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First Lady speaks on campus, urges youths to say no to drugs

PASADENA — Nancy Reagan, First Lady of the United States, came to the Ambassador College Student Center Feb. 11 to address the problem of teenage drug abuse.

Included in the audience of about 650 were 300 high school students from the Pasadena area, including about 25 students from Imperial High School and officials of the Church and the college.

Speaking at the invitation of the combined Pasadena Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, Mrs. Reagan urged the students to "just say no" when offered illicit drugs, and to speak out to their peers against illegal drug abuse.

Behind the scenes

"At the conclusion of Mrs. Reagan's visit many commented on the success of the event," said evangelist David Hulme, director of the Communications & Public Affairs Department. Mr. Hulme represented Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, who was in the Middle East, and coordinated the event.

"The First Lady," Mr. Hulme said, "remarked to the chairman of the meeting that the surroundings and service at Ambassador College were exceptional. The chairman replied: 'Mrs. Reagan, that's Ambassador. That's simply the way they do things here.'"

"White House officials and community leaders commented on the smoothness of the event and the professionalism exhibited by Church and college people.

"While working with White House and Secret Service officials, we learned that a visit from the First Lady requires an extraordinary standard of both security and

service," Mr. Hulme said.

How it began

The process began when Church officials learned that the Kiwanis invited Mrs. Reagan to Pasadena. Kiwanis officials planned to co-sponsor the event with the Pasadena Rotary Club, with whom the college has a long-standing relationship.

After the clubs presented the idea, Mr. Tkach approved offering to help with the event, including the use of college buildings.

Kiwanis and Rotary officials accepted the offer, and a meeting was scheduled with Mr. Tkach, club officials and members of the White House staff and Secret Service. On the morning of Jan. 27 the group convened in the campus faculty dining room.

The next day preparations began. Many employees broke away from their normal routines to produce the multifaceted event.

After Mr. Hulme returned from a trip to Europe for the *World Tomorrow* telecast (see article page 3), Mr. Tkach left for a scheduled trip to the Middle East. Mr. Tkach asked Mr. Hulme to represent him and coordinate the event.

"What followed was a classic example of what Mr. Tkach calls family," Mr. Hulme said.

Several meetings took place between Church and college department managers and Kiwanis officials. Kiwanis and the White House organized the event from Mrs. Reagan's side.

Several logistical problems had to be overcome. For example, how were Food Service personnel going to feed Ambassador students and ministers and wives participating on

the Ministerial Refreshing Program, and at the same time feed 650 people at the luncheon?

Also, for security reasons, the student center had to be closed for a certain period of time the morning of the event so the Secret Service could conduct a security sweep for bombs and other weapons.

After receiving the go-ahead, the Ambassador Auditorium stage and technical crews designed and set up lighting, audio and stage arrangements. They provided audio feeds and risers for the more than 40 reporters and cameramen present to cover the event.

Media Services provided a closed-circuit television link so college and Imperial students could watch the proceedings. They also color-balanced and edited a Kiwanis videotape for presentation at the meeting.

Meanwhile, college Food Service personnel prepared chicken salad with fruit cut and arranged.

"This, by coincidence, happens to be one of Mrs. Reagan's favorites," said Mr. Hulme.

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BATTLE AGAINST DRUGS — Nancy Reagan, First Lady of the United States, carries her "Just Say No" antidrug campaign to Pasadena Feb. 11, where she spoke to Kiwanis and Rotary clubs and high school students in the Ambassador College Student Center. [Photo by Warren Watson]

'Almost impossible' for PT not to be seen

PT newsstands target 12 areas

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA — The purpose of the new *Plain Truth* newsstand program "is to concentrate a large number of magazines in the metropolitan areas of the country," said Robert Elliott, manager of the U.S. newsstand program.

Mr. Elliott traveled to Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12 to discuss the new newsstand program.

Mr. Elliott also visited church areas in New York, New Jersey, Chicago, Ill., Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, Pa., to explain "the basic game plan" of the program.

The magazines will be concentrated in 12 areas, covering the major cities of the United States, and distribution will be rotated within these areas for saturation coverage. For example, in the Los Angeles, Calif., area the magazines will be distributed in Pasadena and Glendale until May, when distribution will move to Glendale, North Hollywood and Garden Grove, Calif.

In the metropolitan areas surrounding Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Washington, D.C., the program will last three years.

In June a six-month program will

begin in Seattle and Sacramento and San Diego, Calif., followed by a six-month program in Portland, Ore., Phoenix, Ariz., and Denver, Colo. The program will also run in the San Francisco and Oakland, Calif., area for one year. Other cities will be added.

"After three years we would like to cover 56 cities with populations of one million or less. In seven years we should make a major impact on the United States," Mr. Elliott said.

The increase in the number of magazines in these areas allows more brethren to be involved in the program, which is a leading edge of the work, he said.

"Besides helping to preach the Gospel and be a witness, the program is for the benefit and development of the brethren," Mr. Elliott said.

"We are really trying to encourage women to get involved because

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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

As I recently wrote to the ministry in the Pastor General's Report, our ability to understand the difference between physical and spiritual matters is of vital consequence to each of God's people.

I have often felt we as mortal human beings place entirely too much emphasis on physical matters pertaining solely to this physical life.

It is certainly true that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. As such, it behooves us to take care of them. We should avoid doing those things that are overtly damaging to our bodies — smoking is a good example.

We should strive to eat a balanced diet, generally avoiding fatty foods, overly processed or refined foods, sugary foods, chemical preservatives, too much red meat, etc.

But it seems that in the area of diet and foods, even though the Church produces a very fine, balanced booklet on the subject (*Principles of Healthful Living*), some tend to get unbalanced.

It seems that some can get so wrapped up in health foods, vitamins, holistic health, chiropractic, phrenology, iridology or any number of other "wonderful" programs for ending their (and everybody else's) health problems forever, that nearly all their time, energies, conversations, thoughts and lives become fully devoted to them.

They begin to see their theories as the solution to all (or nearly all, some may concede) illness in the Church. It can easily get to the point, in the attitudes of some, that not to follow rigidly their prescribed plan to rejuvenation, is tantamount to sin. After all "to him who knows to do good, and does it not, it is sin." Right?

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Mr. Tkach Returns From Mideast

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and his traveling group returned to Pasadena Feb. 18 after a 17-day trip to the Middle East.

Mr. Tkach spoke to the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. congregation Feb. 7 and 14 and described some of his activities in Jordan, Egypt and Israel.

In Jordan Mr. Tkach met King Hussein and Princess Sarvath, visited Petra and toured Ambassador Foundation projects. In Egypt he visited Cairo, Luxor and the pyramids at Giza, and was host for a dinner with guests who included Mohamed Abdel-Kader Hatem, a former adviser to the late President Anwar Sadat.

In Israel he visited biblical and historical sites and met with Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem, over lunch.

Details of his trip will appear in the next issue of *The Worldwide News*.

Viewing AIDS plague the way God does

PASADENA — The worldwide AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) epidemic will become so serious that it will dwarf such earlier medical disasters as the black plague, smallpox and typhoid. So warned the top health official of the United States Jan. 29.

Otis R. Bowen, secretary of Health and Human Services, told a Washington, D.C., audience that "if we can't make progress, we face the dreadful prospect of a worldwide death toll in the tens of millions a decade from now."

In Britain, journalist and historian Paul Johnson described the AIDS crisis as "the first catastrophic consequence of [the] sexual revolution."

Yet, despite warning signals, there are few signs that the sexual revolution is near an end. In one of the great paradoxes of modern times, the fear of AIDS is not leading government leaders, health officials or the public at large to examine the causes of this crisis.

In Britain, for example, the government's Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) is conducting a massive advertising campaign to alert the public to the AIDS crisis. But the thrust of the campaign is to encourage "safe sex."

"Don't sleep around," says one of the DHSS ads. "From now on you need to be very sure about someone if you have sex with them. If in doubt, use a condom."

Homosexual practices, the largest contributing factor to the AIDS upsurge, are not singled out, except in the vaguest of terms:

Dismayed at this misleading advertising, Mr. Johnson took the

government to task in a Dec. 6 column in Britain's *The Spectator*:

"The truth is, the only sensible advice the Government can give the public can be summed up in six words: chastity before marriage, fidelity within it. But that would be to endorse traditional Judaeo-Christian morality, and so is automatically ruled out."

Yes, those six words, if followed, would begin to reverse the process. To which may be added three more words: just say no. But that phrase, useful in the war on youthful drug abuse, is seemingly not applicable to the devastating moral crisis.

In London Jan. 19, I talked with Mr. Johnson. I asked him why the government had taken such an amoral approach. He answered: "The assumption in the British anti-AIDS government propaganda is that the permissive battle has already been completely lost, that we are in a totally permissive society and that the normal way in which young people behave is an immoral way, that they are absolutely certain to practice sex outside of marriage and that therefore there's nothing that can be done about that."

"You can't teach them to behave better. All you can do is to caution them against AIDS and ask them to protect themselves in some way."

The same defeatism is shown in the United States and elsewhere. The clamor now in the United States is to encourage the use of condoms to prevent the spread of AIDS, now threatening to spread out from the homosexual community to those who practice promiscuous "normal" sex.

Allow advertising of such prod-

ucts on television, is the demand. Educate young people in their use — even give condoms away free in universities or high schools if necessary.

Once again, the approach is amoral and defeatist. Said the health director of an Ivy League university [one of a group of long-established eastern U.S. colleges]:

"I couldn't change them and I couldn't alter them. I had to say what I was compelled to say."

Mr. Anderton's additional remarks were too much for most of Britain's journalists, even in the conservative press. And many of Britain's religious leaders, who apparently don't believe in the ability

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



"Young people are going to have sex and I think it is our job to make the sex safe."

Few leaders are willing to speak out boldly about what is happening. But one such individual is James Anderton, chief constable of Manchester, England.

Mr. Anderton, quoted in *The Worldwide News*, Jan. 26, blamed the spread of AIDS on people "swirling around in a human cesspit of their own making." Homosexuals, he said, engage in "obnoxious sexual practices."

This was controversial enough. What made things worse for the constable was his follow-up remarks to the effect that God might be using him as a prophet to warn the country.

Regarding his oft-quoted remarks, he said: "Something was speaking to me inside and the words that I was using in my speech just flooded into my mind. I couldn't

of God to inspire a speech (at least they haven't felt any such urges), also complained.

But if God can put words into the mouth of an ass (Numbers 22:28), he can certainly inspire civil authorities, including law-enforcement officials, who are, interestingly enough, called God's

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Pay, promotion, taxes: brain drain in Britain

BOREHAMWOOD, England — The British brain drain has been occurring for a long time. The press has continuously covered the subject during my 10 years' residence.

As John Cunningham wrote in the Feb. 9 *Guardian*, "British brains have been draining across the Atlantic since the late fifties, in successive waves of scientists, technologists and academics."

The main reason is, of course, money. Said the Nov. 30 *Sunday Telegraph*: "For many British expatriates in the United States the brain drain has about it the sweet smell of success. Scientists and researchers at American universities are paid at least twice as much as they would be over here, and they are backed up by whacking grants from worthy (and publicity-conscious) foundations."

Mary Warnock wrote in the Feb. 9 *Daily Telegraph*, "There is a brain drain, however, that is truly damaging and to be deplored; and that is the drift of the best research students, both in arts and in the sciences, to the other side of the Atlantic, and their tendency to stay there."

Why the exodus?

Poor pay. Blocked promotion. High taxes. These are reasons why talented Britons answer the transatlantic calling. And now U.S. tax cuts threaten to intensify the exodus of British talent.

The Feb. 2 *Daily Mail* reported: "Tax cuts in the United States could lead to a mass exodus of Britain's top scientists, engineers and academics... Britain already loses about 1,000 scientists and academics a year, lured by higher pay and lower taxes."

New U.S. tax laws will make America a tax haven. The top tax rate in 1988 will be 33 percent. The British rate for high earners is 60 percent. Financial capital is going to start flowing to the states.

As the May 13, 1986, *Wall Street Journal* editorialized, "Hu-

ministers (Romans 13:4).

National calamities loom

The AIDS crisis dramatizes the moral retrogression of the descendants of the House of Israel in the past two to three decades. Unless things change — quickly — unspeakable national calamities lie ahead.

"Is there anyone in the house for chastity?" asked Howard Hurwitz, in the Nov. 29 *Human Events*. "Is there anyone around who believes that premarital sex for school kids is immoral and can be dangerous to their health? ... Get organized, before our schools are named after Sodom and Gomorrah."

God says our peoples have indeed become like Sodom and Gomorrah (Isaiah 1:10) — worthy of the same fate (Genesis 19:24-28).

Only this time the fire and brimstone will be in the form of nuclear destruction from a hostile human power God says will be "the rod of mine anger" (Isaiah 10:5).

We need to sense just how angry God is becoming over the moral crisis and the AIDS plague. It should give us greater impetus to come out of this world and to escape what must surely come to pass (Genesis 19:17, Luke 21:36).



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

You can pass every trial

The most horrible thing that could befall us is that we would give up striving for God's Kingdom. But some have done that.

Many have quit because of a trial. They couldn't stand the humiliation of being relieved of responsibilities, or they couldn't endure persecution or they couldn't overcome a habit.

Have you thought: I hope God doesn't test me in an area? I'm not sure I could bear it.

We all have problems especially difficult to overcome. We should think how we *would* bear a trial in that area, because God must find out if we *can* bear it if we are to be in His Family.

Do you worry that a trial will come that you can't handle?

How can you know that a trial in a vulnerable spot won't trip you up? Looking at it positively, if God sees that you will remain faithful to Him at your weakest point, He'll know you will always be faithful.

The great men of God were tried in their weak areas. David felt overwhelmed by his problems (Psalm 143:4, New King James through-out).

In II Corinthians 1:8 Paul wrote: "For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life." Burdened beyond measure! That's how we can feel sometimes.

Many in the world react, "God isn't fair."

Satan said the same thing. In Genesis 3:1-5 he told Eve that God held back something desir-

able from her and Adam.

Satan can whisper to us: "God's too harsh. You can't bear this trial. Give up. He's not going to hear your prayers." And sometimes we fall for it, just like Eve did.

Cain told God that He was not fair. "My punishment is greater than I can bear!" (Genesis 4:13).

God doesn't want us to fail (II Peter 3:9). He's never called a person to failure. He's committed to our success. He's the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

He promises we can be sure we can pass every trial. "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (I Corinthians 10:13).

We know we can succeed, because God says He will never give us a trial too difficult, and He will provide a way of escape.

Hebrews 13:5-6 says: "For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man [or Satan or myself] do to me?'"

He says in Romans 8:31 that since He is for us, no one can be against us — no one can take away our confidence in Him.

But what about those whose trials were too difficult? Did God let them down?

God didn't promise that the trial wouldn't seem to be more than we can bear. Sometimes we will not see the escape right away. He knows we

can't fully grasp why He allows some things to happen. His thoughts are above ours (Isaiah 55:8-9).

We see only bits and pieces of God's involvement in our lives. Sometimes His goal in a trial is not immediately apparent.

That's why people give up. They feel they're under too much pressure. They don't trust God's promise that they won't ever have a trial too difficult. They fail because they don't believe God.

There's no need for fear. God gives us the power we need and a sound mind to resist the darts of fear fired by Satan (II Timothy 1:7). If you do your part, God will do His.

If you determine to believe God, to believe you can endure any trial, He provides a way of escape. We like to think this escape will be easy. When we don't see an easy escape, we think God is dragging His heels. Wondering to excess how we'll get out of the problem kills faith.

The key to our escape is reliance on God. He works out the details. He may change circumstances — or He may not. But, with His Spirit we can endure any trial.

Paul said in II Corinthians 1:8 that he was burdened beyond measure. In verses 9 and 10, he said that the end result was that they trusted God, and He delivered them.

This kind of faith is rare (Luke 18:8). Yet, we as Christians are to live by it (Romans 1:17).

Any test could become our stumbling block if we let it. Satan wants desperately to get us to give up in one area of our relationship with God. He infuses doubts. Fill your mind with God's Spirit to fend them off.

Thank God for taking an interest in your life. He will deliver us out of any trial (Psalm 34:19). By these trials we learn to go to Him first. Then He will know that He can trust us to trust Him in any situation.

Hebrews 2:3 asks: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?"

We can only fail if we let down. God will never put too much pressure on His sons.

Coordinators, managers meet in Pasadena to discuss '87 Feast

By Jeff E. Zhorne
 PASADENA — "God is obviously blessing our efforts," evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, told U.S. and Canadian Festival coordinators, business managers and wives, who met here for two days of meetings Feb. 18 and 19.

Mr. Salyer told the group at the kickoff session that they have "a great burden" as Festival coordinators and business managers because of their many duties at the Feast, but that they are part of a "very successful team effort."

He gave updates on the sale of the Mount Pocono, Pa., Wisconsin Dells, Wis., and Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., Feast sites and the addition of the Daytona Beach, Fla., site.

A firm buyer has been found for Mount Pocono. Although Wisconsin Dells is for sale, "it is not moving very fast," he said, adding that Ellis La Ravia has been named site manager. Ray Dick, former

manager of the Dells, will be transferred.

Both Mount Pocono and Wisconsin Dells will be Feast sites for 1987.

Coordinators and wives were guests at a banquet in the campus faculty dining room Feb. 18. Mr. Salyer presented 25-year plaques and gold watches to Carl McNair, pastor of the Tucson and Sierra Vista, Ariz., churches and Feast coordinator in Tucson; his wife, Dorothy; and Mr. Dick, former manager of the Wisconsin Dells Festival site.

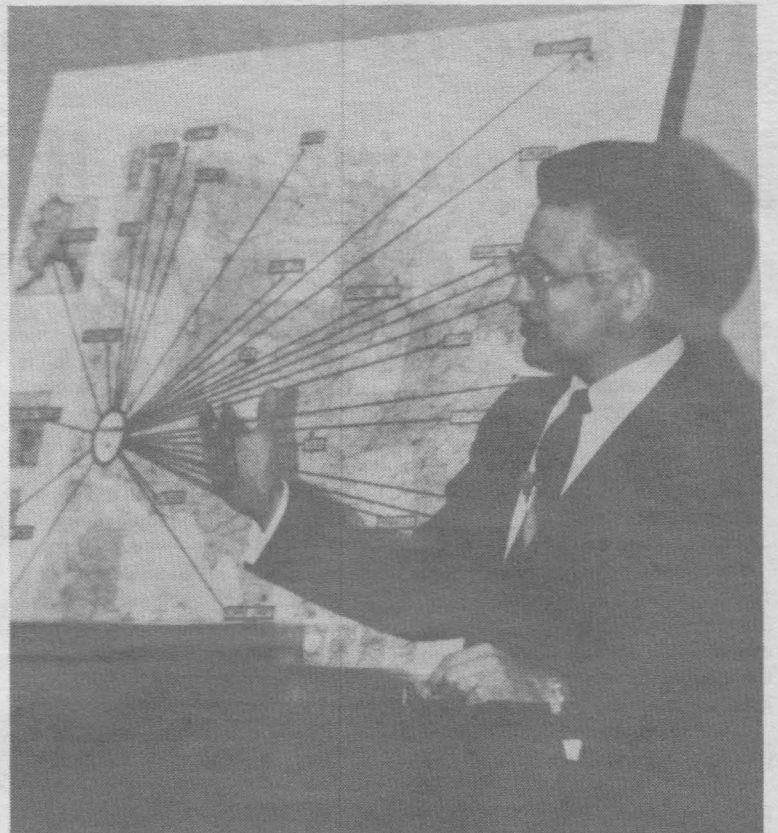
Conference speakers were evangelist David Hulme, director of the Communications & Public Affairs Department; evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer; Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator; Jack Patterson, site manager of the Mount Pocono Festival site; Selmer Hegvold, an associate pastor of the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church and supervisor of the Church's deaf program; Larry Omasta, director of Media Ser-

vices; and John Prohs, manager of the Church's Technical Operations & Engineering Department.

They spoke on public relations and the use of media; finances and managing Festival business affairs; working with site facilities; housing and damage to properties; needs of the deaf; and audio and video operations.

The group also took part in workshops and question-and-answer sessions.

Other international representatives at the conference were Paul Suckling, director of Church Administration in the Borehamwood, England, Office; Peter Nathan, regional director for the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific; his wife, Karen; Frank Schnee, regional director for German-speaking areas; his wife, Esther; Wade Fransson from the Church's Bonn, West Germany, Office; and Terri Conti from the Church's Italian Office in Pasadena.



COORDINATORS CONFER — Explaining that the Feast of Tabernacles is God's Feast, evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, leads the 1987 Festival coordinators conference that took place on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus Feb. 18 and 19. [Photo by Jeff E. Zhorne]

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Deeper appreciation

I just finished reading the article in the [February] *Good News*, "Woman ... Wife ... Widow" and I am writing this short note to say thank you for one of the most touching articles I have ever read on a subject that as a wife and mother it is hard to think about.

I could not make it through this article without tears and a much deeper appreciation and love for my husband and what he truly does mean to me. It is so easy [to] take someone who is so fine for granted. He truly does try to obey God and lead us as his family in the right way. God has blessed me with a wonderful man and your article helped me to realize it even more.

I only hope more of the wives in the Church will read this article, and even if they are having "troubles," will take the time to look at the good qualities of the man they promised to love through thick and thin, maybe some of the trials won't seem so bad.

This article also opened up another issue of helping those who are widowed. We have several in our church area and they are sometimes lost in the shuffle of everything because they don't raise much fuss. I am making it a personal goal now to have more conversation, doing something and just generally mak-

ing myself available to listen when they need someone to talk to. Thank you for such an insightful article, it is obvious God was inspiring you [Joan C. Bogdanchik] to write such a fine article.

Thank you again for taking the time to write an article, which if we will let it, will help those of us who still have our husbands, love them more and also to remember those who are struggling through widowhood.

Cheryl Jahns
 Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

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Mite is mighty

After hearing in Sabbath services that we need approximately \$5 million to buy a building we are now leasing [see *Worldwide News* Dec. 29] a little fast work on the pocket calculator left me astonished. Only \$1.60 per week per 60,000 (U.S. members) would equal \$4,992,000 in a year, or \$1.20 per week per 80,000 (worldwide members) would equal the same figure.

Even one cent per week per 80,000 members equals \$41,600 per year. I had been feeling that the tiny amount I could contribute to the building fund over and above tithes and offerings was so embarrassingly little ... Now I know that a "mite" is mighty!

Name withheld
 Apple Valley, Calif.

Editor's note: As of February, U.S.

membership is 61,154, and worldwide membership is 84,752, according to *Church Administration*.

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Youth programs

I am a teenager in God's Church. Recently God blessed me with a job, now enabling me to tithe ... Because of God's generous blessings I will be able to tithe every month.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members involved in the youth programmes and magazines. They help us a lot. We are fortunate that, as God's children, we have something to live for, a very bright and optimistic future ahead of us. We are very blessed by a loving and caring God ... It is plain to see that this is the era in God's Church of brotherly love.

Fiona Wright
 Northway, South Africa

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'Scattered Brethren'

Reading *The Worldwide News* is like enjoying a delicious dessert.

The articles are inspiring and helpful and I especially enjoy reading about our scattered brethren.

Knowing what's happening in the work helps [us] to see the fruit of our prayers.

Mr. [Joseph] Tkach is doing a job I know God is well pleased with.

Joetta Smith
 Springfield, Mo.

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'Personal'

Mr. [Joseph] Tkach is most certainly

God's true successor to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, both being end-time apostles.

The "Personal from Joseph W. Tkach" in *The Worldwide News* Dec. 29, 1986, really brought that home to me. The issues ... the understanding, the concern, the expression, the urgency, the encouragement and more, all gifts imparted by God, are carefully translated into a work of beauty when

read and digested with the aid of the Holy Spirit.

God is leading Mr. Tkach to unify the Church as never before. The gigantic steps being taken and the continuing doors being opened in the work make a forward momentum more than matching the speed with which the world is heading for destruction.

M.A. Nickson
 North Vancouver, B.C.

Members pitch in to fund Office Facilities building

PASADENA — "Members are showing an eagerness to contribute to the fund for the Office Facilities building," said evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

By Feb. 19, the Church received \$483,929.27 from 6,151 individuals and groups, including \$61,770.54 from 59 groups.

"From comments received, we've noted that most members are 'checking the temperature' on the fund thermometer in *The Worldwide News* every time it is published. One woman attached a note to her offering that read, 'Yeah,

team. I'm watching that thermometer and we CAN do it and in a shorter time than a year!'"

Comments from members show that they are individually and collectively pitching in to be part of the team effort in raising the needed money for God's work, Mr. Rice said.



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Interviews to air on telecast in March European officials interviewed

PASADENA — Gene Hogberg, world news editor for *The Plain Truth*, and Larry Omasta, producer of the *World Tomorrow* program, traveled to Europe in January to conduct interviews for the *World Tomorrow* telecast and the *Plain Truth* magazine on Europe's prophetic future.

Mr. Hogberg and Mr. Omasta left for London, England, Jan. 15. Jan. 19 they interviewed Paul Johnson, a British historian and author of *Modern Times — The World from the Twenties to the Eighties*. Mr. Johnson is now writing a book about the history of the Jews, Mr. Omasta said.

They also interviewed Leo Price, a leading British lawyer, in London that day.

Mr. Hogberg and Mr. Omasta went on to Brussels, Belgium, for an interview Jan. 21 with Jean Thiriart, a businessman who has written

several books and more than 250 articles on European history and the unification of Europe.

The interview with Mr. Thiriart was conducted in French. Olivier Carion, pastor of the Strasbourg, Mulhouse and St. Avold, France, churches, translated.

Evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, flew to Zurich, Switzerland, Jan. 20. He joined Mr. Hogberg and Mr. Omasta there for a final interview Jan. 23 with Jacobus de Beus. Dr. de Beus is a retired Dutch ambassador to the Soviet Union, West Germany and Australia, and former assistant secretary general at the United Nations. He is author of *Shall We Make the Year 2000?*

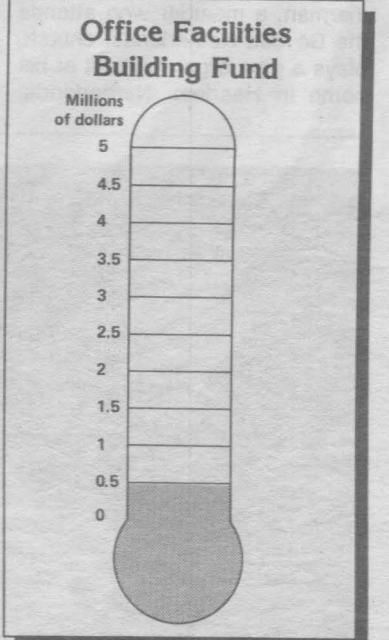
The interviews were videotaped by a crew recommended by BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn), an advertising agency re-

tained by the Church.

Mr. Omasta returned to Pasadena Jan. 25 with the videotapes. The interviews will be used in the telecast "What Next For Europe?" (part two), which will air in the United States and Canada March 7 and 8, according to Mr. Omasta.

Mr. Hulme traveled to Bonn, West Germany, where he met with Frank Schnee, regional director in German-speaking areas, and John Karlson, office manager for the Bonn Regional Office, Jan. 25. He went on to London Jan. 26, where he met with representatives of BBDO and the sales manager for Sky Channel, which airs the telecast in Europe. He returned to Pasadena Jan. 27.

Mr. Hogberg went on to West Germany to observe elections there Jan. 25. He returned to Pasadena Jan. 26.



FUND INCREASES — Individuals and church areas donated \$483,929.27 to the Office Facilities Building Fund as of Feb. 19, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

Disease doesn't deter member from delving into Word of God

By Mary Green

TACOMA, Wash. — A teary-eyed audience listened as Obie Stagg, a member here, voiced an icebreaker speech for Jim Evans, also a member, at a meeting of the Tacoma Spokesman Club Dec. 14, 1986.

Mary Green is a member who attends the Tacoma, Wash., church.

Mr. Evans, who has been a baptized member for more than a year, is a victim of ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, which has no known cure.

[Gehrig, a professional baseball player, died of the disease in 1941.]

The disease attacks the motor part of the brain, which prevents the nervous system from sending proper impulses to different body parts — thus causing paralysis.

Because of lack of use, muscles deteriorate. Although Mr. Evans cannot speak, he is alert and intelligent; those portions of his brain are unaffected by ALS.

He communicates mostly by punching out his thoughts on a computerized typewriter.

The youngest of 10 children and a native of Tacoma, Mr. Evans has had many trials in his 51 years.

"I wasn't going to write this [speech]," Mr. Evans said. "I felt it would be too hard for me to type my thoughts in words. This was a cop out. After certain events had happened, and after meditation, I began to realize it was the only thing I could do . . . to share some of my life with you all . . . and we are family."

Mr. Evans' oldest sister died in a car accident before he was born. His father left the family when Jim was 5. As a teenager, Jim worked after school to support his mother.

He went on to become successful at Western Union as manager of contract maintenance for a five-state area.

"I thought I had the world by the tail," Mr. Evans said. "I was making good money, had a new Corvette and a real nice two-bedroom apartment."

Just when things seemed to be going well for him, he started having trouble walking and began dropping things. In April, 1979, his condition was diagnosed as multiple sclerosis. Mr. Evans was devastated — his world had fallen apart.

Being in and out of hospitals every six months for five years seemed to bring no relief. Subsequent tests revealed that he had Lou Gehrig's disease.

In February, 1984, while waiting for test results, Mr. Evans began watching the *World Tomorrow* telecast. Later he sent for *The Plain Truth* and other literature.

By June he could no longer speak, and his hands were losing all dexterity. He was forced to retire and draw disability.

He threw himself into the study of God's Word and has been devouring it ever since. Mr. Evans was baptized Oct. 15, 1985, by Melvin Dahlgren, pastor of the Tacoma and Olympia, Wash., churches.

Mr. Evans is in the final stages of the disease, and unless God miraculously intervenes, his time is short. But he says he counts it all joy (James 1:2-3).



BREAKING THE ICE — Obie Stagg (left), a Tacoma, Wash., member, voices an icebreaker speech for Jim Evans, also a member in Tacoma, at a Spokesman Club meeting Dec. 14. Mr. Evans, a victim of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), cannot speak. [Photo by Tom Rodvelt]

Musician stages recitals, plays homemade organ

By Richard Steinfort

HAARLEM, Netherlands — Johan Timmerman, 59, a member who attends the De Bilt, Netherlands, church, performed the second of four home recitals Jan. 18.

Mr. Timmerman played a pipe organ that he built for 20 years from 1958 to 1978. The organ contains

Richard Steinfort is a member who attends the De Bilt, Netherlands, church.

500 pipes and 11 stops, divided over two manual keyboards and a pedal keyboard.

At the recital Mr. Timmerman played the music of composers Johann Sebastian Bach and Charles Wesley, introduced musical selections with background information and gave the history of organ music from the Renaissance to the 1980s.

Church members from the Netherlands and Belgium attended the performance.



MUSIC MAKER — Johan Timmerman, a member who attends the De Bilt, Netherlands, church, plays a pipe organ he built at his home in Haarlem, Netherlands.

NASA honors deacon

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Joseph W. Montano, a deacon in the Huntsville church and an engineer

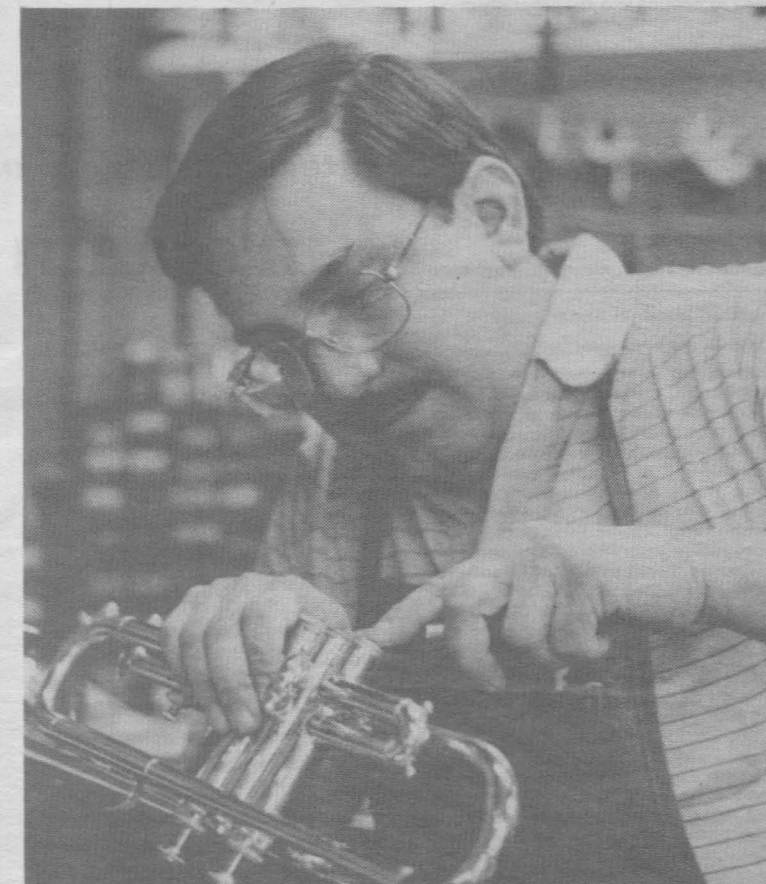
at the Marshall Space Flight Center, received a director's commendation certificate Dec. 4.

Mr. Montano was cited for his selection and evaluation of work-strengthened materials, which have structural applications to Marshall projects. He has authored more than 20 NASA technical publications.

The presentation was made by Dale D. Myers, deputy administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and J.R. Thompson, director of the Marshall Space Flight Center.

Mr. Montano, who works in the metallic materials division of the center's science and engineering directorate, has been employed at the NASA facility since 1961. He received a bachelor's degree in metallurgy from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

Mr. Montano and his wife, Peggy, have three daughters, Mary Achatz, who attends the Huntsville church, Linda Reid, who attends the Birmingham, Ala., church, and Jennifer, a junior at Ambassador College, and two grandsons.



FINE TUNING — James Walker, a member who attends the San Diego, Calif., church, who founded an organization to preserve metal restoration techniques, repairs a trumpet in his shop. [Photo by Maurice Gilbert]

Metalsmith preserves dying craft

By Steve Schmidt

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — James R. Walker is a big fan of heavy metal and practically anything at which he can swing a hammer.

This article appeared in the San Diego, Calif., Union and is reprinted with permission. James R. Walker and his wife, Margaret, are members who attend the San Diego, Calif., church.

Fat copper pots. Fancy hood ornaments. Sterling silver vases with ornate curlicues.

It's 11 a.m. on a recent weekday morning, and Walker is in his workshop, swinging a Lucite hammer at a silver spoon. Sunlight streams through a fiberglass skylight.

"There's somebody in tiny Escondido," he says, "who is trying to see that the craft survives."

That somebody is Walker. The craft is the art of being an old-fashioned metalsmith.

Walker is the founder of the Institute of Metal Repair, a nationally recognized organization established by Walker to help preserve metal restoration techniques.

Granted, metalsmithing isn't exactly known as a sexy craft. You don't see it splashed all over television, and it will never make the cover of *People* magazine.

"But I think of it as an important part of our cultural heritage," Walker says.

The 40-year-old Escondidoan works out of his workshop full-time, restoring metal items for customers and cranking out a monthly newsletter on metalsmith techniques.

He said the ranks of metalsmiths nationwide are thinning as fewer younger people enter the business and older craft people die off.

"If there aren't enough people to preserve metalware, the quality of metalware techniques of past generations won't be preserved," said Walker. "If something is damaged and there's nobody around to repair it, then the craft is lost."

The increasing use of disposable items in place of metalware is another [reason] for the decline of the craft, Walker said.

Walker's newsletter, *Repairing Metalware*, reads like sort of a trade bible. It includes articles on specific techniques, restoration tools and

profiles of other metalsmiths.

Walker started the institute and the newsletter about a year ago in an effort to preserve the trade.

His artistic works include the weather vane at Grape Day Park and a sundial at Kit Carson Park, both in Escondido.

He spends most of his time, however, restoring damaged metal objects, including musical instruments, silverware, vases, pots, candlesticks and ornaments.

Much of the repair work is done with a variety of hammers that line his workshop wall.

On a recent morning, he began to work on a silver spoon that had fallen into someone's garbage disposal and was brought in by a customer for repair. He hammered at it, filed it, buffed it.

"It can look so terrible when people bring it in and when it's finished it looks so dramatically better that people are surprised to see it," he said.

Walker, a San Diego-area native, said it took several years to pick up the craft. He picked up much of it while working as an apprentice for a musical instrument repair shop.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Bible's set of standards assures quality control in personal lives

By Philip Stevens

Producing a newspaper like *The Worldwide News* requires the efforts of people performing a variety of duties. There are writers and photographers, artists and editors. On the production side, people set the type, paste up the artwork and prepare the film for the printing process.

At the printing plant someone has to make printing plates. Then it takes several more workers to run the press and binding lines. Finally, still more people handle the mailing and distribution.

Philip Stevens is a regular contributor to The Good News.

Others are responsible for such areas as administration, maintenance and backup functions.

Film must be produced to meet the specifications required by the printer. Some printers require one kind of film, others prefer a different sort.

All this information is vital to present the right materials to the printing company.

That's what quality control is all about. It's working to a set of specifications to achieve a desired result.

The same principles apply if you want a quality life.

Assurance of quality

Life, also, has a set of specifications that must be met if you want to enjoy good living. Just as *The Worldwide News* has to be governed by the specifications laid down by the printer, so humans have to be regulated by the Being who produced them.

Those specifications for life are contained in the pages of the Bible. And they set a high standard, one that will ensure a high quality of life.

For example, when you read, "Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15), the standard has been set. A slight deviation from that specification will produce a bad result. You could even end up in prison. But even if that doesn't happen, there is the thought that you might be found out. And others are hurt by the theft. None of this makes for a happy existence.

The Bible contains hundreds of other standards for life. They completely cover your relationships with God and with other people.

Keeping a check

Of course, you'll have to set up your own quality-control checking system to see how you're getting along. Just as the printer constantly checks his printed result against a blueline proof, you need to see how you are faring according to the standards set in your specification manual. This is called Bible study.

And if you find that your life compares favorably with the specifications, then you probably are enjoying yourself. Sometimes, however, you'll see a difference.

Sometimes that happens with the printing of *The Worldwide News*. When the newspaper is not printed to the required standard, quality control personnel investigate. Each stage of production is examined until it is determined where a deviation from established procedures occurred.

That's the way to handle difficulties in life. We need to scrutinize our everyday activities to see where they differ from the standards set in

the Bible. And when we find the problem area, we need to rectify the offending situation.

Worldwide News workers strive to produce a quality publication. And it can only be one if they stick to the given standards.

You can have a quality life — one that is filled with satisfaction and purpose — provided you are prepared to control your daily living and meet the specifications laid down for that purpose!

You can help tip the balance

Pray for prospective members

By John R. Schroeder

God's Church is receiving record numbers of requests for ministerial visits. Many of those who contact the Church will become prospective members.

Who is a prospective member? Simply defined, anyone who has been given access to God. The call has gone out and the halting first step has been taken.

Every member of God's Church was once a prospective member.

The way has been opened, but conversion is not automatic. In Jesus' explanation of the parable of the sower, four categories of people had access to God (Luke 8:11-15). Three did not take full advantage of the opportunity.

Many prospective members today may not be converted in this age. Some may wake up and act during the coming Great Tribulation. But we have a responsibility to pray for those with whom God may be working.

A number respond

Several years ago I visited scores of prospective members in Europe. All had impediments to conversion. With God's help, a small but significant number have cast off those impediments. They are now members of Christ's Body. They have repented, been baptized and have received the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

Ironically, one young woman sincerely sought baptism, but simply

did not want to attend Sabbath services. Somehow, she could not grasp I Corinthians 12:13-14: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many." Independent Christians don't exist. She can come to understand that principle.

I know of several conversions that took place after 20 years of exposure to the Church's literature. These people piled up a "ton" of *Plain Truths*, *Good Newses*, *Correspondence Courses*, booklets and reprints. Finally something happened that tipped the balance.

The choice was still personal, but somehow spiritual strength was given, and they began to win the battle with carnal human nature! Could unseen spiritual help be the result of your prayers to God?

Thousands of people around the globe have heard the broadcast and received the Church's literature. Many have been given access to God. Some have lost contact, but the seed is still there, perhaps temporarily dormant. In one case a person saw a *Plain Truth* ad in a magazine. Suddenly knowledge came flooding back into his mind, and he asked to see a minister.

These people need God. Your prayers can make a difference.

From darkness to light

In Acts 26 the apostle Paul re-

counted his conversion. He recalled Jesus giving him his personal commission. Christ promised to deliver Paul "from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me" (verses 17 and 18).

How precious that experience! Those formerly gripped by darkness join those already in the light. Satan's world is forced to let them go. Those set free begin to taste the powers of the world to come.

But why should we be concerned about prospective members? One reason is our own sinful past: "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another" (Titus 3:3). It was not a pretty picture.

But then what happened? "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration [baptism], and renewing of the Holy Spirit" (verses 4 and 5).

We can have a part in helping this happen for others, as God calls and wills. Pray for prospective members!



It's an effective team that works together to produce the best. And everyone must work to a common set of standards.

For example, writers and editors must make sure each issue presents news reports and other helpful information for brethren around the world. Everyone must know what size the newspaper is going to be. It would be senseless for some production people to use one set of measurements while other workers have been given different sizes.

Personal

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Again I say, if we are not careful, we can place pseudospiritual emphasis on matters that are solely of a physical nature.

While we should be careful — not at all reckless or uncaring — in our eating habits, we must keep firmly in mind that it is what comes OUT of our mouths — that which reflects our minds, hearts and character — that is important.

What goes IN our mouths is a physical matter, unless of course it is done in rebellion or disregard for God's Word, such as lust for tobacco or unclean meats.

As Mr. Herbert Armstrong explained (hard to be understood by some who put more emphasis on physical matters than spiritual), even eating unclean meat by mistake is a physical, not a spiritual, matter. It is, as I said, a spiritual matter when done rebelliously or with deliberately careless disregard for God's instruction. Then it becomes a

matter of the heart and attitude, a spiritual matter.

Humanly, some have been more concerned about whether they accidentally ate some unclean food than they are about overcoming gossiping, lying, fornication, a hateful attitude toward a brother or sister or some other spiritual sin!

When the apostle Paul makes the point that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit in I Corinthians 6:19, he does it in the context of fornication, not in the context of physical health. Of course, it is certainly right and appropriate to apply the principle to the reasonable physical care and maintenance of the body.

God even laid down specific laws of cleanliness for ancient Israel showing the importance He places on that often overlooked aspect of good health. But when it comes to what a Christian life is all about, what we eat is NOT the foremost concern in God's mind, as revealed in His Word.

In Mark 7:15-16 Jesus explained to a group of people He

asked to gather around: "There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear."

Of course, they didn't have ears to hear. I hope we do. Beginning in verse 18, Jesus explained to the disciples: "Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? . . .

"That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (verses 18 to 23).

God made us human. He knows our frailties. He made us subject to the sufferings of this

human life. Yes, we get sick. God knows that. Servants of God have gotten sick and servants of God have died — all through the ages.

Romans 8:20-21 tells us that we were made subject to a corruptible life FOR A REASON — God's reason — so that through it we can be prepared for ultimate and permanent deliverance from it!

We must grow to see this physical life the way God does. God has created us mortal so that we may become immortal. The trials and sufferings of this life are a part of the necessary preparation to build within us the same kind of unconditional obedient spirit and the total trust, reliance and unswerving faith in God that Jesus Christ had.

Yes, God heals, and it is His good pleasure to do so. But can we see that He does it — like He does everything else — in furtherance of His ultimate, transcendent purpose for us!

Brethren, when God heals, He does so for our good. When He does not yet act to heal, He does

so for our good. Only He knows for sure what really is for our good! We can take great comfort in that.

When it is all said and done, which is more important: that one is physically healed, or that one continues to walk with God and overcome until Christ returns?

Let's take care of our bodies, following balanced principles of good health. Let's realize that if we continually and flagrantly practice poor eating, sleeping and exercise habits we will bring unnecessary suffering on ourselves and reduce our ability to serve God as effectively as we otherwise could.

But let's keep our priorities straight. Any who have been reckless or careless in health matters, as well as any who have tended nearly to worship good health, should ask God for help to change. God is patient and merciful with us, brethren. Let's thank Him daily for the light of His Word!

With deep love,
Joseph W. Tkach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALLEN, Jerry and Barbara (Blagun), of Washington, D.C., girl, Adria Jeanne, Jan. 5, 1:26 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

BAUMGAERTNER, Joe and Shirley (Baro), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Hans Eric, Jan. 13, 1:10 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

BETTENCOURT, Manuel and Karla (Villers), of Medford, Ore., girl, Justine Joy, Jan. 22, 12:58 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BRIGGIE, Lloyd and Marcia (Cardona), of Youngstown, Ohio, girl, Candice Carol, Jan. 12, 10:09 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 girls.

DEMING, Howard and Tamara (Long), of Prescott, Ariz., girl, Melissa Rose, Oct. 27, 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

DOOLEY, James and Anne (Ziobro), of Milwaukee, Ore., boy, James Francis, Dec. 12, 5:24 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

EYSALLENE, Claudio and Zulma (Rodriguez), of Manhattan, N.Y., girl, Mishelle Luz, Dec. 26, 12 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

FOUSE, Doyle and Elisabeth (Langer), of Searcy, Ark., boy, Nathanael Clancy Wayne, Dec. 27, 7:05 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FRANCIS, Ralph and Marilyn (Cohen), of Los Angeles, Calif., boy, Casey Aaron, Jan. 4, 11:12 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GOODEMOTTE, Gordon and Vera (Meers), of Moultrie, Ga., girl, Nellie Anne, Oct. 12, 3:43 a.m., 5 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 6 girls.

GREEN, Melvin and Teresa (Rex), of Tyler, Tex., girl, Ashley Gayle, Jan. 14, 6:10 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

HAMILTON, Tom and Lydia (Darnell), of Shreveport, La., boy, William Henry, Jan. 19, 1:40 p.m., 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

HARGARTEN, James and Amy (Carter), of Minneapolis, Minn., boy, Joel Andrew, Dec. 23, 1:35 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HAYES, Ron and Debbie (Hall), of Tazewell, Va., girl, Marris Janene, Dec. 26, 9:34 a.m., 7 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HEGLUND, Paul and Teresa (Pettyjohn), of Maple Creek, Sask., boy, Zurich James, Jan. 9, 4:54 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HOLLADAY, Steven and Susan (Teague), of Raleigh, N.C., boy, Nathan Edward, Jan. 16, 8:12 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JARVIS, Gary and Donna (Sinner), of Denver, Colo., boy, Colin Shea, Oct. 28, 10:01 a.m., 7 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

JOHNSTON, Darryl and Denise (Peters), of Regina, Sask., boy, Daniel Isaac, Jan. 7, 9:41 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KILLEBREW, Allen and Kathy (Bradén), of Altadena, Calif., boy, Scott Ryan, Jan. 22, 9:38 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LAWRENCE, Gary and Patti (Johnston), of Grande Prairie, Alta., girl, Lisa Jean, Jan. 22, 12:45 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

LOVEMAN, Randy and Nancy (Atkinson), of Montgomery, Ala., girl, Kristina Michelle, Jan. 20, 5:37 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 girls.

MACARAEG, Edmond and Lorna (Gonzalez), of San Pedro, Philippines, girl, Meryl Lynn, Jan. 17, 5:25 p.m., 7 pounds, now 4 boys, 3 girls.

MARSHALL, Richard and Kathi (Gibbs), of Baker, Ore., boy, Joshua William, Nov. 18, 12:29 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

MCNEELY, Stephen and Mary (Stoan), of Big Sandy, boy, Stephen David, Jan. 8, 12:04 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MOULAND, Dennis and Lucie (Young), of Albuquerque, N.M., girl, Amanda Eynonne, Dec. 24, 4:25 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

PATE, Wayne and Jackie (Brau), of Tacoma, Wash., boy, Brandon Corey, Dec. 16, 8:16 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

POTTER, Marcus and Charlotte (Harrod), of Wichita, Kan., boy, Marcus Rex II, Nov. 25, 11:05 a.m., 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, first child.

RISEBOROUGH, Colin and Dene (Cullen), of Napier, New Zealand, boy, Jared Wayne, Jan. 16, 11:54 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

RIVERA, Heriberto and Catherine (Callahan), of Chicago, Ill., girl, Christina Adelle, Jan. 15, 10:55 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

SAWYER, Robert and Karen (Layher), of Fairfax, Va., boy, Andrew Bryan, Jan. 2, 6:48 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

SCHEDIN, Jeffrey and Cheryl (Keogh), of Union, N.J., boy, Michael James, Jan. 8, 11:55 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

STIVER, Marshall and Joyce (Alexander), of Rapid City, S.D., girl, Amber Nicole, Jan. 1, 9:37 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 girls.

TEMMING, Gary and Debbie (Dora), of St. Louis, Mo., girl, Jessica Lynn, Dec. 30, 5:22 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

TERRIEN, Mario and Diane (Thibault), of Edmonton, Alta., boy, Marc Jean-Yves, Jan. 5, 12:35 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

THOMPSON, Tunney and Violet (Neff), of Shreveport, La., boy, Zachary Kirk, Jan. 11, 8:24 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

TODD, Terry and Donna (Svehla), of Naperville, Ill., boy, Jonathan James, Sept. 24, 7:31 a.m., 11 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WALKER, Ricky and Sandra (Fultz), of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Kristy Michelle, Nov. 5, 6:55 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

WANN, Thomas and Kathleen (Vivrett), of St. Louis, Mo., girl, Kara Ann, July 28, 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WEEKS, Bryan and Linda (Swihart), of San Juan, Puerto Rico, girl, Kellie Amanda, Jan. 18, 1:45 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WEGNER, Marvin and Paula (Barr), of Altadena, Calif., boy, Samuel Aaron, Jan. 23, 3:29 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

WELLS, Collyer and Linda (Dawson), of Pasadena, boy, Aaron Joseph, Jan. 11, 12:15 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS NITZ
Cindy Malnar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Malnar, and Thomas Nitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nitz, were united in marriage Nov. 9. The ceremony was performed by Ronald Laughland, pastor of the Hammond and Michigan City, Ind., churches. Sherry Malnar, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Jonathan Dykstra was best man. The couple attend the Hammond church.



MR. AND MRS. GREGORY AUSTIN
Cheryl Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey of the Brooklyn, N.Y., South church, and Gregory Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Austin of New York, N.Y., were united in marriage Sept. 14. The ceremony was performed by Earl Williams, pastor of the Brooklyn South and Queens, N.Y., churches. Allison Bailey, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Javier Saltares was best man. The couple reside in Bronx, N.Y.



MR. AND MRS. BRENT FEOCK
Kristine Kay Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coleman, and Brent Thomas Feiock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Feiock, were united in marriage Sept. 14 in Wheeling, W.Va. The ceremony was performed by Reinhold Fuessel, pastor of the Cambridge, Ohio, and Wheeling churches. Carrie Heagstad, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Ryan Feiock, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Bethesda, Ohio.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES LITTLE
Norma Roop of Bristol, Tenn., announces the marriage of her daughter Elizabeth Ann to James J. Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Little of Easley, S.C. The ceremony was performed July 27 by George B. Elkins, pastor of the Columbia, S.C., and Augusta, Ga., churches. Beth Hagy was maid of honor, and Garry Steadman was best man. The groom is a 1985 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate. The couple reside in Anderson, S.C.



MR. AND MRS. ROBIN R. SPENCER
Robin R. Spencer and Karen A. Eriksson were united in marriage Nov. 16. The ceremony was performed by David Orban, pastor of the Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pa., churches. Patty Knouse was matron of honor, and Randy Spencer was best man. The couple reside in Kittanning, Pa.



MR. AND MRS. BRIAN SHAW
ReNae Sue Wernli, daughter of Bernie and Virginia Wernli of Des Moines, Iowa, and Brian Paul Shaw, son of Melvin and Ruth Shaw of New York Mills, N.Y., were united in marriage Sept. 28 in Hinsdale, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Timothy Snyder, pastor of the Chicago, Ill., West church. Julia Wernli, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Brad Shaw, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Elmhurst, Ill.



MR. AND MRS. RONNIE GOVENDER
Dawn Sharron Scheepers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scheepers of Cape Town, South Africa, and Ronnie Govender, son of Mrs. James Govender, were united in marriage Jan. 4. The ceremony was performed by Andre van Belkum, pastor of the Cape Town church. Jeanelle Scheepers, sister of the bride, and Alexis Weber were bridesmaids, and Trevor Paul was best man.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. CHESTER WILLOCKS
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Willocks of Maryville, Tenn., celebrated their 50th anniversary Jan. 20. Their children honored them with a family dinner Jan. 3. The Willocks have two sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Willocks have been Church members since 1972, and their youngest daughter and her husband are also Church members.



MR. AND MRS. EUGENE HODGE
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hodge celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 13

with Knoxville, Tenn., Church members, family members and friends. They were married Sept. 12, 1936 and have been Church members for 10 years.

OBITUARIES

ALEXANDER, Rubie, 78, of Houston, Tex., died Jan. 25. She has been a Church member for 30 years. Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Giese, pastor of the Houston West and Victoria, Tex., churches.

ARIF, Ibrahim, 60, of Birmingham, England, died Dec. 16 of a heart attack. He has been a Church member since 1980. Mr. Arif is survived by his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Sarah; and a son, David. Funeral services were conducted by Melvin Rhodes, pastor of the Birmingham and Gloucester, England, and Llanelli, Wales, churches.

BERRY, Ovie Jr., 44, of Mount Sterling, Ky., died Dec. 16 in a trucking accident. Mr. Berry is survived by his wife, Regina, a Church member; and four sons, Paul, Marvin, Robert and Ted. Funeral services were conducted by David Havir, pastor of the Mount Sterling and Lexington, Ky., churches.

BURTON, Ella B., 50, of Chicago, Ill., died Jan. 4. She was baptized in 1981. Mrs. Burton is survived by her husband, Walter, three daughters and six grandchildren. Arnold Hampton, pastor of the Chicago Southside church, conducted funeral services.

CAWOOD, Leon, 88, of Big Sandy, died Jan. 1. He has been a Church member since 1967. Funeral services were conducted by evangelist Burk McNair, pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches.

D'ANDRADE, Flavio, 69, of Montreal, Que., died of cancer Dec. 14. He was baptized in 1974. Mr. D'Andrade is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter. Funeral services were conducted by John Adams, pastor of the Montreal and Magog, Que. (English), churches.

DWILLIS, Cheryl Lynn, 24, of Dayton, Ohio, died Jan. 9 after an illness. She has been a Church member since 1979. Mrs. Dwillis is survived by her husband, Randy, a Church member; one daughter; one son; her mother and stepfather, Sandra and Richard Goodman, both Church members; a brother and sister-in-law, Bart and Joan Bornhorst, both Church members; another brother; a sister and brother-in-law; and her father. Funeral services were conducted by Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches.

GERLINSKY, Ben, 54, of Calahoo, Alta.,

died Dec. 14. He was baptized in 1966 and ordained a deacon in 1982. Mr. Gerlinsky is survived by his wife, Lorraine; two sons, Dave and Lenard; three grandchildren; three brothers; and four sisters. Gordon Graham, associate pastor of the Edmonton, Alta., North church, officiated at funeral services.

GRIFFIN, Brenda, 44, of Atlanta, Ga., died Jan. 14 after a long bout with leukemia. She has been a Church member since 1983. Mrs. Griffin is survived by her husband, Donald, also a Church member; and two sons, Theron and Darius. Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Martin, pastor of the Atlanta East and West churches.

GRISWOLD, Betty Jo, 58, of Salome, Ariz., died Jan. 12 after a nine-month illness. She was baptized in 1969. Mrs. Griswold is survived by her husband, Steve; a daughter, Kim; and a son, Neat; all Church members. She is also survived by two daughters, two sons, one brother, seven grandchildren and her mother, James Turner, pastor of the Phoenix, Ariz., West church, conducted a memorial service.

HORNER, Bill, 57, of Salem, Ore., died Jan. 20. He was baptized in 1973. Mr. Horner is survived by his mother, Madge Horner, who attends the Salem church; and two brothers, Donald Henson Jr., assistant pastor of the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches, conducted memorial services.

JACKSON, Mary Mildred, 73, of Florence, Ala., died Jan. 5 after a brief illness. She has been a Church member since 1974. Mrs. Jackson is survived by one son, James, a Church member; three daughters, Dorothy Richardson, Linda Glover and Mary Hale; one brother; two sisters; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted in Florence by Otto Lochner, pastor of the Florence and Huntsville, Ala., churches.

KELCHNER, Samuel C., 85, of Salem, Ore., died Jan. 16. He was baptized in 1975. Mr. Kelchner is survived by his wife, two sons, five daughters, 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. One daughter, Mabel Kelchner, is a Church member. Funeral services were conducted in McMinnville, Ore., by Donald Henson, assistant pastor of the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches. Jess Ernest, pastor of the two churches, conducted graveside services in Amity, Ore.

MCKOWN, Jettie, of Arnoldsburg, W.Va., died Dec. 4 after a short illness. She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett, in 1985. They were both baptized in 1974. Mrs. McKown is survived by two sons, Bernard and Richard; two daughters, Jean Stalnaker and Irene Hildreth; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by James O'Brien, pastor of the Logan, Charleston and Parkersburg, W.Va., churches.

ST. JOHN, Thomas A. III, 41, of Atlanta, Ga., died Oct. 15 after a lengthy illness. He has been a Church member since March, 1986. Mr. St. John is survived by his father, T.A. St. John; his mother, Doris St. John, a Church member; and two sisters, Pam Kessinger and Debbie Whitesell, both Church members. Graveside services were conducted by Douglas McCoy, a minister in the Atlanta East church.

SCHNEIDER, Shirley R., 64, of Chicago, Ill., died Dec. 28 after a lengthy illness. She has been a Church member since 1965. Mrs. Schneider is survived by two sons, one daughter and five grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Michael Swagerly, pastor of the Chicago North and Northwest churches.

SCOTT, Clara V., 59, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Dec. 20 after a prolonged illness. She is survived by her husband, Felix, a deacon in the Colorado Springs church; one son; three daughters; her mother; three brothers; four sisters; and seven grandchildren.

SEIBEL, Wayson A., 79, of Fort Washington, Md., died Jan. 18 after a lengthy illness. He has been a Church member since 1981. Mr. Seibel is survived by a sister and three nephews.

STREETER, Pearle O., 87, of Detroit, Mich., died Dec. 28 of a heart attack. She has been a Church member since 1963. Mrs. Streeter is survived by three sons, Robert, James and Gerald Upton, a Church member; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Vincent Szymkowiak, pastor of the Detroit East church, in St. Clair Shores, Mich.

SWEITHELM, Glen, 16, of Long Island, N.Y., died Dec. 11 of injuries sustained as a passenger in a two-vehicle collision. Glen is survived by his mother, Jacqueline, a Church member; his father and stepmother, Clifford and Carlyn; his twin sister, Diane; another sister, Karen; a brother, Richard; and stepbrothers, Jeffery and Carl. The funeral and burial took place in Ogdensburg, Pa.

THOMPSON, Russell, 70, of Kansas City, Mo., died Dec. 15. He has been a Church member for 30 years. Mr. Thompson is survived by his wife, Mary; a stepdaughter, Laraine Weaver; two stepsons, Gerald and Don Baysinger; and seven grandchildren. Bruce Gore, pastor of the Kansas City, Kan., South and Kansas City, Mo., North churches, conducted funeral services.

TIMMINGTON, Arthur, 66, of Birmingham, England, died Dec. 2 of a heart attack. He has been a Church member since 1960. Mr. Timmington is survived by two sisters and one brother. Funeral services were conducted by Jeremy Rapson, a local elder in the Birmingham church.



332 YEARS OF MARRIAGE — Grand Island, Neb., brethren honor nine couples Dec. 20 celebrating anniversaries. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, married 20 years; Mr. and Mrs. David Stark, 35 years; Mr. and Mrs. Harley McAuliff, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Don Swanson, 35 years; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Minnig, 48 years; Marie Comstock, 55 years; Wilma Brandt, 40 years; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Garska, 49 years. (Not pictured: Willis Comstock, David Brandt and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jungren).

Imperial requests labels



PASADENA — Imperial Schools still needs labels from Campbell's soup and other Campbell's products, according to Scott Lord, an Imperial faculty member and coordinator of the Labels for Education program.

Because members donated labels, Imperial Schools was able to obtain equipment including overhead projectors and model parts of the anatomy. This year the goal is 501,150 labels, to be exchanged for playground balls, equipment tables, videocassettes on a variety of subjects and other equipment.

"Please continue to send in those labels," Mr. Lord said. "There is no end to this program in the foreseeable future, so labels not used this year can still be of value. Please send in the front panels of eligible canned goods. We have received entire boxes of UPCs [Universal Product Codes] or proofs of purchase, but these cannot be used. The front panel is what is required."

Send the labels to Labels for Education, Imperial Schools, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

WHAT TO SEND — Some products eligible for the Imperial Schools Labels for Education program are shown here. Please save the front portion of the labels from the canned food products. On Recipe dog food Treats and Dinner Rounds, save the purchase confirmation seals. Send the universal product codes only from the 12-ounce frozen concentrate of Juice Works. Purchase confirmation seals or the blue-green "Swanson Triangles" from Swanson frozen food products may also be sent.

First Lady

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The night before the event, with the help of Ambassador College students and others, Food Service personnel transformed the student center into a formal banquet setting.

The Security Department solved last-minute problems with employee parking and coordinated with others the arrangements necessary for the Secret Service.

Last-minute changes

"White House officials repeatedly told us that they were impressed with the degree of cooperation they experienced here," Mr. Hulme said.

White House staff members called Church officials before 6 a.m., Pacific Standard Time, on the morning of the event to check on arrangements and suggest changes.

After the White House staff arrived they asked for a seemingly minor change that meant moving virtually the entire floor plan.

"It was just another example of how Church people can work together in unity," Mr. Hulme said. "The feeling was that we wanted to put on the best event possible."

I've never been here before

The 40-plus media professionals had to come early because of White House regulations.

"After Mrs. Reagan and the audience began eating lunch, they had about half an hour to themselves. After a few wandered out on the campus, they came back and urged others to see the campus for themselves," said Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs.

One camera crew videotaped the Auditorium mall area and fountain for use as a backdrop for segments of their evening newscasts.

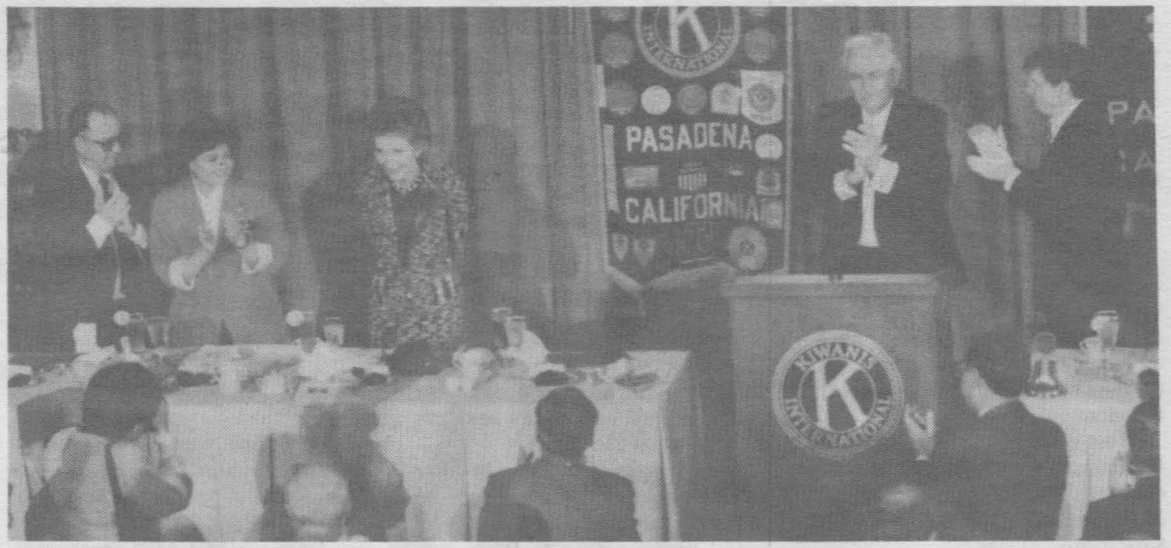
Some said they had not been to the campus before, "but they'd definitely be coming back," Mr. Snyder said. Some Rotary and Kiwanis members had not visited the campus, but said they planned to visit again.

Media coverage was widespread in the Los Angeles, Calif., area, Mr. Snyder said, and some of the national networks also carried the event.

On behalf of Mr. Tkach, Mr.

Hulme and other Church officials who met Mrs. Reagan at a private reception invited her to speak to Ambassador College students.

SAY NO TO DRUGS — Rotary and Kiwanis officials welcome First Lady Nancy Reagan to Pasadena at a Feb. 11 luncheon in the Ambassador College Student Center. As part of her antidrug campaign Mrs. Reagan told luncheon guests, which included 300 Pasadena-area high school students: "When you say no, you may feel like you're alone, but you're not. There are millions of kids your own age who would come running to your side if they only knew you needed help." [Photo by Warren Watson]



Teen keeps Sabbath by playing part-time

By Steve Figueroa

ATLANTA, Ga. — Brown High [School] boys basketball coach Fred Price sometimes feels as if he has two teams. One plays on Tuesdays and Saturday nights, the other on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons.

This article appeared in the Jan. 15 issue of the Atlanta, Ga., Journal and is reprinted by permission. Chris Collier is 17, and his father, Raymond, is a deacon in the Atlanta West church.

The difference is Chris Collier. And that difference is significant. At 6-foot-6 and 210 pounds, Collier is Brown's main force inside, averaging 19.7 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots a game.

But Collier, like the rest of his family, is a member of the Worldwide Church of God, which observes sundown Friday until sundown Saturday as a time of worship — and nothing else. That means no basketball, and Brown High sometimes feels the consequences.

Last year, in the AAA state tournament, the Jaguars won their first game on a Friday afternoon 76-67 over Chattooga. Their second-round contest was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

True to his religion, Collier waited patiently at home until the sun set. Then he and his father, Raymond, started out for Georgia

Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum, the tournament site.

Arriving in the fourth quarter, Collier charged down the aisle, stripping off his sweatsuit along the way. He entered the game without warming up and played hard, but his team faded in the closing minutes and fell 68-58 to eventual state champion Hart County.

Price accepts Collier's situation and is prepared for further conflicts this season. Brown will play seven of 23 games before the region tournament without him.

"Chris really felt bad about that experience last season, but I told him not to worry about it," Price said. "I told him not to have any second thoughts. Hey, this is high school basketball. It's not the pros. To me, it's important that this kid be allowed to play. It wouldn't be fair to discriminate against him because he can't play certain times."

Collier's older brother, Dexter, didn't meet with such understanding. According to his father, he was cut from the team at Southwest Atlanta High, a defunct school, when the coach learned of his restricted availability.

Price cites two factors for his willingness to bend on Chris Collier.

"Chris is one of the nicest boys I've ever met and one of the best players I've seen in the Atlanta area in my 17 years of coaching," said Price. "And what makes him so easy to accept is that he's one of the hardest workers I've been around.

When he's on the court, it's like he's trying to make up for the time he misses."

Collier says he has no misgivings about missing some of his team's games.

"It doesn't bother me that I can't play Friday nights," he said. "It's an easy choice for me, and I have no second thoughts. But when I do play, I try to give 100 percent all the time I'm out there."

Said Price, "The kids accept the situation very well because of the kind of kid Chris is. If he didn't make the sacrifices he does for them on the court, there might be a problem."

There also might be a problem if Brown, ranked No. 4 in Class AAA, wasn't such a talented team this season even without Collier on the floor. As Price loves to point out, Brown is 10-0 with Collier in the lineup and 4-0 without him.

"I think my teammates respect my beliefs," said Collier. "But they also think they can win without me. I think they can, too."

Collier is not Brown's leading scorer. That distinction belongs to senior guard Kelvin Woods, who averages 24.1 points. Herbert Jones (6-3) moves from forward to center when Collier doesn't play and Woods (6-foot) moves to forward with Rodney Holmes (5-8) coming off the bench to play guard.

"We're a smaller team when Chris isn't there, but we're still pretty good," said Price. "Hey, I'd be lying if I said I didn't wish I had

Chris for every game, but this is far from a one-man team. We've won four games without him and we'll probably win some more."

Though the record doesn't show it, Collier makes a difference. On Dec. 12, a Friday night, Brown routed Archer 94-57 without him. On Jan. 10, a Saturday night, Brown again played Archer, this time with Collier in the lineup. The Jaguars won 107-55.

"There is about a 15-18 point difference when Chris is out," admitted Price. "But it's just something you have to live with."

Collier knows that there may be some college coaches who aren't willing to live with that situation. But he will gladly choose from those that will.

"I know some colleges won't be willing to work around my schedule," said Collier. "But I think some will. It may limit my choices, but that's OK with me."

Situations like Collier's are becoming more and more commonplace in the world of sports. Because of their religions, even athletes on the professional level are requesting certain days off. Texas Rangers pitcher Edwin Correa recently was given permission to miss Friday night and Saturday afternoon games.

"You have to keep things in perspective," said Price. "This is only a game. It's not more important than your beliefs. Other people make a bigger deal about Chris' situation than the team or I do."

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



FIVE-YEAR STUDY — Peterborough, Ont., brethren present their pastor, Kenneth Frank Jr., and his family with a cake and gifts Dec. 20 near the conclusion of a five-year Bible study from Genesis to Revelation he conducted for the congregation.

Pastor reaches five-year goal

Peterborough, Ont., brethren honored their pastor, Kenneth Frank Jr., and his family Dec. 20 with cake and beverages. The celebration marked the completion 2½ weeks later of a five-year Bible

study of Genesis to Revelation for the church.

Fred McGovarin, a local church elder, presented a pictorial Bible encyclopedia, flowers and a framed list of members. *Lillie Robinson.*

Golden Ambassadors dine and dance

"The Young and the Young at Heart" was the theme for the second annual formal dinner for Iowa

Nordics ski in Sweden

Twenty-nine Church members and children from Denmark, Norway and Sweden, participated in a winter sports weekend beginning Dec. 25 in Hofors, Sweden.

Ingemar Wennerblom made preparations for the weekend, which included daily ski tours in the wintry countryside around the town and alpine skiing. In the evening the group gathered for snacks, children's games and watching *World Tomorrow* telecasts in a rented clubhouse.

Carl Aas, a local church elder in the Oslo, Norway, church, conducted Sabbath services Dec. 27, and Mr. Wennerblom was host for a dinner for the group in the clubhouse. *Goran Bring.*

City, Iowa, senior citizens Jan. 17.

A royal purple velvet cloth with *Golden Ambassadors* lettered in gold decorated the head table. Twenty guests sat at decorated tables and dined by candlelight.

Youth Educational Services (YES)-age children served and provided entertainment. After the

meal they presented a program of songs, a finger play and skits. Jason Hrabak was master of ceremonies.

Max Albee and Joseph Rehor are coordinators of the senior group. Douglas Kranch, Colleen Rehor, Leo Preston and Tom Schear assisted with the entertainment program. *Geraldine Tenold.*

ATTENTION 'ACCENT' WRITERS

Thanks to those of you who have submitted "Accent on the Local Church" reports that were not published. We appreciate your efforts and regret that we cannot acknowledge each report.

Because "Accent" now occupies only one-half page in the paper, we cannot report the majority of events from each church area. Instead, the focus will be on human interest and ideas that may be beneficial to other areas.

We will rarely run articles on activities such as Spokesman Club meetings or ladies nights, district family weekends and other activities most church areas have — unless an area has implemented a new idea that could be encouraging or helpful to other areas. We ask that writers (1) focus on unusual aspects of activities, (2) include how the activity was organized, (3) use comments from brethren to add interest to articles, (4) be selective about which activities to write about and (5) send in no more than four items each year.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — A new Summer Educational Program (SEP) site on the Church-owned farm in Kuntunse, Ghana, was approved Feb. 8 by evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration in Pasadena.

Most of the 27-acre property in Kuntunse, which is near Accra, Ghana, is used for farming, but part of the site will now be used for the SEP camp.

A sports area for soccer and volleyball will be developed before the camp begins in July, according to Mr. Salyer.



JOSEF FORSON

Josef Forson, pastor of the Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, churches, will be camp director, and about 50 campers will attend.

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PASADENA — Keith Stump, a *Plain Truth* senior writer, returned Jan. 18 from a three-week, six-country trip to South America, to



KEITH STUMP

gather material for a coming series of *Plain Truth* articles.

Mr. Stump described the trip as "productive and eye-opening." He

Newsstands

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they can be so effective. They are not a threat to store owners because they are viewed as customers. Many also have time in the afternoons."

The new program has a major emphasis on outside displays. Thousands of stands are being manufactured. "The street displays are highly visible and can be rotated frequently throughout the cities. We're going to make it almost impossible for people not to see the *PT*," Mr. Elliott said.

Plain Truth newsstand distribution has been phased out in U.S. church areas not involved in the new program, but a *Plain Truth* card and brochure program will run in those areas. Guidelines for the card and brochure program are being prepared for church pastors, according to John LaBissoniere, newsstand traffic manager. "The program will run similarly to the new newsstand program as far as management and organization."

said everything went smoothly, with only one "close call" along the way.

One hour into a three-hour trip from Cusco to Machupicchu, Peru, his train rounded a curve and screeched to a halt, where boulders were piled on the tracks.

The guards searched the surrounding hills for members of *Sendero Luminoso*, a Marxist terrorist group active in Peru, but found no guerrillas. One guard said it was unusual for the terrorists to abandon an ambush once preparations had progressed so far.

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PASADENA — Each week the

Mail Processing Center (MPC) receives 10 to 20 letters written in foreign languages, according to evangelist Richard Rice, MPC director.

Letters written in languages in which the Church publishes literature are forwarded to the appropriate office or department for handling, Mr. Rice said.

Language skills of employees and Ambassador College students are used in answering letters written in such languages as Farsi (Persian), Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Russian, Swahili, Thai or Ukrainian.

"Occasionally we have no way to translate a letter," Mr. Rice said. When that happens, the writer is notified in English or an intermediary language that MPC personnel cannot translate the letter, and the languages in which *The Plain Truth* is published are listed.

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PASADENA — An article about Pasadena that appeared in the

January issue of Pacific Southwest Airlines' in-flight magazine mentioned the Ambassador Auditorium.

The article said that residents are "enthusiastic about the quality of musical performances presented at the Civic Auditorium, the Ambassador Auditorium and Caltech, even if they have never attended any."

Mayor John Crowley said: "The performing arts continue to be seen as vitally important to the people who live here — the reopening of the Pasadena Playhouse, the debut of the California Music Theatre, the astounding quality of performances offered at the Ambassador Auditorium and the enormous support for our Pasadena Symphony in a town this size make us continually proud."

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand — All four baptized members in Vanuatu escaped the effects of Cyclone

Uma, which devastated the South Pacific nation Feb. 7, according to Rex Morgan, pastor of the Whangarei, New Zealand, church.

The cyclone destroyed the capital, Vila, and left 45 dead and 20,000 homeless. Damage was estimated at \$150 million.

Ninety-five percent of the shops and houses in Vila were severely damaged.

"Our only member living there at the time, Euan Kanas, reported that his home was virtually untouched. He commented that most of the houses in the town had their roofs blown off, and a couple of roofs actually landed on top of his house," Mr. Morgan said.

The other three members and eight prospective members live in the north part of the country, which was bypassed by the cyclone.

Two prospective members living on the island of Tanna lost their house and most of their possessions. The Auckland Office is providing them with aid, Mr. Morgan said.

FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN



PASADENA — Paul Njamta has been one of the key men helping to keep the French-speaking church together in the United Republic of Cameroon, said John Halford, an associate producer of *The World Tomorrow* telecast.

Mr. Njamta, a deacon, oversees the church in Cameroon with his wife, Marie-Therese, from their home in Mbalmayo. They attended the Jan. 28 to Feb. 10 Ministerial



PAUL & MARIE-THERESE NJAMTA Refreshing Program here — their first visit to the Pasadena Ambassador College campus.

Mr. Njamta said both English and French are spoken in Cameroon. According to Mr. Halford, "*Cameroon*, which means 'prawn' in Portuguese, was named that because the Portuguese found prawns in a river there."

Mr. Njamta said that 70 French-speaking members regularly listen to tapes in their homes in Yaounde, Douala and Makak (see Feb. 9 *Worldwide News*, page 9). The brethren also know some English "because much reading material is distributed in English."

Mr. Njamta, a bank manager with three children, can't meet with all the members, who live in 12 towns throughout Cameroon. "But I visit them — I must visit them," he said. "I try to help them as much as possible."

The brethren greatly appreciated Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's visit to Kenya in August, 1986, Mr. Njamta said. "It was wonderful. Cameroon brethren were very, very happy."

Although the Western world has made inroads in Cameroon, the West is not really viewed as a cultural or moral threat, "because it brings a lot of good things. Things like education, knowledge and hygiene," Mr. Njamta explained. "Many improvements have been made in these areas."

"In Cameroon we have a very difficult social life. We need to be taught. Only the Church can bring right spiritual knowledge."

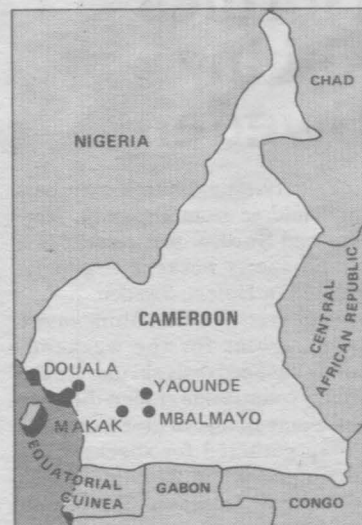
Mr. Njamta continued: In Cameroonian society, "we have traditional values. The father is father at any time. The husband is husband at any time. Of course, in that area men in Cameroon take too much authority. God says the husband is to take care of the family."

Mr. Njamta's first contact with the Church was in the early 1970s. He related: "At that time we had many denominations in Cameroon. Every denomination had its own policies and doctrines. But then I saw God's ministers coming to Cameroon. The first minister was Mr. [Richard] Frankel, then Mr. [Harold] Jackson, who baptized me in 1972."

"Their way of doing things was very different," he continued. "They were very gentle. They had friendship in mind. All the brethren in Cameroon appreciate that."

The man who "broke the ice" with Cameroonians was Bernard Andrist, pastor of the Geneva and Neuchatel, Switzerland, churches, who, along with other ministers, would stop in Douala.

"We had always perceived foreigners, especially white men, as hostile," Mr. Njamta said. "But Mr. Andrist talked gently. That's what struck me. We saw in him a man who had been in Africa for 11 years, and he knew how to talk to people. From that time, the church



CHURCH IN CAMEROON — Brethren from 12 towns in the West African country of Cameroon listen to tapes in Yaounde, Douala and Makak. [Map by Ronald Grove]

really began to grow.

"Mr. Andrist used to talk about Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong all the time," he added. "So people grew to love Mr. Armstrong. We began to see that the Church was really a good organization."

Raymond Clore, a local church elder now living in Jerusalem, lived in Cameroon from 1979 to 1981. "After the departure of Mr. Clore, Mr. Apartian asked me to oversee things in Cameroon until the Church is recognized," Mr. Njamta said. "That is what I'm trying to do now."

Greece and East Africa trip

David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa in the Borehamwood, England, Office, conducted Sabbath services in Athens, Greece, Dec. 13 and visited a Greek woman who speaks English, French and Hebrew, besides her native Greek.

After Greece Mr. Stirk traveled to Malawi to visit the new associate pastor, Kenneth Buck, and his wife, Hilary, in Blantyre, the largest city in Malawi.

"They were settling in well and looking forward to the challenge of their responsibilities," Mr. Stirk said.

Mr. Stirk then looked at land allocated for a Church-owned building and discussed building and surveying requirements.

God provided His Church with a "prime site," said Mr. Stirk. "It is situated close to the Malawi Telecommunications Centre and just across the road from the French Cultural Centre."

"All the brethren were excited by the latest developments in the Church building project," he reported.

Mr. Stirk conducted Sabbath services and a Bible study in a hotel in Blantyre Dec. 20. He returned to England Dec. 21.

Japan and North Pacific

In 1986 the baptism of the second Japanese member living in Japan brought the membership there to six, reported Guy Ames, regional director of the Philippines.

"In the course of the year, interest in the Church has grown and several people have expressed a desire for personal contact on the next ministerial visit to Japan scheduled for March," Mr. Ames said.

Mr. Ames added that a "massive increase" in *Plain Truth* circulation in Japan also took place in 1986. Circulation jumped from 3,620 to 13,545 in a single year.

No new visit requests were received from Guam. When the temporary work assignment of a member and her husband ends in Guam, the membership there will be one.

One member lives in Yap, an island in the newly independent Federated States of Micronesia. "However a small newsstand established there over a year ago is bearing fruit

as shown in the rise of the *PT* circulation from eight to 50 during the year," Mr. Ames said.

Telecast in Philippines

World Tomorrow telecast responses in the Philippines more than tripled from 1985 to 1986, according to Mr. Ames.

"The GMA Network, which airs the programs on seven stations throughout the country, including Metro Manila... is very economical," he said.

One Filipino member who lives on the island of Saipan, in the Northern Marianas, was planning to return to the Philippines soon.

German-language area

Tapes of the *World Tomorrow* telecast are produced and played in German-language churches, according to Frank Schnee, regional director for German-speaking areas.

"The telecast, which airs on Sky Channel at 1 a.m. every Sunday, is taped, and a German translation is made for one of two sound tracks," Mr. Schnee said.

When members in German-speaking churches watch the videotape (a half hour after services each week), "those who don't understand English can listen to the German sound track over infrared wireless earphones while the original English is played over the sound system."

"This is proving to be uplifting for the members, since they see the potential for the work and the fact that Europe needs the telecast," Mr. Schnee said.

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