Benji; a piano piece, Mozart's *Theme and Three Variations* by Marsha Kelly; a story,

"The Three Little Pigs" by deacon Joe Campbell; a quintet, "My Favorite Things" by Vonda, Sandra and Connie Jackson, Leigh Ann Carter and Felicia Andrews; and a guitar solo, "Malaguena" by Larry Freund.

Paul Thompson and Jack Lawrence performed a comedy skit called "Push Button Tuning"; John Hamilton recited poetry; Mr. Lawrence sang a Dean Martin song; and the Howell family (Loyd, Jeff, Pam and Vicky) sang "Kaw-Ija," "Could I Have This Dance?" "Little Darlin'," "Cool Water" and "Ghost Riders in the Sky."

The evening ended with everyone singing "Cotton Fields Back Home."

*Francis Cam, Clifford A. Redanz, Sam Kneller, Leslie and Debra Booth, Barbara Bearman, Janet Pray, Robert E. Harsanje, Buddy Wrenn and Jan C. Old.*

## Church's 19th anniversary

More than 200 brethren gathered in the country-style Bethesda, Ohio, Community Center Feb. 4 to commemorate the 19th anniversary of the **WHEELING**, W. Va., church. A social committee, supervised by deacon Ron Kennedy and his wife, Kathy, provided a wintry setting.

Dining tables encircling the dance floor were covered with white paper. Snowmen and larger-than-life snowflakes, crafted from white poster board, were arranged on tabletops and hung on walls. In the foreground a sandstone fireplace towered over the dancers. With logs in the fireplace ablaze and sparkling red punch cascading

over the tiers of a silver fountain, hors d'oeuvres were served.

Brethren danced the one-step, two-step, quickstep and shuffle to music representing each decade from the 1940s to the present.

In its 19-year history, the Wheeling church has been blessed with growth. In February, 1965, 174 brethren attended Wheeling's first Sabbath service, with James Friddle as pastor and Roy Holladay as associate pastor.

By 1981, attendance had grown to 500. In June, 1981, the congregation split and gave birth to the Washington, Pa., church. In September, 1981, the church split again and the Cambridge, Ohio, church began.

In the past 19 years, the Wheeling church has been served by six pastors and 11 associate pastors. Today the Wheeling and Cambridge churches are served by pastor Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel and associate pastor Ron Smith.

*Jeff McDonald and Lori Roberts.*

## Funds raised at supper

**WACO**, Tex., YOU members conducted an annual fund-raiser after the Sabbath Feb. 25. YOU members, dressed in Oriental, European, Mexican, Arabian and American attire, served a pancake supper to Church members and guests.

The evening's entertainment featured a fun show with a television format narrated by Mr. and Mrs. Troy Riggs. A cast of YOU members, pre-YOU children and parents performed skits, musical numbers and spoofs based on the news and (See **FUNDS**, page 9)



**BREAK TIME** — Youths in the Maidstone, England, church eat snacks at a Feb. 11 swimming pool party in the Larkfield Leisure Centre.

## Brethren ski on weekends

With temperatures near 5 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 15 Celsius), **MIDLAND** and **CADILLAC**, Mich., brethren gathered at Sno-Snake Resort in Harrison, Mich., for a night of downhill skiing Jan. 21. Both skiers and spectators were treated to thrills and spills on the frigid slopes.

Both churches gathered again Feb. 4 for inner-tubing at a slope in Cadillac. The night began with a chili dinner prepared by women of the Cadillac church. Some brethren on inner tubes performed acrobatics on bumpy hills that lifted the tubes into the air.

The group then warmed up with card and table games, before returning home.

More than 150 singles from 17 churches attended the fourth annual ski weekend sponsored by the **UNION**, N.J., Singles' Club Feb. 3 to Feb. 5 at Split Rock Lodge in Lake Harmony, Pa.

The weekend began Friday eve-

ning, Feb. 3, with a Bible study on marriage given by Roy Holladay, pastor of the Mount Pocono, Pa., church. During the next day's sermon, Mr. Holladay addressed the congregation on music.

Robert and Tony Patterson, disc jockeys, played a variety of tunes for a singles' dance at the Mayfair Supper Club. At Arena Hotel, the group had dinner and two buffet breakfasts consisting of scrambled eggs, French toast, pancakes, beef patties, rye toast, coffee and three juices.

Despite fog and rain Friday night, Sunday, Feb. 5, turned into a skier's paradise. Many skied for the first time, while others took part in ice-skating, swimming and tobogganing. A buffet was served after the activities. The weekend concluded with a fireside sing-along, led by Mark Ruchinko from Trenton, N.J., hot chocolate and chips.

*Craig Spiegelhalter and Patrick Caffarelli.*



# Insurance

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 widows and orphans in case of death of an otherwise uninsured husband and father. It often happens that people will not have sufficient laid up for emergencies until later life. God knew this might happen. To provide for this He ordered the people to save 10 percent of their income once in three years — that is, the third and sixth year out of every seven years. We commonly call this the third tithe. The same command is repeated in Deuteronomy 26:12.

Such problems as this have already faced members of God's Church. Sometimes women who have young children are converted. Either the husbands have died or have left them without means of support. It is the responsibility of the members to save the third tithe to take care of just such emergencies. Such young women should not be out working, but ought to be at home taking care of their young children.

In another instance a fire accidentally strikes the home of an elderly widow who has recently been baptized. She had little savings. What should we, as God's people, have done? She received help from the third tithe.

This is the unselfish thing to do. Insurance is the principle of saving to help others. God wants us to save the third tithe once in three years as an insurance program for the Church, just as He wants us to save the first tithe for the spread of the Gospel. It is not a lack of faith to save the first tithe for the Gospel. Neither is it a lack of faith to save for the fatherless and widows.

### When to give to the poor

Notice who is eligible for aid — the person who was utterly unable to provide insurance for himself and who has been uprooted from his community and is a stranger in a new community. As the years go by drought and floods will cause some to be strangers in new communities. The third tithe is a kind of flood and drought insurance, too. It is also a type of "life insurance," aiding the widows and the young children if the head of the house who was totally unable to provide savings or life insurance dies unexpectedly. This can and does happen. "But time and chance happen to them all" (Ecclesiastes 9:11).

The third tithe does not mention the poor! The poor are taken care of in another way.

Notice where the poor are mentioned. It is found in Deuteronomy 15:7-8: "If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates . . . you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother, but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs."

If any man be called a brother, we are to lend to him. It does not say "give." We are to loan to the needy brother. But we are not to charge him interest. We are not to be usurers, seeking a profit from a loan.

If, after one's seventh year has passed, and the poor or needy has not been able to repay the loan, then one is to release the brother from that obligation. Count the loan as a gift. "At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts. And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent

anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother . . . Of a foreigner" — one who is not converted — "you may require it; but your hand shall release what is owed by your brother, except when there may be no poor among you . . . only if you carefully obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe with care all these commandments which I command you today" (Deuteronomy 15:1-5).

If one is needy, God expects us to lend and the needy to pay back if possible. David said: "I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed" (Psalm 37:25-26).

The righteous do not beg. The righteous lend. Of course, God does expect us to give to the needy of this world if they ask us and we have the means. Alms are for the blind and maimed and crippled of this world. Jesus said, "Give alms."

This aid for the poor is different from the third tithe, which is God's insurance program for His people.

### Example from history

We have given you previously the illustration from Jewish history that shows how the Jews understood the use of the tithes. Let us reconsider this example — from Tobit, chapter 1, Authorized Version. (This is a historic, though uninspired record): "A tenth part [the first tithe] of all my produce I would give to the sons of Levi, who officiated at Jerusalem, and another tenth [the second tithe] I would sell [because Tobit lived too far from Jerusalem to bring it there] and go and spend the proceeds in Jerusalem each year [at the annual feasts], and a third tenth I would give to those to whom it was fitting to give it, as Deborah my grandmother had instructed me — for I was left an orphan by my father."

For whom was it fitting to give the third tithe? — widows and orphans.

It is God's injunction that His people who have an earned income should plan to save the third tithe. Why should some of His people expect to reap the benefits of others, and do nothing themselves?

With regard to aiding the needy, God does not expect you to loan or give to another if you do not have enough yourself. As Paul said: "For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened; but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack [if that becomes necessary at a later time] — that there may be equality" (II Corinthians 8:13-14). God does not want us to give so much that we, in turn, become a financial burden to others.

### Personal savings also

Being generous to others does not absolve one of the duty to have personal savings for the family. Don't forget the ant!

Each man who is the head of a family has a divinely appointed responsibility to provide savings for his children and grandchildren. Without such savings, many people would not have been able in the past to help God's work as they did. They voluntarily gave to the work in a special crisis.

Without savings, how are you going to be able to aid someone who

**GREENSBORO, N.C.**, brethren began a project in February to raise income for God's work by selling aluminum cans they bring to twice-a-month Bible studies. Not only does the project earn extra money, but families work together, whether taking family walks or bicycling to collect cans. In this project children can feel more a part of the work.  
*Jo Gail Fry and Robert P. Cobler.*

is really in need? How will you have money to loan a person who is in genuine need?

God could not expect you to graciously loan to another, if you had not saved money in advance!

### When the Church is not responsible

Now let us consider a personal responsibility of each member in God's Church. Turn to I Timothy 5:3-4, 8, 16: "Honor widows who are really widows. But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God . . . But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever . . . If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows" — those who are absolutely alone in the world.

Paul wrote this to Timothy. It was Timothy's duty to see that no one took advantage of the financial sacrifice of God's people. If you are able — and some think they are not able when they are able — to support widows and orphans in your household, you are to do so. That is acceptable before God, Paul said.

It is not the Church's duty in such

cases to use the third tithe. God does not want spongers in His Kingdom!

### Other insurance

It is the duty of each individual to provide for his own home through savings and insurance.

Consider, first, accident and liability insurance. Since most individuals cannot save enough money on their own in anticipation of emergencies, they ought to obtain auto, fire and liability insurance (and whatever else may be necessary), to fit their budget. We all become careless or take unnecessary chances at times. Accidents can happen to you! The experience of our own Church members proves it.

God is not going to prevent you from reaping the consequences of your carelessness. But he will deliver you — [just as I am writing this sentence I was interrupted by a member who injured his leg because he had failed to tighten a set screw on a router. Yes, accidents can and do happen. But thanks to God that we can always pray to be healed or to be protected from infection in case of injury].

Continuing, many people cannot save unless they owe some life insurance company a premium obligation. What a shame! But be careful. Do not accept just any insurance company agent who comes along. Some companies are not sound. Remember, too, that accident, fire and educational insurance, that pro-

vide benefits in the next few years are more beneficial than life insurance — which will probably be of little value 20 years hence anyway! It is in addition to faith.

No insurance can replace faith. Otherwise God would not have provided third tithe as life and disaster insurance for the needy of His people in His own law.

If you are one who believes that insurance replaces faith, that is merely proof that you probably did not have any abiding faith in the first place.

Insurance is like works that should accompany faith. Insurance, like works, is never a substitute for faith. Faith is that assurance that God will deliver you out of every difficulty you may become involved in. Paul was in several shipwrecks. God delivered him out of each of them after they happened. Paul often lost his property. Time and circumstance happen to us all. God alone could deliver Paul from death in such accidents. No insurance could have! But savings in the form of insurance would compensate Paul for his loss.

That is how God wants us to view the question of insurance.

It is time we open our minds to receive God's understanding and believe and act on this command of God's law to save the third tithe. "If you know these things, happy are you if you do them," said Jesus.

# Giving: key to service facility

**PASADENA** — Cooperation and teamwork are essential ingredients to operating a successful used-clothing facility, according to Gwen La Ravia. Mrs. La Ravia supervises The Firehouse, a used-clothing outlet here, which has been in operation for four years.

Formerly a fire station, The Firehouse was leased to the Church in 1978, according to John Kennedy, an assistant pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church.

Each Wednesday and on the first

and third Sundays of each month, Pasadena women wash, iron, mend, sort and display clothes donated by area brethren. The clothes are then offered freely to the Church membership.

On these days brethren drop off their used clothing, said Mrs. La Ravia, wife of evangelist Ellis La Ravia. No crews are maintained for picking up clothing.

"The brethren take what they need," said Cathy Downes, who works with Mrs. La Ravia. "Most of

the time we are overwhelmed with contributions."

"Mrs. La Ravia stresses quality, so we put out only the best," said Mrs. Downes. "The rest goes to the Salvation Army."

If outlying church areas need clothing, requests can be made to The Firehouse, where clothes will be boxed up and shipped out.

The firehouse building was refurbished inside and out by volunteer help. A kitchen is available for shoppers to prepare lunches, said Mrs. Downes.

Produce from a garden maintained by Mr. La Ravia behind The Firehouse is also given away, she said.

"The women here are doing a wonderful job," said Jennie Zager, an Imperial A.M. member who shops regularly at The Firehouse.

Lost and found articles left from Sabbath services in the Auditorium and Imperial churches are kept in The Firehouse for a month, then put out on racks.

A luncheon took place March 16 to honor the women who serve on The Firehouse staff. Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr. thanked the women for their "labor of love," adding that they were fulfilling Proverbs 31:20.

Mrs. La Ravia gives two reasons for the success of The Firehouse: quality and a giving spirit on the part of all the volunteer workers.

"We owe its success to following God's law of give," she said.



**PASADENA SERVICE** — Women pictured above volunteer service at The Firehouse, a used-clothing facility supervised by Gwen La Ravia (center), wife of evangelist Ellis La Ravia. [Photo by Warren Watson]

# Market

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 pitality and French food are something else.

All these events merely underscore the great crisis that the Common Market is passing through. The vision of a United States of Europe where one crosses the border with the same easy freedom as from Texas to Oklahoma is rapidly becoming a vanishing dream. In the Europe of 70 years ago, one only needed a passport to travel to Russia or Turkey.

What did the founding document of the Common Market envision? What did the Treaty of Rome hope would happen? The founders desperately wanted free and fair trade and "an ever closer union of the European peoples."

Few expect these goals to be realized in the near future. Translating visions and dreams into reality is a tough business. Theoretically citizens of any European country have the right to work and live in any other European Economic Community country. Such are the terms of the Treaty of Rome.

But the reality — even professionally qualified people have to be approved by individual national countries. This applies in large measure to pharmacists, engineers, architects, lawyers, accountants, laboratory technicians and other professionals. This is typically true even if the language barrier is no problem.

Still there have been some successes. Carpenters, barbers, bakers and blue-collar workers in general

are now mostly accepted across national borders.

In a crisis one must keep one's perspective. Historically speaking the Common Market is not doing all that badly. The EEC has only existed for 26 years. Yet in terms of modern history the national ethnic groups forming the Common Market have been around for 1,000 years. Up to 1945 some of them were at war with each other. And no matter what the temporary difficulties, Bible prophecy indicates that a pan-European union will succeed in the long run.

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# Funds

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 television commercials.

Wendell Wolaver showed movies of activities taken when most of the YOU members were young children. David Lister was auctioneer for a sale of handicrafts, baked goods and other donated items. Funds raised will benefit YOU activities in the Waco area.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**ACKERMAN**, Brad and Carol (Shamus), of San Jose, Calif., boy, Mark Shamus, Feb. 10, 6:50 a.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**BAILEY**, Bryan and Margaret (Camfferman), of Borehamwood, England, boy, Michael, Jan. 27, 3:30 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**BAKER**, Jan and Mary (Brooks), of Gainesville, Fla., girl, Sara Marie Bart, Jan. 2, 10:10 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

**BELANGER**, Richard and Kim (Whitener), of Champaign, Ill., boy, Marc Alan, Feb. 26, 12:43 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

**BETENCOURT**, Manuel and Karla (Villera), of Medford, Ore., girl, Masegan Jean, Jan. 19, 8:25 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**BOURAS**, Fotios and Diane (Harvey), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Melanie Katherine, Dec. 3, 7 pounds, first child.

**CHANDLER**, Donald and Patricia (Marcey), of Meriden, Conn., boy, Robert Clifford, Dec. 26, 3:47 p.m., 5 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

**CHASE**, Charles A. and Cathy (Leonard), of Port St. Lucie, Fla., boy, Nathan William, Feb. 28, 1:40 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

**CLORE**, Raymond and Rhonda (Peterson), of Jerusalem, Israel, girl, Sabrina Renee, Feb. 16, 12:30 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**COSSBY**, Bill and Jeanne (Povin), of Santa Barbara, Calif., girl, Michelle Marie, Dec. 31, 6:54 a.m., 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**CROWE**, Sam and Bunny (Shaeffer), of Jackson, Tenn., girl, Ember Fleming, Feb. 4, 3:30 a.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**DANIELS**, David and Debbi (Hewitt), of Arlington, Tex., girl, Desiree Rochelle, Dec. 5, 4:50 a.m., 8 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

**DARBY**, Arthur and Anne (Daniels), of Maidstone, England, girl, Helen Rachel Anne, Jan. 27, 1:49 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**FAIRCHILD**, Bill and Bonnie (Bird), of Washington, D.C., boy, Timothy Andrew, Feb. 27, 9:08 a.m., 10 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**GOENS**, Russell and Mary (Jones), of Somerset, Ky., boy, Steven Nathan, Feb. 25, 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

**GRAY**, Gavin and Cathie (West), of Gainesville, Fla., girl, Tamara Pauline, Feb. 24, 9:20 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**GRIFFITHS**, Roger and Diane (Faichney), of Gold Coast, Australia, boy, Hew Michael, Feb. 12, 9:18 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**GRISHAM**, Steve and Lois Lee (Crain), of Glendora, Calif., girl, Melissa Sue, Jan. 17, 11:06 a.m., 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

**HENKO**, Peter and Ruth (Burnham), of Upper Heyford, England, boy, Joshua Peter, Feb. 16, 5:14 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**HOGGINS**, Larry and Jo Lynn (Abernathy), of Jasper, Ala., boy, Jonathan Wayne, Feb. 9, 1:33 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**HOLM**, Randy and Beth (Heinen), of Champaign, Ill., girl, Ariel Rissan, Feb. 21, 9:17 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 girls.

**HOPKINS**, Gary and Gerda (Pfeiffer), of Bonn, West Germany, girl, Ginette Elisabeth, March 1, 2:10 a.m., 6 pounds, now 3 girls.

**HUGHES**, Glenn and Christine (Parker), of Sydney, Australia, boy, Roban Madison, Jan. 15, 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**JAROS**, Jerad and Karin (Seaver), of Hinsdale, Ill., girl, Karina Marie, Dec. 28, 3:58 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

**JONES**, Bobby and Sandra (Parks), of Indianapolis, Ind., boy, Bobby Neal Jr., Dec. 30, 9 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**KLEINFELDT**, Ron and Chris (Uhlig), of Westcott, Alta., girl, Jennifer Nicole, Feb. 17, 3:11 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**KULCSAR**, Frank and Stephanie Diane (Stone), of Lehighville, Alta., girl, Corinne Clarice, Feb. 25, 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**LANDRY**, Brian and Mary Jean (Sharpe), of Rochester, N.Y., boy, Matthew Brian, Dec. 14, 4:14 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys.

**LASCH**, Eric and Rebecca (Fiehhum), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Stephanie Anne, Feb. 25, 3:45 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**LIM**, Axel and Grace (Sacramento), of Manila, Philippines, boy, Joseph, Feb. 8, 7 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**LOCKHART**, Jesse and Lois (Peace), of Middletown, Ky., girl, Jessica Lathin, Feb. 18, 7:50 a.m., 5 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

**LUCAS**, Gregory and Teresa (Hairston), of Philadelphia, Pa., boy, Jonathan Mark, Feb. 23, 11:56 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**McGEHEE**, Jerry and Jan (Delaney), of Shreveport, La., boy, Joseph Heath Aubrey, Feb. 9, 9:18 a.m., 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**NICHOLS**, Gary and Anna (Bennett), of Cambridge, England, girl, Zara Marguerite, Feb. 13, 1 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

**PARKS**, Vern and Patricia (Rohr), of Big Sandy, girl, Kaitae Marie, Jan. 19, 5:42 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

**PATE**, Greg and Pam (Esparol), of Gadsden, Ala., girl, Whitney Jade, Feb. 24, 12:34 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

**PRITCHETT**, Larry and Vicki (Witham), of Pasadena, boy, Bret Michael, Feb. 8, 11:05 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**RILEY**, C.W. and Martha (Lowmire), of Wichita, Kan., girl, Leigh Elisabeth, Feb. 27, 7:07 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**ROWE**, Langston and Becky (Hanks), of Mobile, Ala., girl, Ashley Miranda, Feb. 13, 9:18 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

**SLOAN**, William and Connie (Lang), of Andover, Ohio, boy, William Isaac Buchanan, Feb. 5, 4:47 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**STANLEY**, Ronnie and Sandra (McMama), of Lexington, S.C., boy, Zachary Aaron, Feb. 9, 10:45 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

**TAYLOR**, Britton and Donna (Cloyd), of Blightmont, N.Y., girl, Laura Myriah, Feb. 8, 5:21 a.m., 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

**TERRY**, Barry and Alice (Spina), of New Orleans, La., boy, Christopher Leland, Jan. 21, 10:48 a.m., 7

pounds 13 ounces, first child.

**THOMPSON**, Allen and Kathy (Pidgeon), of Raleigh, N.C., boy, Michael Ross, Feb. 25, 9:18 p.m., 5 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

**TLUMAK**, Wayne and Lorraine (Mincis), of Brooklyn, N.Y., girl, Rachel Elizabeth, Feb. 26, 3:15 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

**VALENZUELA**, Fred and Angelica (Ruiz), of Glendora, Calif., boy, Steven Daniel, Feb. 5, 12:13 p.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

**VALLEJOS**, Alberto and Mabel (Herenica), of Lima, Peru, girl, Adriana Mabel, Jan. 22, 9 a.m., 2.8 kilograms, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**WARREN**, Eric and Amy (Jordan), of Halifax, N.S., boy, Brian Eric, Feb. 18, 3:06 p.m., 7 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, first child.

**WEINKAUF**, Roger and Sharon (Dailey), of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., boy, John George, Jan. 6, 4:30 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

**WOOD**, Richard and Linda (Clapp), of Dublin, Republic of Ireland, girl, Rosan Elizabeth, Feb. 4, 9 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 girls.

**YIN**, David and Carol (Lim), of Auckland, New Zealand, girl, Leanne Shelley, Feb. 20, 7:48 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**YOUNG**, Michael and Deborah (McIntyre), of Raleigh, N.C., boy, Steven Lawrence, Feb. 10, 3:41 p.m., 10 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**D. RESLER AND L. JACKSON**  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Resler of Madison, Wis., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Dana Kristine to Lowell Jackson of Detroit, Mich., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jackson of London, Ky. A May 27 wedding is planned.

**S. LEMIEUX AND R. O'QUINN**  
Mr. and Mrs. Henri Lemieux of Montreal, Que., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Susan to Russell R. O'Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger O'Quinn of Raleigh, N.C. Russell and Susan, seniors at Pasadena Ambassador College, are planning a May 21 wedding.

**MR. AND MRS. FRANK KRICK**  
Frank Krick of Port Richey, Fla., and Virginia Kay Tribble of Ypsilanti, Mich., were united in marriage Jan. 29 in New Port Richey, Fla. The ceremony was performed by Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Tampa, Fla., church. The best man was Ken Holley, and the matron of honor was the bride's granddaughter Deborah Lutz. The couple reside in Port Richey.



**MR. AND MRS. IVAN KINSELA**  
Kerry Lynn Warland, daughter of Mrs. Alex Scott and the late Bob Warland of Australia, and Ivan Kinsela, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kinsela of Queensland, Australia, were united in marriage Feb. 26. The ceremony was performed by John Larkin, pastor of the Brisbane North, Caboolture, Cairns, Darwin, Malanda and Townsville, Australia, churches.



**MR. AND MRS. HOWARD DUECHER**  
Howard L. Duecher and Dorothy M. Hess were married Feb. 12. John Foster, pastor of the Canton, Ohio, church, performed the ceremony in his home. The matron of honor was Gail Miller, and the best man was Clarence Miller. The couple will attend the Akron, Ohio, church. Mr. and Mrs. Duecher, a widower and widow, were previously married for more than 50 years.



**MR. AND MRS. RYAN WOFFORD**  
Mr. and Mrs. Glennie M. Daniel of Cantonment, Fla., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Willette Darlene to Ryan Maxwell Wofford, son of Lyle M. Stough of Macgregal, Ala., and Marshall Wofford of Atlanta, Ga. The Nov. 26 ceremony was conducted by Steve Moody, pastor of the Mobile, Ala., church.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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



Our coupon baby this issue is Daniel Eugene Warkentin, son of Dennis and Maureen Warkentin of Pasadena.

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Als, and Bikos, Miss., churches, and was followed by a reception and a dance. Jennifer Daniel, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, and Harold Turberville was the best man. The couple reside at 708 Bigler St., Apt. 15, Monroeville, Ala.



**MR. AND MRS. GARY FARKAS**  
Lorraine Arntas and Gary Farkas were united in marriage Jan. 26 in West Seneca, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by Chris Beam, a minister in the Buffalo, N.Y., churches. Vikki Engleka served as maid of honor, and Neil Parks was the best man. The couple reside in Buffalo.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Norman, thank you for being here and sharing your life and love with me for 24 wonderful years (April 8) and two beautiful children. Hang in there Mrs. Mommy. Love, Rick.

## Obituaries

**BUFFALO, N.Y.** — Clinton Case, 58, of Eldred, Pa., died of a stroke Jan. 15.

Mr. Case, a layout draftsman and designer, and his wife of 33 years, Jean, have been members of the Buffalo South church since November, 1970.

Chris Beam, a minister in the Buffalo churches, conducted the graveside services.

**BUFFALO, N.Y.** — Elgie Rissinger, 87, died Jan. 23 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Rissinger has been a member of the Buffalo church since May, 1983.

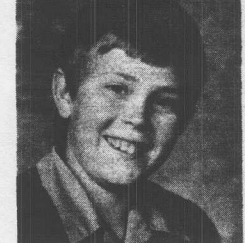
Mrs. Rissinger is survived by four sons, one daughter, 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Two of Mrs. Rissinger's children, Herbert E. and Warren, are members of the Buffalo North church.

The funeral service was performed by David Pack, pastor of the Buffalo churches.

**BUFFALO, N.Y.** — Kayla Jean Panek, eight weeks old, died Feb. 7. Kayla is survived by her mother, Debbie, a member of the Buffalo North church; her father, Walter; brother Keith; and twin sister, Adrea.

David Pack, pastor of the Buffalo churches, conducted the private service.

**AUCKLAND, New Zealand** — John Michael Thomas Brown, 14, died at home from an illness Jan. 26.



**JOHN BROWN**  
He attended church in Auckland and Hamilton, New Zealand, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, and his brothers and sisters, Malissa, Frank, Paul, Delwyn, Demelza and Monique. John was a member of the Auckland Youth Opportunities United and attended the New Zealand Summer Educational Program less than a month before he died.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 30 at the Browns' home in Te Kawhaua, New Zealand, by Donald Engle, pastor of the Hamilton, Tauranga and Rotorua, New Zealand, churches.

**VICTORIA, B.C.** — Arthur Bennett, 84, a member since September, 1969, died Feb. 20.

Mr. Bennett is survived by his wife and two brothers.

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## Weddings Made of Gold



**MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY MOUNTFORD**  
PERTH, Australia — Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Mountford celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary Feb. 11.

The Mountfords were baptized in 1970, and four generations of their family attend the Perth church. They have eight children, 29 grandchildren and more than 30 great-grandchildren.

**KEYSER, W. Va.** — Alvin and Essie Llewellyn of the Cumberland, Md., church, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 6. The Llewellyns, retired farmers, came into the Church in 1967.

They have nine children, 36 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, with at least four more on the way. Thirty-five members of their family, repre-

senting four generations, attend Sabbath services across the country. Betty Bartik and her two daughters attend in Cumberland, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Llewellyn and family in Harrisburg, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kesner and family in Washington, D.C. They have grandchildren attending in Pittsburgh, Pa., Cleveland, Ohio, and Lakeland, Fla., and a grandson at Pasadena Ambassador College.



**MR. AND MRS. ALVIN LLEWELLYN**  
Their anniversary was celebrated with a family dinner in July, 1983, so that relatives from California and Florida could attend.



# Unity

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"The U.S.," writes Mr. Krauss, "should applaud European efforts toward greater defense cooperation and self-reliance. For the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to escape its current dilemma of disintegration or defeat by detente, Europe must have its own independent military force, including state-of-the-art nuclear weapons . . ."

"The Europeans must be made to realize that, given unilateralist and anti-European sentiment in this country, U.S. troops will leave Western Europe one way or another. The real question is whether there will be an abrupt pullout that will weaken Europe or, preferably, a phased one over a period of years that will strengthen it.

"Moreover, the Europeans must have their nuclear umbrella to replace the American one. One way to accomplish this would be for the U.S. to sell (or lease) to the Europeans the Pershing 2 and cruise missiles now being deployed in Western Europe. These missiles are important for Europe's defense. But there is no good reason why the U.S. should own and control them."

Mr. Krauss welcomes the addition of what he calls a "nightmare" — to frighten the Russians.

"A European defense force, or EDF — including West Germany — would not only circumvent the currently intractable problem of a

nuclear Germany, but would provide a much more credible deterrent to the Soviets than the current American nuclear umbrella. 'The Soviet nightmare,' writes Harvard's Adam Ulam, 'is that Western Europe will unite politically and rearm itself vigorously, thereby leaving the Soviet Union facing two superpowers instead of one.' The U.S. should help make the nightmare a reality."

Americans, presumably, would not be affected by this "nightmare."

Mr. Krauss believes that the flagging efforts toward European unity could be revived through greater military cooperation.

A European defense force, he argues, "would help create the unity that today is lacking in Europe." It is argued, Mr. Krauss adds, "that the European armed forces are not up to the task of standing up to the Russians . . . But is not the American security guarantee largely responsible? When that guarantee is removed and Europe's military again becomes important, people of daring, spirit and imagination will be attracted to serve."

Given the "military genius" of Europe's past — Napoleon and Hitler, in particular — should Americans want to see such "daring, spirit and imagination" come forth again?

What a shortsighted view of even recent history. The United Europe to come — the revival of the Roman system, defended by the full panoply of modern weaponry — will be stamped "Made in America."

# Educate

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of life insurance, research shows that, in most cases, you will get the most effective use of your money if you buy what is referred to as term insurance. This is no-frills insurance, pure protection in the event of death.

One agent contacted provided the cost for \$100,000 of annual renewable term (on this policy, the cost increases a little each year):

Age	Male	Female	Monthly premium for \$100,000
35	35	39	\$10
45	45	48	16
55	55	61	22
60	60	65	34

• *Avoid frills.* Keep to the basics. When you buy life insurance, you need pure protection. It is easy to get carried away with extras.

For example, some insurance policies pay what are referred to as dividends. This term may be misleading because a true dividend, according to the Internal Revenue Service, is taxable. Insurance dividends, on the other hand, are not taxable. They simply represent a refund of part of the premium you paid on which taxes have already been paid.

### Health insurance

No other insurance is experiencing the upheaval that is found in today's health insurance market. Doctor and hospital charges continue to rise. The increases are felt directly in the premiums you pay.

Employers are concerned about the

high cost of health care and are requiring more and more employee participation to help curb rising costs. In Southern California, as an example, the average medical cost for an individual is \$1,500 a year.

So, whether you are covered under a health plan or are shopping for one, a vital key is to educate yourself. Know how the plan works, what the deductible is, how the sickness benefit differs

from the accident benefit, what the plan does *not* cover and what the copayment is. You are normally expected to pay 20 percent of charges exceeding the deductible subject to a limit of \$5,000 or \$10,000 — in other words, possibly another \$2,000.

A good suggestion is to set aside, as part of your emergency fund, the amount necessary to pay the deductible and copayment.

# Obituaries

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Funeral services were conducted by William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Cumberland, B.C., churches.

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio** — Wilbur Breetz, 67, a member since October, 1975, died Feb. 9 of heart disease. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and two sons.

Eugene Noel, pastor of the Mercer, Pa., and Youngstown churches, officiated.

**FOWLERVILLE, Mich.** — Daniel Dale Sancho, 18, died Feb. 2 of exposure to a toxic chemical.

He was the youngest son of Leo and Barbara Sancho, members of the Lansing, Mich., church. He is also survived by brothers Raymond and Vincent, at home, and sisters Susan Clinton of Holt, Mich., Donna Miller of Lansing and Gwyn Nisonger of Dallas, Tex.

The funeral took place at Dillingham Funeral Home in Fowlerville Feb. 5. Gerald Witte, pastor of the Lansing and Flint, Mich., churches, officiated.

**SALEM, Ore.** — George W. Hill, 73, died Jan. 9. He has been a member of

God's Church since 1961, and attended services in San Diego, Calif., and Alaska before living in Oregon.

Mr. Hill is survived by his wife, Mae; brother Robert, a deacon in Anchorage, Alaska; two sons; a sister; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by David Mills, pastor of the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches.

**VANCOUVER, Wash.** — John H.M. Sylaart, 64, a member since 1968, died of cancer Feb. 14. He was born in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; children Christine Haupt, Mark and Fred; and granddaughter Jennifer Haupt.

Services were conducted by Harry Sleder, pastor of the Vancouver church.

**IRVING, Tex.** — Don L. Jackson Sr., 60, of the Dallas, Tex., church, died of a heart attack Jan. 18 in his home. Mr. Jackson and his wife were baptized in 1965.

Survivors are his wife, Doris, and sons Don of Ardmore, Okla., and Rick of Pasadena.

Graveside services were performed by Randal Dick, pastor of the Dallas West church.

# Major's adventures with Prince

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS  
By Shirley King Johnson

As Major bounded toward the house, his keen nose told him that Grandfather had just come out of the house and had gone down the hill toward the barn. No, the trail turned. He was in the chicken house. He scratched on the door and said, "Woof!" Nothing happened. "Woof! WOORRRF!" He scratched at the door with a paw.

It opened. "Come on, Major, you don't want in here," said Grandfather, looking down with a puzzled face. "Behave yourself, will you?" The door closed.

Major scratched at the door. Grandfather came out and shut the door behind him. He carried an empty feed bucket. "What ails you? You've never wanted to bother the chickens before." He turned toward the barn.

"Woorrff!" Major trotted a little way up the hill toward the orchard.

Grandfather stopped. "What is it, boy? Where's Jim? Oh don't tell me he's hurt! Where is he?"

Major trotted toward the orchard and Grandfather set down the bucket and followed him on a run. As they approached the fence they saw Harry was standing with a handkerchief over his nose, Jim's arm around his shoulder. "Here, take my other handkerchief," Jim was saying.

Harry accepted it with a gruff, "Thanks. I'm OK. I'm better."

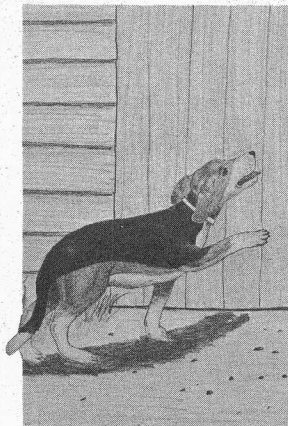
"What happened?" asked Grandfather as he and Major stopped at the fence.

### Harry blames Major

"Your old dog barked and scared my horse and he bucked me off," replied Harry through the handkerchief.

"Major had nothing to do with it," Jim corrected. He turned to Grandfather. "Prince went under a tree limb and knocked Harry off."

"How will I ever catch my horse again?" Harry asked, dabbing at his nose. The bleeding had stopped. They turned to see where the Clydesdale had gone. He was at the end of the



Artwork by Judith Docken

row of cedars calmly nibbling grass. Harry took a few steps toward him and Prince trotted off, starting down the pasture toward the creek.

"I knew he'd do that!" Harry fretted. He turned to Jim and Major. "See what you've done now!"

"Never mind," Grandfather soothed. "Major will round him up for you." Reaching down, he lifted the fence high enough for Major to squeeze under. "Go get him, Major!"

Happy to have an assignment on the farm, Major slipped under the fence and went bouncing down the hill after Prince. He flashed past the horse, wheeled and barked. Prince turned in a tight half circle and came trotting back up toward the cedars. Grandfather clambered over the fence and walked out to meet the trotting horse. "Whoa, boy! Whoa-aaahh."

Prince stopped. Grandfather took the

bridle. "Here you are, Harry. He's all yours."

Harry slowly accepted the reins. He did not mount up but walked him through the cedars toward his house.

"It looks like he's afraid to ride him now," Grandfather said softly to Jim. "I feel sorry for the boy. His father wants him to be an athlete. He told me Harry always has his nose in a book. So he got a horse to get him outdoors. Harry is overreacting, of course."

They climbed the fence, Major squeezed under, and they started back to the house. "What do you mean by 'overreacting'?" Jim asked.

"I mean, we all need to develop balance. We need to work on a wide range of skills and interests. It's a fine thing to like to read, but there's a saying, 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.' Outdoor recreation to develop our bodies is mighty important."

"That's why I like to come to the farm," Jim said with enthusiasm.

His grandfather was still thinking about the neighbors. "I hope Mr. Sterner does something to help Harry. Prince is too good a horse to be mistreated."

"Can we do anything about it?" asked Jim.

"I don't know. I just don't know."

### Off to the parade

Jim and Major did not visit Grandfather's farm for a while. Then one day they got an interesting phone call from him. "Is your school out Monday?" he asked Jim.

"Yes, sir."

"That's good. The consolidated school is out here, too, and I've invited Harry Sterner and his little brother to go with us to the big city to see their 'I Love America' parade Monday. Would you like to go along?"

"Oh, yes!"

"Then ask your father if it's OK."

"Yes, sir, I will. Right away."

On Monday Grandfather's car pulled up in front of the Wilson house at 8 o'clock in the morning. Jim, Susie

and Major hustled out. Susie got in front beside Grandmother, and Jim and Major piled in back.

Harry Sterner sat in the corner of the back seat with his young brother snuggled up against him.

"Jim, you remember Harry, don't you?" Grandfather asked.

"Sure, I do. Hi, Harry." Looking down at the brown-haired, rosy-cheeked boy beside him, Jim added, "You must be Jason."

The little head nodded. "Does your dog bite?"

Jim smiled. "No, he's a beagle. They're friendly."

Major wagged his tail and smiled at Jason. The car doors were closed, seat belts fastened, and the car started up the street.

Major settled down on the floor, his head on Jim's shoes. He closed his eyes. Long trips were great for dozing. The steady hum of the motor mingled with conversation and laughter as the boys got better acquainted and grew more talkative. Grandmother, in the front seat, questioned Susie about her muffin baking and latest sewing for her dolls.

At last the car stopped. It was time for a break at a wayside park. Peanut butter sandwiches with cheese and apples were passed around, and Major accepted a tasty crust from little Jason's hand.

"I have a riddle for you boys to answer," Grandfather said as they resumed their trip.

Jim leaned forward and said into Grandfather's ear, "What's the riddle?"

"This. What has 32 legs and eats 400 pounds of hay every day?"

"An elephant!" Jason replied at once. "It can eat a thousand pounds of hay!"

"But it doesn't have 32 feet," Harry reminded.

The boys discussed the riddle and Major put his chin down on Jim's shoes again. "Sleep . . . that knits the raveled sleeve of care . . ." Major slept.

Suddenly he was awakened by the stopping of the car.

(To be continued)



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

## UPDATE

**PASADENA** — Response to the first *World Tomorrow* programs televised in Italy is "very encouraging," according to **Carn Catherwood**, regional director for the Church in Italian-speaking areas.

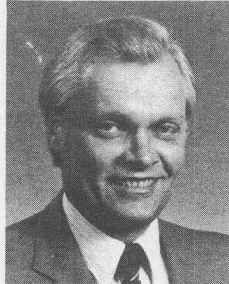
As of March 20 nine programs were aired in Italy, and 905 responses were received by the office in Pasadena. Mr. Catherwood estimated that those letters were in response to the first seven programs.

The *World Tomorrow* program is televised in Italy in English with Italian subtitles. Viewers are asked to write to a post office box in Rome, and the mail is forwarded to the Italian Department in Pasadena.

The greatest response was from viewers in and around the city of Milan, with 306 letters received. Two hundred thirty-six people responded from Turin and 139 from Rome.

Mr. Catherwood said that responses received in February were

almost double the number received in January. "It's encouraging that there have been no complaints in the



**CARN CATHERWOOD**

mail we've received thus far," he said. "Everything has been positive."

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**BOREHAMWOOD, England** — Ministers and wives serving in the United Kingdom attended meetings at the regional office here March 11 and 12, according to evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director for the Church in the United Kingdom, East and West Africa, the Middle East and Scandinavia.

The meetings took place in a conference room on the fourth floor of Elstree House, where the regional office is located.

Mr. Brown discussed information covered at the first session of the third **Ministerial Refreshing Program**, which he attended in Pasadena Feb. 8 to Feb. 21. Also discussed was the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles.

There were 41 in attendance, including two ministerial trainees. According to Mr. Brown, it was the first time that ministers' wives were able to attend.

## Notify MPC of address changes

By **Richard Rice**

**PASADENA** — With more than 2.5 million U.S. *Plain Truth* subscribers, keeping up with address changes has become a sizable job. Last year, for example, our terminal section in the Mail Processing Center (MPC) processed a half million changes of address.

*Richard Rice, a pastor-rank minister, is director of the work's Mail Processing Center in Pasadena.*

When MPC is not promptly notified of address changes, the literature and other mail sent out may not reach the people who have requested it. The post office returns the names and addresses from *Plain Truth* magazines that cannot be delivered.

However, this service costs 25 cents a copy, which adds up to a substantial sum considering that MPC receives an average of 46,000 postal returns an issue.

While MPC cannot expect every subscriber to notify it when he or she moves, MPC does request that members consider the following when changing an address:

- Whenever possible, please give MPC two to three weeks advance notice if you anticipate a change of address. This is helpful since labels for *The Plain Truth* are printed several weeks before the magazine is mailed.

- You may notify MPC in writing or by calling the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) number (800-423-4444) anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Calling has several advantages. It is quicker and more convenient. Also, any questions or unusual circumstances are easier to resolve.

- Since the Church may mail many different items at the same time, it is possible that on rare occasions you may miss a particular magazine, letter or other publication. If this happens, please call or write. MPC's quality control area will replace whatever items you did not receive.

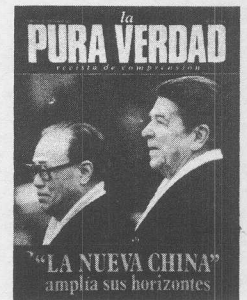


**MINISTERIAL MEETINGS** — Pictured above are ministers and wives who took part in ministerial meetings March 11 and March 12 in the British Regional Office in Borehamwood, England. Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the British Office, stands center. (See "Update," this page.)

**PASADENA** — The April issue of *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) was sent to 203,666 subscribers in 94 countries, breaking the previous record of 189,863 set in January, 1983, according to evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas.

"This all-time mark was reached as a result of the implementation of the new renewal policy from Mr. Armstrong in which subscribers are given an extended subscription in order to allow more time for people to renew," said Mr. Walker. According to **Keith Speaks**, circulation and promotion manager for

the magazine, Mexico has the largest number of subscribers with



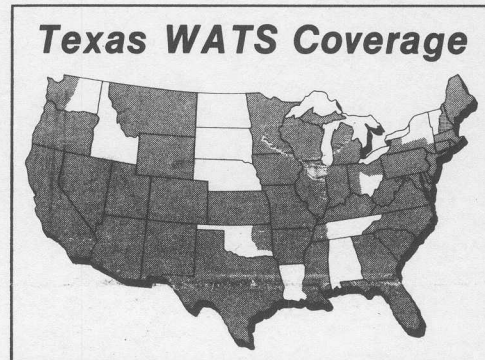
**APRIL 'PURA VERDAD'** 40,897, followed by the United States with 29,951 and Argentina with 29,787.

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**BIG SANDY** — Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line operators here answered 918 calls the first weekend of operation, March 10 and 11, according to **Frank Parsons**, Texas WATS office manager. Mr. Parsons said that 730 of those calls were in response to the *World Tomorrow* program *Three Minutes to Midnight*.

Total response to the program in Pasadena and Big Sandy was 7,566 calls, according to **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center in Pasadena.

"We currently have 16 WATS lines in Big Sandy," said Mr. Rice. "Additional space is available for expanding the number of phone lines."



**BIG SANDY WATS** — Unshaded areas in the above map represent telephone area codes routed to the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines installed on the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College (See *WN*, March 12.) [Map by Ron Grove]

### INTERNATIONAL DESK

BY **ROD MATTHEWS**

**PASADENA** — A major media campaign opened in Australia in February with ads appearing in *Time*, *Newsweek* and *Woman's Day* magazines. The advertisement entitled "How Will You Survive World War III?" was timed to capitalize on the release in Australia of the television film *The Day After*.

The Australian Office reports that the advertising campaign has two major objectives — to develop a greater awareness of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's television program and to increase the circulation of *The Plain Truth*.

It is estimated that of the 95 percent of the Australian population able to watch the telecast, probably fewer than 1 percent of those actually do. Ads placed in *TV Week* have increased mail response to the program by 25 percent, and will continue to appear during 1984.

A number of one- and two-page full-color ads written for Australia will appear in *Woman's Day*, *Women's Weekly*, *Time* and *New Idea*. The first appeared March 5. Three ads written by Mr. Armstrong will appear in *Reader's Digest*, the first in the March issue, featuring the title, "What Next for Australia?" It will be rerun in the July issue and another will appear in November.

Ads for *The Plain Truth* will appear in magazines with a circulation of seven million in 1984.

A series of public Bible lectures extending throughout the year started with one in Adelaide in February. Three lectures on consecutive days drew 83 new people, who heard William Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, East church, speak.

In other news, the Australian Office reports that mail received for February was up 33 percent over 1983; income for the year to date was up 17 percent; and new visit requests for the first two months were up 25 percent over the same period last year.

#### Farm project in Ghana

Joseph Forson, pastor of the churches in Ghana, reports that members are looking forward to a successful year in the farm project started by the previous pastor there, Melvin Rhodes, to help the members become more self-supporting.

Members desiring to become involved are allocated individual plots, and work with them according to their ability. Mr. Forson plans to put the fallow section of the farm to use in a group project with those selected to live on the property in

the farmhouses as caretakers.

They would be required to work this section as part of the rent for the accommodations the Church would give them, as well as the personal plots they would have.

Those who participate in the group project would be required to help clear, plant, weed and harvest when necessary. The harvest would be equally shared among contributing participants.

This pilot project would be under the direct supervision of the Church, and Mr. Forson says that if everyone does his or her best to make it a fruitful project, they should be sure of a good harvest.

#### Canada

The Vancouver, B.C., Office reports that the February *Reader's Digest* ad is bringing a much better response than the previous ads. To date 3,463 cards and 80 coupons have been returned.

In February, 11,670 people contacted the office for the first time — nearly 30 percent of incoming mail. Although the shortest month, February set a record for Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line calls — 1,741, up 92 percent over last year.

The year-to-date income in Canada is up 22.3 percent at the end of February.

The office hopes that second-class mailing privileges will be granted for *The Plain Truth*. Certain suggestions were made, and approved by Mr. Armstrong, which should improve the possibility of achieving this. It could mean a considerable financial savings for the work.

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