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College moves academic program to Big Sandy

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach announced the consolidation of Ambassador College's four-year liberal arts program in Big Sandy at a student assembly in the Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 14.

The move will be fully implemented in August 1990.

Student residences, said President Donald Ward, will be built to house more than 450 additional students. Enrollment will be about 975 students on campus.

In attendance for Mr. Tkach's announcement were students, faculty and Pasadena-based Church employees. Local church elders attending the 21st session of Ministerial Refreshing Program V watched on closed circuit television.

Students in Big Sandy listened to

Mr. Tkach's address by audio hookup in the convention center.

The Pasadena campus continues as international headquarters for the Church, the Ambassador Foundation and the performing arts program.

Writing to ministers in the Dec. 19 Pastor General's Report evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, said: "Most of you will immediately see the wisdom of setting this course for the college before entering into the process of accreditation."

"It certainly makes sense to consolidate the strengths of both academic programs and provide the best possible educational opportunity for our young people."

Under the auspices of the college in Texas, an extension program on

the Pasadena campus is planned for about 200 freshmen and selected upperclassmen, according to Dr. Ward.

After a year in Pasadena, these students will transfer to Big Sandy for the rest of their academic career at Ambassador.

The Television, Editorial, Publishing, Mail Processing and foreign-language departments remain in Pasadena as does the Ministerial Refreshing Program.

"We regret that we will lose even a small part of Ambassador," said Pasadena Mayor William Thomson, who added that he recognized the college's limitations on expansion," the Los Angeles Times reported Dec. 15.

"Ambassador College can be built anywhere," Dr. Ward said at a (See BIG SANDY, page 3)



FIRST SHOVELFUL—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach breaks ground for the new administration building on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus Dec. 7. At right are evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, and Rick van Pelt, director of Facilities Services in Pasadena. [Photo by Jason Frantz]

Officials break ground for building in Texas

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach broke ground Dec. 7 for the new administration building on the Big Sandy campus. The building is scheduled to be completed by late spring 1990.

Evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, opened the ground-breaking ceremony. Dr. Ward introduced guests Steven

Rogers, president and chief executive officer, and Patrick O'Brien, vice president and chief operating officer, of the construction company Rogers & O'Brien; and the mayor of Big Sandy, Johnny Baird.

"Through the years this beautiful campus has been carved out of the natural beauty of the East Texas woods," Dr. Ward said.

"Ambassador College believes that education will shape the course of the future, and we're committed to helping the world to become a better place for all of mankind."

Dr. Ward introduced Mr. Tkach to conduct the ceremony. Mr. Tkach said that the new building would not only be beautiful but also functional.

"We do want to make it appealing to the eye and certainly reflect everything that we say and do and are striving to accomplish in all our efforts here," Mr. Tkach said.

Faculty members, administrators and guests joined Mr. Tkach at a reception in the faculty dining room.

Mr. Tkach flew to the Big Sandy area Dec. 7 on the Church's British Aerospace Corp. (BAC) 1-11 jet. He was accompanied by Gary Antion, Big Sandy dean of students; Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's executive assistant; evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer; Michael Rasmussen, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant; Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs; Julie Stocker, administrative assis-

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PERSONAL FROM

✓ Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

For some time now, I have been asking for the prayers of the brethren regarding important decisions about the immediate and long-range future of the Work.

In a meeting of all Pasadena employees and Ambassador College students Dec. 14, I was able to announce certain exciting decisions that I believe are going to result in very positive steps forward for the long-term effectiveness of Ambassador College and the Work in general!

After months of extensive research and investigation by the college administration and various other administrative and financial personnel of the Church, it has become clear that the support of two separate college campuses in the United States is an inefficient use of funds and facilities.

Maximum benefit of available personnel, facilities and funds can only be obtained by consolidating our Ambassador College academic programs on one campus.

But these factors are only part of the background. Ambassador College is also at a crossroads because of the legal requirements governing higher education in both California and Texas.

In order to grant degrees we must receive state approval. Moreover, the State of Texas requires that a college achieve accreditation within eight years after initial certification is granted. Our deadline in Texas is July 31, 1991.

In other words, we must at least achieve candidacy by then or be left with the alternative of granting religious degrees only. This means that Ambassador College Texas would have to become strictly a Bible college.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong's vision of Ambassador College from its inception was a coeducational, liberal arts college. He never intended that Ambassador become just a Bible college. He knew that a broadly based liberal arts education was essential for developing balanced leadership for the Church and society.

The State of California passed a new law in October of this year that does away with the religious category for nonaccredited colleges. Beginning Jan. 1, 1991, all nonaccredited colleges in California must apply for approved status. The requirements for this status are essentially the same as for accreditation.

In addition, it is expected that it is only a matter of time before California also passes legislation that will require nonaccredited schools to become accredited.

So the legal environment of both states now demands that both campuses move to another status.

We believe that we must seek accreditation or close the colleges, since the alternative of being only a Bible college does not conform to the historic mission of Ambassador College. The dividends of an Ambassador education for the individual and the Church of God are too great to consider closing the colleges.

However, we believe that our resources are stretched too thin to try to accredit two separate colleges.

Therefore, in a recent meeting of the college's board of directors, the decision was made to combine the Pasadena and Big Sandy academic programs of Ambassador College on the Texas campus.

The transition will be in place for the fall of 1990, and the accreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will continue uninterrupted under the new configuration.

Although this decision is vital to the long-term efficiency of the college as well as its value to the

Church, the consolidation will initially require construction of adequate dormitory and instruction space in Big Sandy.

Freshmen in Pasadena

We will continue, however, to have a freshman class in Pasadena as an extension of the Big Sandy program. This can be done at minimal cost and will provide more young people with the opportunity to attend Ambassador.

The additional freshman class in Pasadena will also provide the student work force necessary for the upkeep of the grounds and buildings here. We are also formulating plans to have a one-year work-study program for selected upperclassmen in Pasadena to give them experience in headquarters operations.

Under careful study is also the possibility of moving one or more major departments of the Work to Big Sandy, where building costs for the Work and housing costs for our employees are considerably less than in Southern California.

If God leads me to see that some parts of the Work should be relocated in Texas, sale of any resulting unused facilities here would also help in the costs of (See PERSONAL, page 5)



WASHINGTON VISIT—First Lady Barbara Bush welcomes Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach Dec. 3 at a White House reception before the Kennedy Center Honors. [Photo courtesy White House Photo Office]

1989 will be known as year of Europe

PASADENA—More than 16 years ago U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger predicted that 1973 would be the year of Europe.

However, 1973 turned out to be, if anything, the year of war in the Middle East, followed by a boycott of Western nations by oil-producing countries in the region.

Instead, 1989 has been the true year of Europe. It was the year in which Communist rule collapsed all over Eastern Europe.

Some of the groundwork was laid in years past. But the climax occurred in a crescendo that the Dec. 17 Los Angeles *Times*, with slight journalistic license, observed as having taken "10 years in Poland, 10 months in Hungary, 10 weeks in East Germany, and 10 days in Czechoslovakia."

Now comes word that Romania's Nicolae Ceausescu has been toppled after a week of demonstrations. "We want democracy, freedom and integration in Europe," reported a



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

Bucharest radio dispatch.

Not long ago, a senior U.S. foreign policy maker confessed that his government had two sets of policies for Eastern Europe—one for the night's network news and one for the year 2010.

The big problem, he said, was the "middle distance, the policy for 1995." But he also reiterated that the long-term objective in Europe—what President George Bush calls a "Europe whole and free"—was also short on details.

Mr. Bush's superpower rival, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, is equally challenged to give direction

to the changes he himself has been instrumental in unleashing.

What to do with Germany?

The biggest foreign policy issue the two superpowers have to deal with is the looming prospect of German reunification.

Mr. Gorbachev does not want to deal with this issue now or anytime soon—like the rest of the century.

The reforming Communist leadership of East Germany also urges a go-slow approach, despite increasing public protests in favor of "Germany, a single fatherland."

New chairman Gregor Gysi

claims reunification would threaten peace and stability in Europe; that even to discuss it is "playing with fire." (Left unsaid is that reunification would eliminate the remaining power the East German Communists have.)

The 41-year-old leader also said that a united Germany could result in a victory for right-wing political forces. This was an obvious response to the announcement by the Bavarian-based Republicans Party, which has scored a string of minor electoral victories in West Germany, that it will attempt to establish a sister party in East Germany. The *Republikaner* outspokenly promote reunification.

In any case, Mr. Gorbachev, Mr. Gysi and politicians elsewhere may be fighting a losing battle.

"Diplomats, blinkered by their prejudice in favor of existing arrangements," wrote George F. Will

in the Dec. 18 *Newsweek*, "are often the last to see what is happening. Today they are earnestly asking a question that history has already answered: Will Germany be reunified? It already is."

"Institutional details remain to be resolved but in what matters most, consciousness, Germans suddenly are one people again . . . Politicians who think history can be tamed by legalisms are trying to lasso a locomotive with a cobweb lariat."

Germany's identity problem

For their part, West German officials continue to emphasize that reunification, when it occurs, should be attained only in the context of a larger, unified Europe.

"The architecture of Germany must fit within the architecture of Europe," said one Bonn official.

Yet Germany's geographical architecture has always been a problem. Unlike many other European states, Germany's borders have con-

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Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Who me, give the prayer?

The audience was restless as John rambled on in his first sermonette—oops, I mean opening prayer!

I have to admit that my mind wandered, also. I thought, Wouldn't it be nice to have guidelines on how to give opening and closing prayers?

I remember the first time I was asked to give the opening prayer. I went into shell shock. For weeks after that I made myself inconspicuous the few minutes before services started. I hid behind the pillars of the hall we were meeting in for fear of being called upon to give the prayer.

Have any of you men felt this way? What, after all, is the purpose of opening prayers? Are they supposed to make services sound more religious? Would it make any difference if we did not have such prayers? Are they part of a meaningless ritual? Not at all!

God instructs us to not use "vain repetitions" (Matthew 6:7). An opening prayer should not be vain, worthless or repetitious. It should not be a mere mouthing of words.

Some have repeated "Father" a dozen or more times in an opening prayer. This certainly is vain repetition.

Nor should an opening prayer be overly long. Because a prayer is short does not mean it is ineffective. The Bible has examples of brief prayers that moved God to perform miracles.

An opening prayer should be prayed in earnest, believing faith. Expect that prayer to make a difference in the service that follows.

The primary purpose of this type of prayer is to ask for God's guidance and inspiration on the service—both the hearing and the speaking. The prayer covers the singing and the announcement period in addition to the sermonette and sermon.

It would be appropriate to thank God for the opportunity to meet in peace. You could express gratitude for the meeting hall or the weather or other conditions with which the church has been blessed. Paul says we should be "giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20, New King James).

The most important thing is to ask and expect God's inspiration on the sermonette and the sermon. You could ask that Christ be present in spirit to guide the proceedings. Ask

God to speak through his instruments and lead them to say what is most profitable for the congregation.

As the world becomes more violent and Satan's wrath intensifies, it becomes more necessary also to ask God for protection. We have enjoyed relative peace in services and little outside interference. But times are changing. Violence, hatred, persecution and intolerance are increasing.

Of course, other areas could be mentioned in an opening prayer, depending on individual situations.

Keep in mind that you are speaking to God—not to the audience be-

confident without conceit. Be humble but not groveling. Use a normal, clear voice and avoid theatrics.

If you are to lead the closing prayer, follow the same procedure in getting to the stage as with the opening prayer.

Make an effort to indicate to God that you did comprehend the sermonette and sermon and derive benefit from them. Often, closing prayers are so general that they are unrelated to the message that preceded them.

Express gratitude for the spiritual food God has provided, perhaps mentioning some specific points in the messages, and briefly ask God to enable members of the congregation to apply the points in their lives.

It is not necessary to summarize or add additional points to the sermon. Primarily, the closing prayer is intended to ask God to help the congregation achieve the object the speaker had in mind.

Sometimes the sermon is to educate us. Occasionally it is to correct. Sometimes encouragement is the object. But not all sermons are meant to

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fore you. Remember it is a prayer.

Avoid King James English. The language of 1611 does not make a prayer more effective. Jesus did not use it!

Be sincere. Do not pray a canned or well-rehearsed prayer. Let God inspire your words.

Stick to the point. An opening prayer is meant to open services. There is not time or need to cover the entire spectrum of current events, every detail of the plan of salvation or your cousin Elmer's sore toe.

Avoid false humility. Humility is commendable, when it is sincere, but some have banged their heads on the microphone because they bowed too low. Speak into the microphone and not into your tie clasp.

When you are called upon, avoid making a grand entrance with commotion. During the last song, move discreetly to the outside aisle and walk to the stage. As the last strains of the song are sung you should be two or three feet from the song leader. That way you are ready when the hymn is over. There shouldn't be any time lag after the hymn.

Do not make the opening prayer a sermonette. It is not intended as a witness or testimonial or anything of that sort. Be sincere, straightforward and unaffected. Get your mind off self and say what you have to say. Be

encourage, and not all are intended to correct. Strive to understand what the speaker had in mind and relate your request in the prayer to it.

It is appropriate to ask God's protection on brethren as they travel home. Sometimes the minister may have a long drive between churches and weather to cope with.

The announcements may have had news of a sick person or some other crisis. You could allude to such areas in the closing prayer.

Many neglect to acknowledge the sermonette in the closing prayer. This is natural, since the sermon often overwhelms the sermonette simply because of length and impact. But the sermonette is part of our spiritual food, and we ought to thank God for it.

If you have been inspired by the messages, it is not wrong to express this in your prayer. But do not writhe in an emotional display and create an embarrassing scene. And remember, the closing prayer, as the opening prayer, should not be overlong.

The guidelines in this article are given to help you, and are not a set of rigid rules. If you are called on to lead an opening or closing prayer, look upon it as an opportunity and a blessing. And be sure your prayer is one to which the whole congregation can sincerely say "Amen" (so be it).

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



British society suffers damage from within

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Keeping up with the news is necessary, so listening to the radio on the way to work became a habit.

However, hearing so much bad news in the morning affected my attitude, so I purchased some cassettes of Winston Churchill's wartime speeches.

No matter how dire the circumstances, Mr. Churchill's speeches were marked by unflagging optimism: "Conquer we must—and conquer we shall."

Many of his radio speeches talk of a better world to come—"of broader lands and better days."

Mr. Churchill concluded the first public speech he made after resigning from No. 10 Downing Street in 1955 with this observation: "Britain is regarded as being territorially unambitious, wise, and sober and, above all, morally and physically fearless and unconquerable."

"Let us make sure we do not cast away by casual or careless behavior the reputation upon which both our influence in the world and our safety depend."

Were he alive today, Mr. Churchill would be shocked by some aspects of British behavior.

Some of Britain's basic dignity has been tarnished. The United Kingdom has not fallen to an aggressive neighbor, but it has suffered damage from within.

Many British citizens are horrified by the headlines. Journalist Paul Johnson wrote of "Filthy Streets That Shame Our Nation." He called Britain the "rubbish bin of Europe."

Commenting on outbursts of soccer hooliganism, Robert Harris wrote of a "sorry job lurking in the soul of Britain." (A job has usually been defined as a hooligan or lout. Today's British definition, though, is a Briton traveling abroad, usually to watch soccer.)

Fans on the rampage through the streets are a source of national shame.

Yearly assaults on police have increased to 20,000. Drug pushers are in every major city. Britain leads Europe in divorce. Worse yet is increasing child abuse.

This is not the sort of behavior Mr. Churchill would have approved

of. Nor those British citizens who desire to maintain the integrity of the nation. The gulf between the ideal and reality is widening.

Britain is blessed by the stability of long-term political leadership and by a concerned royal family.

The prime minister is well regarded in most international climes. So is the royal family.

But the personal fabric of society is being eroded. Deep down, many British people sense it.

The people of Britain are the descendants of Ephraim. The book of Hosea is a prophecy for Britain today.

Hosea 4:1 tells of the behavior of all too many Britons: "Hear the word of the Lord . . . for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land."

What a tragedy for a people who have prided themselves on their sense of fair play, their values of honesty, loyalty and integrity.

In Hosea 6:4 the prophet laments, "O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? . . . for your goodness is a morning cloud, and as the early dew goeth away."

Britain's righteousness is not substantial or long lasting. The golden age fades fast in the context of a lack of personal morality.

Bible prophecy indicates rough weather ahead for the British people.

For this reason modern Ephraim is urged: "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."

If only the beautiful island that inspired the speeches of Mr. Churchill would respond to the prophet's words.

But whatever the current response, we are assured that in the end of the day all will come right for Britain. God said, "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away" (Hosea 14:4).

After a period of national punishment, God promises to restore the British people. Their behavior will be righted. Britain will become great once again.

U.S. senator talks to students about Europe, Soviet Union

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"The possibilities of creating a conversation with free people—free in the sense of democratic dialogue and free markets—right across Europe is an opportunity that should not be missed."

So said Sen. Richard Lugar to Ambassador College students, faculty and a number of employees gathered in the Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 12 for the college's weekly student assembly.

Sen. Lugar, a Republican, the senior senator from Indiana, served as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during the Reagan administration. He spoke about German reunification, Europe and the Soviet Union.

After Mr. Lugar's address, Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach was host at a reception for civic and business leaders and Church officials.

Arms control, troop withdrawal

Mr. Lugar began his address by explaining arms control negotiations and how the numbers of U.S. and Soviet troops and missiles in Europe could be brought to parity.

"We don't know how many Soviet troops are in Europe—we suspect 600,000 to 700,000. We're trying to cap off troop levels at 275,000 on both sides. That is a very substantial withdrawal for the Soviet-Warsaw Pact side.

"On our side, we have 310,000 Americans in Europe, so we'd be bringing out 35,000.

"The thought is that we try to reach parity with troops and likewise tanks, and that would carry forward to aircraft, armored carriers and other so-called conventional weapons—about 100,000 pieces of armament."

Sen. Lugar hastened to add that "unilateral disarmament on our part would be absolutely fatal to the process . . . because we would have chaos and no early-warning system."

Events leading to liberty

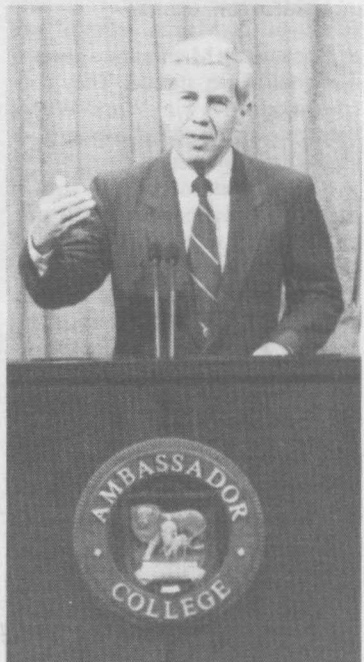
Mr. Lugar illustrated events

leading to the breaching of the Berlin Wall Nov. 9.

The beatings and deaths of East Berliners by secret police led to moral outrage, resulting in ever-growing meetings and rallies at Lutheran churches and plazas beginning last spring.

The East Berlin government then asked for Soviet troops to quell the protests.

"That became the essential question," according to Sen. Lugar. But



U.S. SENATOR—Richard Lugar, the senior senator from Indiana, speaks to Ambassador College students, faculty and Church employees Dec. 12. Sen. Lugar was chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during the Reagan administration. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev refused, and the movement became irreversible.

Sen. Lugar said that the United States fears a neutral Germany that builds up its arms outside of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) constraints.

At issue will be "the type of unification in Germany and Germany's ties to other countries."

Cries for freedom

About Poland's efforts to become democratic the senator said: "No state has ever moved from a socialist to a free market system. There's no historical road map."

About the Soviet Union, Sen. Lugar said the United States fears

that Mr. Gorbachev may grow impatient with outcries and displays of nationalism in various sectors of the country and seek to repress its citizens.

Questions and answers

In response to a question about U.S. presence in Europe, Sen. Lugar said that suddenly the United States is "more loved than we have been in some time.

"The Germans can't conceive of a Europe without the United States heavily involved. The French and the Soviets now, too, after the Wall, want the United States involved."

And East Germans want U.S. investment and presence permanently, he added.

The United States, however, will work to encourage European countries to provide their own defense.

"We're on the threshold of a chemical weapons treaty to include all nations of the world to try to put that genie back in the bottle."

Big Sandy

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Dec. 19 college forum during which he announced the administrative structure of the college in Texas.

"Ambassador College is an approach, an attitude, a way of life, that burns in the hearts and minds of men and women, young and old, around the globe."

Big Sandy administration

Dr. Ward will continue as president. Richard Thompson will be dean of student affairs; Gary Antion, dean of students; Michael Germano, dean of academic affairs; and William Stenger, dean of instruction.

Departments and directors will be Lynn Torrance, admissions and registrar; Jeb Egbert, career services; Richard Walther, institutional research; John Crissinger, library.

Thomas Kirkpatrick, business administration and economics;

Howard Baker, computer information services; John Beaver, English; Richard Paige, history; Sandra Brenner, home economics.

Dennis Robertson, mass communications; William Stenger, mathematics and science; David Wainwright, modern foreign languages and literature; Ross Jutsum, music; Gilbert Norman, physical education; and Russell Duke, speech.

Directors for psychology and theology are yet to be determined.

Pasadena administration

In Pasadena, English composition will be taught by Eric Mohr; physical education, Roy Thomson and Marsha Suckling; speech, Richard Ames; principles of living, Gary Richards.

Survey of the gospels, Ronald Kelly; Old Testament survey, Arthur Suckling, also financial aids officer; epistles of Paul, David Albert; home economics, Melinda Mez; and introduction to philosophy and New Testament Greek, Kyriacos Stavrinides.

Instructors for courses in Bible,

computers and music are yet to be determined, said Dr. Ward.

Special students in Pasadena will work 30 to 40 hours a week in various departments and take some upper-division courses.

Dr. Ward announced that international students cannot be special students in Pasadena, "because to legally be in the country they must be taking 12 hours and enrolled in a degree program." Therefore, international upperclassmen will attend in Big Sandy.

A Big Sandy welcome

After Mr. Tkach announced the move to Big Sandy, Dr. Ward presented a card from students and faculty to Gary Antion, who was named dean of students in Big Sandy last semester.

Mr. Antion said: "When I was transferred to Big Sandy . . . I didn't have a hesitation. I'll tell you why: because of the friendliness and the warmth and the love that's evident down there on the campus."

Mr. Antion continued: "I know all of them are saying to you, 'Ya'll come!' They are going to be ready and waiting to welcome you with some tremendous Texas hospitality."

Said Belinda van Heere, a junior from Penrith, Australia: "The country atmosphere and openness in Big Sandy is a great place to relax and meditate, especially on the Sabbath with a stroll through the Piney Woods. I also feel more a part of the community in Big Sandy."

Melinda Unzicker, a junior from Nebraska who attended in Big Sandy for two years, said: "Finding work there will be a challenge, but I think many going are ecstatic. Others have mixed emotions."

"There will be some sacrifices," Dr. Ward said. "That's happened any time God's people have moved."

Dr. Ward explained how horseback riding is part of the physical education program in Big Sandy, and recreational riding is available.

Students can use the 46-acre Lake Loma for swimming, fishing and boating, a nine-hole golf course, three full-size softball fields, a full-size soccer field, a 440-yard track with a football field in the middle, tennis and racquetball courts, and bicycling and jogging trails.

Two gymnasiums are available, one of which has received "a tremendous facelift" and will be air-conditioned in the next few months.

Dr. Ward said the international projects will continue, with students being sent to Thailand, Sri Lanka, Jordan and the archaeological excavations in Israel and Syria.

"Into all the world . . ."

First-time viewers

At 11 o'clock on channel 9 I heard a most wonderful program. I am a first-time listener and am overwhelmed. I am grateful beyond words.

J.H.
Los Angeles

I just happened to run across your program on Sunday when I was flipping channels. I had never watched it before. I enjoyed it very much, since it was like a Bible study program rather than straight preaching. I read the Bible, but sometimes find it hard to understand. Your program was very helpful.

M.J.
Norton, Ohio

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Staying sane

I just couldn't believe your program today. All of a sudden my eyes were opened! I could see light at the end of the tunnel. I really need this literature. My husband and I were just divorced, I lost custody of my kids and I almost lost my job. I really need to stay sane.

Chicago, Ill.

I really needed this program. I'm currently seeing a doctor about stress. I turned on the TV and your program was there—like a light. It's just what I needed right now.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

This was a very timely program today.

A lot of people face stress at this time of year. They need some reliable sources to turn to for help.

San Diego, Calif.

This program is good because it applies to all of us. As you know, Christmas is coming up. If you can send me two copies [of *Staying Sane*], I can give one copy to a friend as a gift. That way she'll be introduced to your program and start watching it too.

San Diego, Calif.

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Religion—dead or alive?

Today's subject concerning religion and the absence of ethics and morality really struck a responsive chord in my mind. It is good to see that there are people who are aware of those who practice a superficial type of religion.

Randolph, N.J.

I thought the program was good—unusually good. I've stopped watching religious programs because there are just so many questions unanswered. Your program seems to be answering some of those questions.

Newark, Ill.

I really enjoyed your program. My wife and I were just discussing how few people we know who go to church. I just get discouraged with the lack of morality in this society. It has degenerated so far.

Tulsa, Okla.

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tracted or expanded down through history.

"The issues of German unity and German identity," reported the Dec. 10 New York Times, "have plagued this nation for almost two centuries, as nationalist feelings and German romanticism have been superimposed on a succession of attempts to bring the German states together."

This tortuous history, continued the Times, "has left the German people with a fear of their own history" and unease about what lies ahead.

Wolfgang Kohlhase, one of East Germany's top film scriptwriters, expressed this fear most eloquently in a comment to the Times:

"What is important is what happens in the next two to three years," Mr. Kohlhase said. "German unity is a sleeping dog today, a barking dog tomorrow and, the day after that, a biting dog. It worries me."

It worries others too, despite sincere assurances from leading figures in Bonn.

One obvious reason for the concern is the wealth that the Federal

Republic has at its disposal, ready to be used to influence the outcome of events in East Germany and all of Eastern Europe.

On a state visit to Poland, Chancellor Helmut Kohl offered the Poles a \$2.6 billion aid and investment package, surpassing by several times the amount offered by the cash-strapped U.S. Congress.

But even this offer is nothing compared with what Mr. Kohl, on the eve of his year-end trip to East Germany, announced his countrymen were prepared to do for their kith-and-kin in the German Democratic Republic.

A West German newspaper said that the Kohl government was prepared to guarantee \$57 billion worth of private business investments in the East over the next 10 years.

The East German government will have to introduce a free market economy to qualify to receive this assistance. But it will be extremely difficult for East Germany to refuse \$5.7 billion annually, amounting to about \$345 a year for each citizen.

This has indeed been a momentous year. Above all, it has brought about a brand new ball game regarding European, and specifically German, affairs.

Failed coup shuts down office in Philippines for one week

By Rodney Matthews and Paul Kieffer

MANILA, Philippines—Nov. 30, a national holiday in the Philippines, drew to a close with a terse announcement from Gen. Renato de Villa, Philippine Armed Forces chief of staff.

Rodney Matthews, Philippine regional director, and Paul Kieffer, director of Ministerial Services for the Philippine Office, give a firsthand account of the latest coup attempt in the Philippines.

Gen. de Villa's message, broadcast on television before midnight, was that another coup attempt against the government of President Corazon Aquino had begun.

For the sixth time in less than four years, disgruntled army officers of the Reform the Armed Forces Movement (RAM) took

matters into their own hands. This attempt proved to be the most serious challenge yet to Mrs. Aquino's government.

By 5 a.m., Dec. 1, Rodney Matthews, regional director, learned from a concerned Church member that the rebels had control of Philippine Air Force headquarters at Villamor Air Base, adjacent to the international and domestic airports in Manila. All flights were canceled.

The rebels seized another air base southwest of Manila, parts of two army camps in Manila and a government television station. They controlled the skies with World War II vintage planes and helicopter gunships they captured.

Rebel planes bombed and strafed the presidential palace at 6:50 a.m. and bombarded the Philippine Army's logistical headquarters at Camp Aguinaldo, one mile from the homes of Mr. Matthews and Paul Kieffer, director of Ministerial Services in the Philippine Office.

The situation looked serious for the government, but suddenly several Phantom jets appeared. They flew in arcs about 1,000 feet off the ground.

The government announced that the jets were U.S. planes from Clark Air Base (about 50 miles north of Manila), and that Mrs. Aquino had requested U.S. help in defeating the rebels.

The U.S. jets flew over the rebel-held bases, not firing but keeping the rebel planes from taking off, un-

til loyal Philippine Air Force jets arrived to attack the rebel bases. By afternoon, the rebels had lost all of their planes.

After reviewing the situation, Mr. Matthews canceled Sabbath services Dec. 2 in the Metro Manila area and near Clark Air Base.

Dec. 3, after an unsuccessful predawn attempt to penetrate Camp Aguinaldo, the main rebel force surrendered. The Matthews, the Kieffers and other members in the eastern section of the city heard the barrage of mortar and small arms fire throughout the night.

Several members living near Camp Aguinaldo or police headquarters at Camp Crame evacuated their homes to seek safety with relatives and friends.

When the fighting ceased at Camp Aguinaldo, several hundred rebels occupied a portion of Makati, the financial district of Manila, where the Philippine Office is located.

By seizing 20-story buildings at key intersections and firing at anything in the area, the rebels transformed the streets of Makati into a ghost town for five days.

The Philippine government declared the area off limits to civilians, so the regional office was closed Dec. 1 to Dec. 8, when most of the office staff returned to work.

No members live in the areas of Makati directly affected by the siege.

The regional office was not damaged, although some of the larger buildings in the Makati district had superficial damage from sniper fire.

Ninety-eight people died during the coup attempt, and hundreds were wounded. Reports from church pastors in provincial areas indicate that most of the action was in Manila.

A member and his family living near the airport in Legazpi evacuated their home when rebels seized the airport.

Work was disrupted for a week for some brethren on Mactan Island near the Cebu international airport when military forces aligned with the rebels seized the air force base there.

Observers feel that the coup attempt will cause serious damage to the Philippine economy—something that will affect each Philippine member and the Work in the Philippines directly or indirectly.

Q&A from the Pastor General's Report

Should I get a polio vaccine if my child does? I have not been vaccinated and I heard I could contract polio if my child is given a vaccine.

Whether to receive vaccines—or any other medical procedure or drug—must be a personal choice. There are too many medical options and circumstances for the Church to make recommendations for individual cases.

The Church encourages members to gather information to make wise decisions. It is not wise to blindly trust every doctor's recommendation. Nor is it wise to blindly disagree with every doctor.

Many medical procedures, including some vaccines, have been tested for years. Many have proven effective in reducing the frequency and severity of various physical, biological or biochemical problems. But almost all medical procedures also include a certain amount of risk for each individual.

There is a certain risk in taking a vaccine, and there is another risk involved in not taking it. Taking a vaccine is not sin, but some, because of conscience or personal choice, may choose to avoid vaccines.

Risks may be different for different vaccines, different in different nations, different for men and women, different for babies, children, adults and elderly or because of variation in health history.

With that in mind, we will give more information about polio vaccines, because many have asked about them. There are two types, named after their inventors.

The Salk vaccine uses dead, inactive viruses. It must be injected. The dead viruses help the body know what the "enemy" is. Antibodies will then be formed that fight any future polio virus that might somehow get into the body.

The Sabin vaccine uses live viruses that have been weakened. This vaccine can be swallowed. The viruses cause a weak infection in the intestines, where—under normal circumstances—they do no harm, but still cause the body to form antibodies that will fight polio viruses.

In the Western world, most polio vaccinations are given to children. Since children generally do not like injections, U.S. medical authorities prefer the Sabin vaccine, and the

Salk vaccine is not often used.

In areas where most children are vaccinated, extremely few get the disease—far fewer than before the vaccines were used. But, ironically, a few—very few—people get polio because of the vaccine.

Some medical authorities therefore recommend that anyone in the following categories should avoid the live Sabin vaccine:

- anyone with cancer, leukemia or a disease that lowers the body's resistance to disease
- anyone taking cortisone or any other drug that lowers the body's resistance to disease
- anyone who lives in a household with someone with low resistance to disease
- anyone 18 or older
- pregnant women
- anyone sick with any disease more serious than a cold

Note for parents who have not been given a polio vaccine:

Children who have been given a live polio vaccine can give active viruses to others. For four to six weeks after the child receives the live vaccine, dirty diapers, stools and vomit can contain live viruses. In most cases, this does not cause a problem. But in rare cases it can cause polio disease in an adult or child who has not been vaccinated.

Parents should take great care to ensure that their immunized children do not come in contact with people who have not been immunized. Those who have not been immunized should avoid those immunized with a live virus for up to one month.

The chances of infection are low enough that the U.S. Public Health Service recommends that children be given the live vaccine anyway. For those who want to reduce this risk, the dead Salk vaccine is still available, although not common.

The Salk vaccine injection is recommended for children who have low resistance to disease or are living with someone with low resistance. It is recommended for previously unvaccinated adults who plan to travel to a nation where polio is common, or for previously unvaccinated adults whose children will be given the live vaccine.

The Church does not approve nor disapprove these medical recom-

mendations. We are merely reporting information that some want to be aware of. We are not in the business of making medical decisions.

In Western nations, the risk of catching polio is small, whether the adult receives a vaccine or not. Medical authorities think the risk is smaller if the adult is given a vaccine. Each adult should make his or her own decision.

More information can be obtained from government health departments.

New Opportunities for College Applicants

PASADENA—New opportunities are available for admission to Ambassador College because of the consolidation of both campuses in Big Sandy.

Plans call for most students to be located in Big Sandy. However, a freshman class will be in Pasadena and in Big Sandy with space for 200 freshmen at each location. This means an increase from the current 325 freshmen on both sites to a total of 400—an additional 75 spaces for new freshmen.

Extended deadline—Because of these additional openings for the fall of 1990, the established deadline for applications of Feb. 1, 1990, is being extended to April 1, 1990. This will provide extra time for new applicants to request application forms and submit them.

How to apply—Since the administration for Ambassador College will soon be located in Big Sandy, all new applications should be mailed to Big Sandy. The address is:
Ambassador College
Admissions Office
Big Sandy, Tex., 75755

New applicants may request application packets by telephoning the Church's toll-free number 1-800-423-4444; by telephoning the Big Sandy Admissions Office: 1-214-636-4311; or by writing the Big Sandy Admissions Office at the above address.

All new applications should be submitted to Big Sandy regardless of campus preference. For those who have already sent applications to Pasadena, any additional required items such as Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores should be sent to Pasadena.

SAT test dates—The College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) has released test dates for the United States and international administration of the SAT. (SAT scores are required of prospective students with less than 30 semester hours of college-level course work.)

The following dates are Saturday tests. All Sunday SATs are administered the day after these dates: Jan. 27 and March 31. Other test dates (but considered too late for fall 1990 admission) are scheduled for May 5 and June 2.

However, high school juniors and others planning to apply to Ambassador College for the fall 1991 semester should plan to take the SAT in the spring of 1990.

Registration information and forms for the above test dates are available from high school counselor offices or by writing the CEEB at Box 592, Princeton, N.J., 08540; or by calling 1-609-771-7600. Instructions for obtaining a Sunday administration are given in the SAT registration brochure.

The Ambassador College admissions committee strongly recommends that prospective Ambassador applicants take the SAT at the earliest possible date. The CEEB requires six weeks to process SAT registration for U.S. applicants and longer for international students.

Donald Ward, President
Ambassador College

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Help from the Family

My family and I would like [to take] this time to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, letters, telephone calls ["Member Fights Heart Failure: 'I Learned From This Ordeal,'" July 31].

Words cannot tell how thankful [we are] for the Family of God sticking together. Truly God does answer prayers.

K.H. Clemons Sr.
Pasadena

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Alone but not forgotten

I am an elderly member of the Worldwide Church of God and now unable to attend the Feast of Tabernacles, but I would like to thank all the brethren who sent me such lovely cards and letters with their love . . . It just made me feel I really belonged and, although I was unable to be there in person, I was with them all spiritually. I received all the tapes of the sermons and they too were spiritually uplifting.

New Plymouth, New Zealand

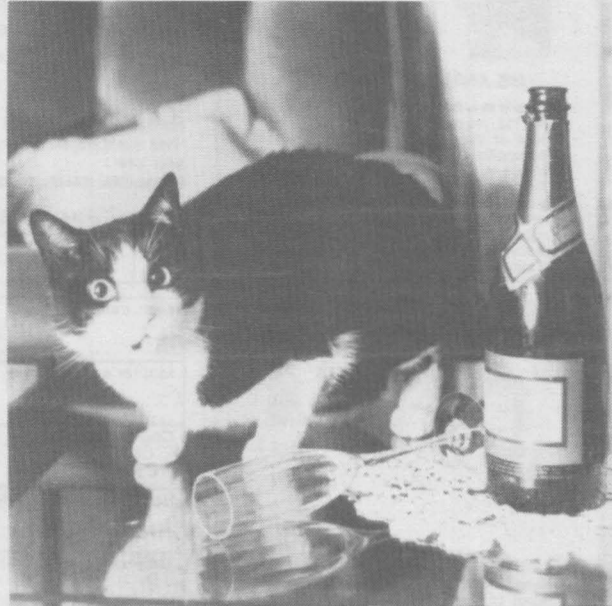
Gold awards presented to youths in Australia

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—Gold achievement awards were presented to 10 youths in the Australian Youth Opportunities United art and photography contests.

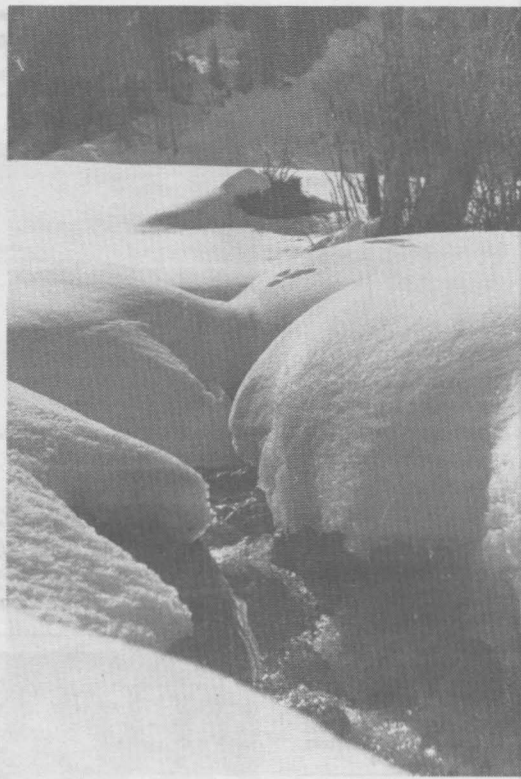
Art: Danielle McDermott, 15, Bundaberg; David Loetje, 15, Linton; Anthony Mew, 16, Boonah; Serena Moore, 17, Revesby; and Leszek Banham, 18, Oakleigh.

Photography: Karen Barbour, 17, Eaton; Bobby Fahey, 17, Elanora; Richard Thornton, 16, Wariewood; Robi Sonderegger, 16, Kambah; and Sharon Anne Morris, 15, Ringwood.

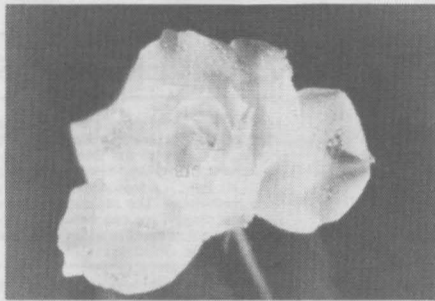
The entries were judged in September by regional office staff members Aub Warren and Naomi Finch, and three artists from the Gold Coast, Australia, church: Karen Warren, Gwen Allen and Mona Archer.



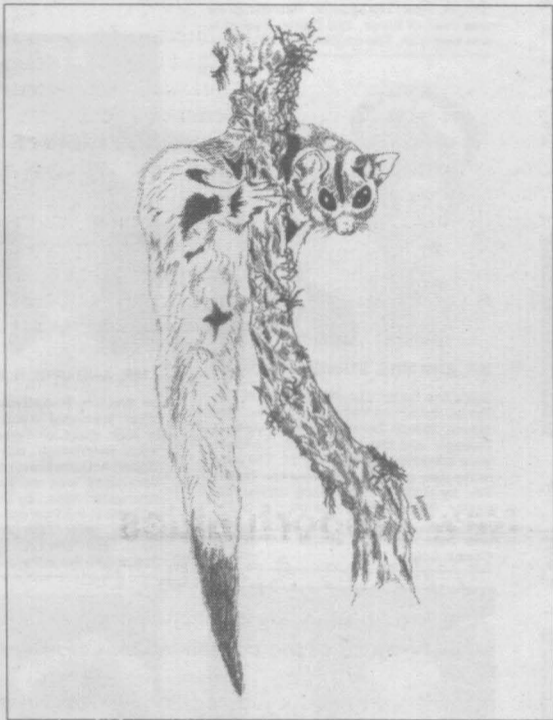
SHARON ANNE MORRIS



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RICHARD THORNTON



ANTHONY MEW



SERENA MOORE

PERSONAL

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building there. This is something that will only be seriously considered if God leads me to see that it would indeed be the best thing for the Work.

As the physical leader of the Church of God, I take my responsibilities very seriously. A spiritual pastor is charged by God with the welfare of the spiritual flock. The pastor general is charged with the overall welfare of God's flock—his Church and the Work it is to do.

Since becoming pastor general, my thoughts naturally have been in large part concerned with asking God's wisdom and direction about how to best care for the flock of God around the world, and for the needs of the Work and the employees right here at headquarters.

Very critical needs have been continually on my mind. One is the serious need in Pasadena for office space, including, as you are all well aware, the need for adequate facilities for the Television Department. In addition, the Editorial and Publishing departments are tightly cramped for space. Dormitory space for students has been at a premium. Room to do the Work is simply hard to find. And costs of new building programs here in Pasadena are absolutely enormous.

Rising costs

I must also think about the rising costs of operation, and the need to maintain adequate circulation levels of the magazines, provide trained ministers for the local congregations, purchase adequate television time, operate an effective undergraduate college program and maintain our facilities and equipment.

But another critical problem, and one that I feel is very important, is the extremely high cost of living for our employees here in Southern California, especially the high cost of housing.

(See PERSONAL, page 7)

Philippine youths enter national photo contest

MANILA, Philippines—Results are in for the 1989 Philippine Youth Opportunities United (YOU) national photography contest.

"This year we received about three times as many entries as we did last year, when we began this annual project," said Ruel Guerrero, YOU activity coordinator for Ministerial Services in the Philippine Office.

First, second and third places in each category are as follows.

Family (black and white): Golda Freires, 18, Davao; Maresciel Ocampo, 14, San Pedro; Adelle Grace Laureano, 14, Davao.

Action (black and white): Cathrine Amodia, 15, Cebu; Theodore Albert Lim, 17, Davao; Alice Busalla, 15, Cebu.

Landscape (black and white): Maresciel Ocampo, Adelle Grace Laureano, Hanz Concepcion, 14, Davao.

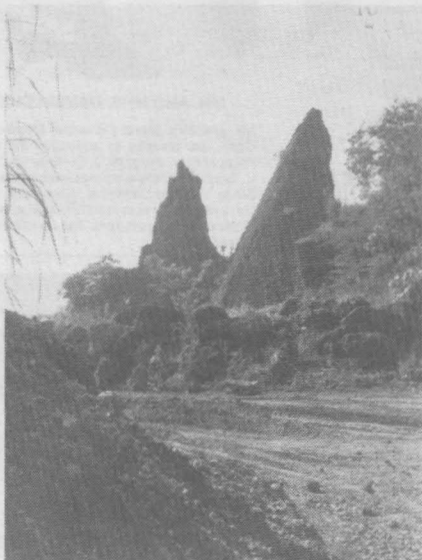
Family (color): Jared Santibanez, 18, Bacolod; Lester Santibanez, 16, Bacolod; Maresciel Ocampo.

Action (color): Sherri Ong, 18, General Santos; Andrew Jef Alazas, 16, Cebu; Cathrine Amodia.

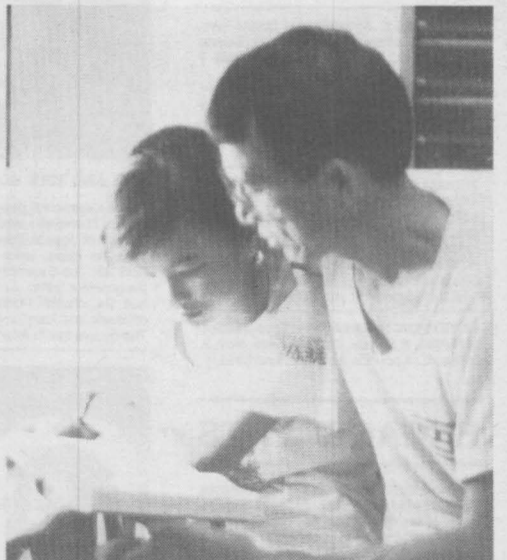
Landscape (color): Golda Freires, Adelle Grace Laureano, Ebenezer Maninang, 17, Baguio City.



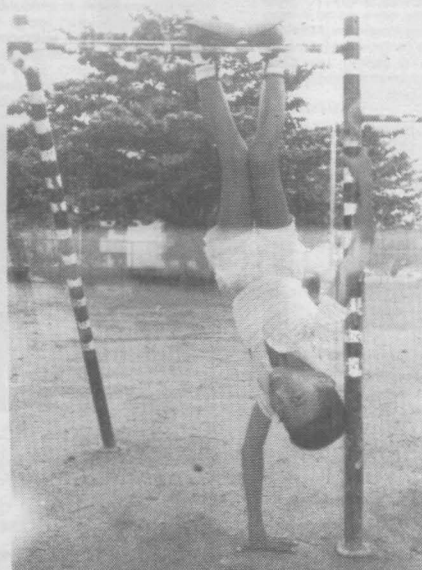
MARESCIEL OCAMPO



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JARED SANTIBANEZ



CATHRINE AMODIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ANDERSON, Chris and Jeannette (van Pelt), of Pasadena, girl, Lindsay Michelle, Dec. 1, 4:35 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BUCK, Jonathan and Berry (Burgess), of Brandon, Man., boy, Keehan Devon, Nov. 14, 10:17 a.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CAVANAUGH, Jon and Leanna (Turner), of Enid, Okla., boy, Benjamin Andrew, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., 9 pounds 10 1/4 ounces, first child.

CURRY, John and Rosalyn (Vanwater), of Gold Coast, Australia, girl, Elizabeth Michelle, Nov. 22, 6:30 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

CYMAN, Theodore Jr. and Dawn (Tracey), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, David Matthew, Sept. 17, 12:30 p.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

DICKEY, Stephen and Karen (Taylor), of Chattanooga, Tenn., boy, Matthew Stephen, Nov. 18, 9:04 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

GRESCHUK, Nicholas and Jean (Newbury), of Perth, Scotland, girl, Shanna Louise, Oct. 28, 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

HADDON, Herb and Marg (Cameron), of Ottawa, Ont., girl, Larissa Ruth, Oct. 31, 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

HEMPHILL, Graeme and Jan (Dowell), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Cara Louise, Oct. 30, 4:52 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

HUMBLE, Duane and Cathy (Berrie), of San Angelo, Tex., boy, Millard Jaxon, Nov. 29, 6:28 a.m., 9 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

KRAUS, Peter and Shannon (Rockey), of Denver, Colo., girl, Lisel Cherice, Nov. 28, 10:59 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

LARSEN, Charles and Leigh (Bauknight), of Miami, Fla., girl, Heather Lynn, June 22, 1:17 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

LEJI, Victor and Victoria (Orenuga), of Lagos, Nigeria, girl, Blessings Adetutu, June 10, 12:45 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

MEAKIN, John and Lynn (Bradshaw), of Maidstone, England, girl, Stefanie Laura Elizabeth, Nov. 4, 4 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

NOAD, Robert and Petronella (Van Tilburg), of Auckland, New Zealand, boy, Richard Johannes, Nov. 18, 6:30 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys.

NWAMARA, Michael and Okwuchi, of Owerri, Nigeria, boy, Kingsley Kelechi, Oct. 14, 2 a.m., now 3 boys, 2 girls.

PATTERSON, David and Christina (Schutz), of Pasadena, girl, Katelyn Anne, Nov. 29, 7:11 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

PEARCE, John Jr. and Tracy (Hogan), of Pearland, Tex., girl, Victoria Louise, Nov. 1, 4:40 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

PRICE, Hoyt and Barbara (Taylor), of Edmond, Okla., girl, Allison Kathleen Myrie, Nov. 23, 7 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

SIMMONS, Ethan and Cyndi (Rinebold), of Beaumont, Tex., girl, Brittany Gabrielle, Oct. 18, 10:28 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

STEFFAN, Robin and Beth (Bamat), of Huntingdon, Pa., girl, Katelyn Jane, Nov. 13, 10:23 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

TANKERSLEY, Anthony and Donna (Oxford), of Chattanooga, Tenn., girl, Bianca Lashay, Oct. 23, 4:45 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

THROCKMORTON, David and Shelly (Hoselton), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Chandra Marie, Oct. 5, 9:42 p.m., 1 pound 8 ounces, first child.

THUMM, Dennis and Merle (Mayle), of Ann Arbor, Mich., boy, Aaron David, Sept. 18, 1:30 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

WERDEN, Edward and Sharon (Wilkins), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Jesse William, Nov. 9, 7:58 a.m., 8 pounds, now 3 boys.

WOODWORTH, Kenneth and Tessa (Giffin), of Halifax, N.S., boy, Zachary John, Nov. 9, 3:38 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Kiewer of Smyrna, Tenn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Rowena Darline to Frederick Henry Kellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick C. Kellers of Nashville, Tenn. A March 10 wedding is planned.

Carmine Anthony Morelli and Judith Ann Dymarski are happy to announce their engagement. A Feb. 18 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie North of Pratt, Man., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tracy Elizabeth to Mark Leroy McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal McDonald of Salt Lake City, Utah. A May wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. S. MARKGRAF
Sarah Ann Sparks, daughter of John and June Sparks of Winooski, Vt., and Stewart John Markgraf, son of Dianne and Danny Austin of Ben Wheeler, Tex., were united in marriage Aug. 13 on the Big Sandy Amba-

sador College campus. The ceremony was performed by David Myers, Big Sandy associate pastor. Rex Ulmer was best man, and Sarah Rehak was maid of honor. The couple live in Tyler, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. DONALD TURGEON
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wahman of Des Moines, Iowa, are pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Donna Lee Hoffert to Donald Ray Turgeon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turgeon of Hamburg, N.Y. The ceremony was performed July 9 by Roger Lipross, a minister in the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church. Denise Guthy, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and David Turgeon, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



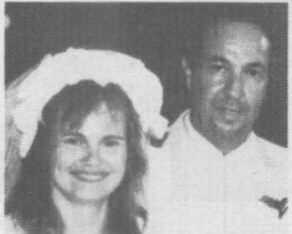
MR. AND MRS. JON A. BROWN
Marsha Elaine France and Jon Adrian Brown were united in marriage July 30. The ceremony was performed in Mount Kisco, N.Y., by Steven Botha, Manhattan, N.Y., pastor. Sharon Curtis was maid of honor, and James Hills was best man. The couple live in Manhattan.



MR. AND MRS. BILLY SAULS
Billy Sauls and Lynda Woodruff are happy to announce their marriage, which took place March 5. The ceremony was performed by Allan Barr, Miami, Fla., North and South pastor. The couple live in Miami Beach, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH POPE JR.
Tonya Kaye Miles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamax Thompson, and Joseph Edwin Pope Jr., son of Joseph Edwin Pope and the late Jeanette Pope, were united in marriage April 30. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, a minister in the Columbus, Ga., church. Denise Miles was matron of honor, and Tom Earensen was best man. The couple live in Atlanta, Ga.



MR. AND MRS. R. A. MANUEL
Linda J. Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris of Ellenton, Fla., and Robert A. Manuel, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Manuel, were united in marriage Sept. 10. The ceremony was performed in Berea, Ohio, by Lyle Welty, Cleveland, Ohio, East pastor. Gail Hall was matron of honor, and Andrew Chapman was best man. The couple live in Cleveland.



MR. AND MRS. ENZO BARBERI
Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGovern of Hastings, Ont., are delighted to announce the marriage of their eldest daughter, Sherry, to Enzo A. Barberi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastiano Barberi of London, Ont. The ceremony was performed May 21 by Richard Wilding, Toronto, Ont., East pastor. Sherry James was maid of honor, and Dominico La Russo, cousin of the groom, was best man. The couple live in London.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID BEEBE
Mary Patricia Girard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Girard of San Antonio, Tex., and David William Beebe, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Beebe of Austin, Tex., were united in marriage July 2. Burk McNair, San Antonio, Tex., West pastor, performed the ceremony in San Antonio. Lu Anne and Dallas Girard, sisters of the bride, were maids of honor, and William Beebe, father of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Dallas, Tex.



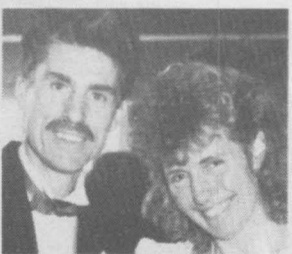
MR. AND MRS. KENNETH MARTIN II
Stephanie Ann Stetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray N. Stetter of Powder Springs, Ga., and Kenneth Michael Martin II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Martin of Mableton, Ga., were united in marriage June 25. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Atlanta West and Carrollton, Ga., pastor. Mary Ann Ricks was maid of honor, and David Howard was best man. The couple live in Powder Springs.



MR. AND MRS. N. DAWSON
Rebecca Dawn McFarland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McFarland of Columbus, Ohio, and Nathaniel E. Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Dawson of Dayton, Ohio, were united in marriage Sept. 17. The ceremony was performed by Vernon Hargrove, Columbus pastor. The couple live in Columbus.



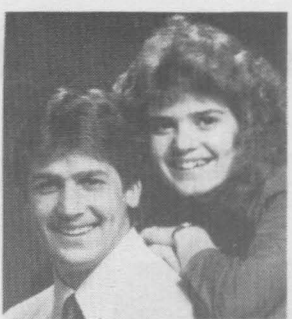
MR. AND MRS. DAVID LOVE
Mr. and Mrs. David Calvert of Escondido, Calif., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter J. De Anna to David L. Love. The ceremony was performed July 30 by Leonard Schreiber, Escondido pastor. Lynal Baker was maid of honor, and Dan Reisdorff was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. KEN PICKETT
Anna Koks, formerly of the Netherlands, and Ken Pickett of Auckland, New Zealand, are happy to announce their marriage, which took place Aug. 6 in Auckland. The ceremony was performed by Donald Engle, Auckland pastor. Sandra Weatherly was matron of honor, and Denis Riseborough was best man. The couple live in Auckland.



MR. AND MRS. DALE WELDON
Donald G. and Linda K. Nicholson of Muncie, Ind., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Donette Christine to Dale William Weldon, son of Ronald and Carolyn Walters of Dayton, Ohio, and Bill Weldon of Gananogue, Ont. The ceremony was performed July 21 in Muncie by Garvin Greene, Midland and Cadillac, Mich., pastor. Mary Smeenk was maid of honor, and Rodney Rice was best man. The couple live in Piqua, Ohio, and attend the Dayton church.



MR. AND MRS. R. SWANSON
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Gibson of Indianapolis, Ind., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Kristina Sue to Richard Eric Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Swanson, also of Indianapolis. The ceremony was performed July 23 by the groom's father, Indianapolis associate pastor. Kim Gibson, twin sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Allen Swanson, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Indianapolis.



MR. AND MRS. C. JONES
Renee Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Jones of Houston, Tex., and Christopher Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jones of Neillsville, Wis., were united in marriage July 2. The ceremony was performed by Norman Strayer, Tyler, Tex., pastor. Tammie Jones was maid of honor, and Darren Beekama was best man. The couple live in Houston.



MR. AND MRS. STEVEN ZWENGER
Stacy Ann Suder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Suder of Palm Beach, Fla., and Steven Joseph Zwenger, son of Mathilda Zwenger and the late Joseph Zwenger, were united in marriage May 21. The ceremony was performed in Boynton Beach, Fla., by Roger Foster, Boca Raton, Fla., pastor. Renee Bafalis was maid of honor, and Curtis Zwenger, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Fort Collins, Colo.



MR. AND MRS. STUART TRAVIS
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cuvelier of Abbotsford, B.C., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Joy Leah to Stuart Anthony Travis of Vancouver, B.C. The ceremony took place Oct. 7 in Kamloops, B.C., and was performed by David Cheperdak, Vancouver associate pastor. Linda Angus was matron of honor, and Bill Boland was best man. The couple reside in North Vancouver, B.C.



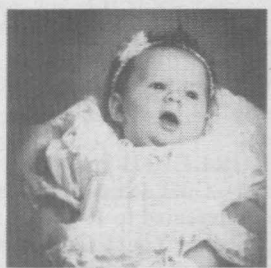
MR. AND MRS. PETER BONCHAR
Susan Mary Gaudry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Gaudry of Sydney, Australia, and Peter Alexander Bonchar, son of Olga Bonchar, also of Sydney, were united in marriage July 2 in the Blue Mountains, Australia. The ceremony was performed by Terence Villiers, Sydney North pastor. Sally Cole, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Joseph Kristof was best man.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS PIASECNY
Gretchen L. Bauman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bauman of Boone, N.C., and Thomas H. Piasecny, son of Carol Piasecny of Oklawaha, Fla., were united in marriage Oct. 23 in Pasadena. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, a minister in the Boone church. Stephanie Jordan, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Tim Piasecny, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple, both 1989 Pasadena Ambassador College graduates, live in Boone.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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Our coupon baby this issue is Valerie Ann Beyer, daughter of Michael and Holly Beyer of Independence, Mo.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. John Perry celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 22. The Perrys, who attend the Champaign, Ill., church, have been Church members since 1965. Mr. Perry is a deacon, and Mrs. Perry is a deaconess. The couple have one daughter, Peggy, and one son, David, assistant pastor of the Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., churches.



MR. AND MRS. ELI BENEDICT
Eli and Barbara Benedict of Longview, Tex., celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Dec. 23. The Benedicts have three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and David Stonesifer, Donna and Jerry Patillo and Patti and Gary Hewitt; one son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Donna; and 10 grandchildren.

Kenosha, Wis., brethren honored Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan of Waukegan, Ill., Nov. 11 for their 25th wedding anniversary with cake and coffee after Sabbath services.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Green of Quitman, Tex., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Nov. 21 with family members. The couple have one daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Wayne Ater; two sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin and Teresa and Marty and Rebecca; and three granddaughters, Melissa and Teri Ater and Ashley Green. The Greens were baptized in 1972. They attend the Tyler, Tex., church, where Mr. Green is a deacon.



MR. AND MRS. FRANK PARSONS
Frank "Sonny" and Jane Parsons celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 20. The couple have two children, Todd, 23, and Amy, 21. The Parsons were baptized in 1965 in Jackson, Miss. They now live in Big Sandy, where Mr. Parsons is the office manager for Texas Telephone Response, and Mrs. Parsons is the receptionist.

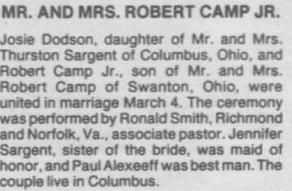
The children of Charles and Carol Brooks are pleased to announce the 30th wedding anniversary of their parents Dec. 16. The Brookses attend the Evansville, Ind., church, where Mr. Brooks is a local church elder, and Mrs. Brooks is a deaconess. The couple have two daughters, Kim Martin and Danielle; one son, Jeff; one son-in-law, Todd Martin; one daughter-in-law, Norma; and a grandson, Geoffrey Martin.

OBITUARIES

NEWHART, Doris C., 86, of Uhrichsville, Ohio, died Nov. 1 after a two-year illness. Mrs. Newhart, a Church member since 1968, is survived by one granddaughter, one grandson, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

THOMASCHESKY, Linda, 36, of Argonne, Wis., died Nov. 10 after a 10-year battle with leukemia. Mrs. Thomascheksy, a Church member since 1980, is survived by her husband, three children, her mother and two sisters.

KAISER, Wilfried, 42, of Grafenau, West Germany, died Nov. 15 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Kaiser, a Church member since 1972, is survived by his wife, Herta, and three children, Cornelia, Jutta and Joachim.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT CAMP JR.
Josie Dodson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Sargent of Columbus, Ohio, and Robert Camp Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Camp of Swanton, Ohio, were united in marriage March 4. The ceremony was performed by Ronald Smith, Richmond and Norfolk, Va., associate pastor. Jennifer Sargent, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Paul Alexeeff was best man. The couple live in Columbus.

PERSONAL

(Continued from page 5)

Now I know that some might say, "Yes, but we must be willing to sacrifice to do the Work of God." That is true, but God still holds me responsible to explore every avenue to make that burden lighter.

I am concerned, as I should be, because our employees rely on the Work for their livelihood. And as I have often said, I must think about the long-range future of the Work as well, not just the immediate present.

You have all heard me say that we must work smarter, not just harder. I try to practice what I preach. I am constantly asking for and examining options and ideas for the future. I am always on the lookout for ways to help the Work and help our employees at the same time.

Even when I visit the local congregations around the world, I solicit input and ideas. The idea of building appropriate new facilities on our own property in Big Sandy, Tex., and consolidating all feasible operations of the Church, college and Ambassador Foundation there has been suggested repeatedly, both on these visits and by many in Pasadena.

It is an idea that I have come to see does have potential of greatly enhancing our ability to do God's Work effectively and relieving some of the mounting financial pressure on our employees.

Detailed study

A little more than a year and a half ago, after much prayer and counsel, I commissioned a careful and detailed feasibility study to analyze all the various aspects of this and related ideas. That

study is not yet complete, and no final decisions have been made.

But since the conclusions of this feasibility study could ultimately affect the Work in a major way, the time has now come to share this possible option with everyone.

Now I realize that such moves may sound drastic at first to some (though I understand rumors have been circulating for months). But the more one really thinks about it, the more outstanding are the positive aspects one begins to see.

Big Sandy has served as a second headquarters for decades. There, we already own plenty of land for all the present and potential building needs of the Work. Cost of construction in that area is significantly less expensive than in Pasadena.

Cost of housing would be much more affordable for our employees. Local capabilities for any needed postal, telephone and technical support services are already adequate for our needs, and continually growing and improving.

The location of our property in Big Sandy is also a plus. It is on a major east-west highway. It is sufficiently near major population centers not to be isolated, yet far enough away not to suffer the drawbacks of downtown traffic and pollution problems.

God's guiding hand

In many ways, we can begin to see ever more clearly God's inspiration in leading Mr. Armstrong to establish a site for the Feast of Tabernacles and an Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy more than a quarter century ago.

Mr. Armstrong wrote several years ago an article titled "Pre-

pare Now to Reduce Your Standard of Living." I believe God is now leading me to see that a consolidation of as many of our resources, personnel and operations as possible at our less expensive facility may make good sense in preparation for the bumpy economic times ahead.

When I think about this option, I cannot help but think of how Mr. Armstrong must have felt when he moved the Church headquarters from Oregon to California. He writes of it in his autobiography, so you have probably read about it. It was not an easy decision then, and it is not

As the physical leader of the Church of God, I take my responsibilities very seriously. A spiritual pastor is charged by God with the welfare of the spiritual flock. The pastor general is charged with the overall welfare of God's flock—his Church and the Work it is to do.

an easy decision now.

But Mr. Armstrong had the faith to do what God showed him he should do! God backed him up because he followed Christ's lead to do his will and not his own. True, some of the members found the move upsetting and didn't understand it, but it was the right decision at the right time for God's Church.

Just like Mr. Armstrong did, I am considering a possible move of many of the headquarters operations to a new area, although, in this case, it is an area we have owned and operated in a major way for decades.

Therefore, if any departmental moves occur, they won't repre-

sent the first time headquarters operations have moved, and they may not be the last. God's headquarters has moved numerous times since the days of Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness.

But such moves will only be made after a very thorough and careful examination of all pertinent details makes plain that God has opened the door and desires that we walk through it.

I learned a long time ago that I am a servant of Christ and must look for his will and not my own. That is why I am announcing this possible option now,

along with the decision to consolidate Ambassador College.

The words of Jesus in John 15:15 are in my mind as I write: "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" (New International Version).

I am asking for your prayers and support for me in following God's lead regarding this very important matter!

Well, that's about it. I know you probably have a lot of questions, but please be assured that if and when any part of this op-

tion ever becomes a final decision, you will be informed immediately. In the meantime, please pray for me, and please continue to give me the same loving support you have for these past nearly four years since the death of Mr. Armstrong.

I'm sure you realize this decision about the college, as well as these possibilities for the future, have been reached only after a long period of consultation and prayer. Such decisions are not easy to make, or even announce.

I have come to realize that this can be a heavy burden, and I think I understand more fully what Mr. Armstrong went through when he announced the decision to the small group of Church members in Oregon that he was moving hundreds of miles away and would start a college in Pasadena.

We remain committed to providing the highest degree of education for our Ambassador students, and the best employment conditions for our employees. In order to support this commitment, there may be some future changes.

Because of the faithfulness of God's people, the Church is in a reasonably good financial position (spending has been held down and all major debts have been paid off), but we don't know what will happen tomorrow. These are uncertain economic times.

We want to take whatever steps are necessary and prudent in advance to make sure that the Work of God not only survives, but GROWS!

Again, I need your prayers and thank you for them. Let's continue to work together, united in love, as we carry on the great Work God has given us!



PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29, New King James)

Tornoto, Ont., West and Central

By Carla Pearson

Toronto is the financial, commercial and cultural heart of Canada and capital of the richest and most populous province, Ontario.

Carla Pearson, a junior at Ambassador College in Pasadena, is a staff writer for academic publications.

Located on the northern shore of Lake Ontario, the city (the largest in Canada including suburban areas) is home to some 3.3 million people of diverse ethnic backgrounds—750 of whom attend Sabbath services in the Central and West churches.

More than 60 nations and cultures are represented in the two congregations. Of the few who do not speak much English, most can understand it.

The Toronto church first met in August 1964, with Gary Antion serving as pastor until 1978. The church was separated into East and West congregations in 1971.

"The 1980s have been a decade of spectacular growth," said Neil Earle, pastor of the Central and West churches. The area has grown from two congregations to four. The Brampton, Ont., church began in

July 1986, followed by Toronto Central in July 1987.

Mr. Earle is assisted by full-time preaching elders—Trevor Cherry in the Central church and Percival Burrows in the West.

About the members

One member spent more than three years in the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. Several senior citizens fought on opposite sides in World War II. Ida Clemens, 94, is the oldest member of the congregations. She is a distant relative of writer Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain.

Patricia Bourgeault draws insects for the Royal Ontario Museum. Marilyn Wittstock, a member of the 1948 Canadian Olympic team, teaches figure skating to Church members and others.

Many of the brethren work with computers in training, sales and marketing companies, and several work in various levels of government agencies.

Toronto has a booming economy, according to Mr. Earle, so unemployment isn't a problem in the churches. Rising housing costs, however, make it difficult for many young couples to afford a home.

Church growth

"After a decade of exploding growth, largely from the *Plain Truth* newsstand program and excellent television coverage, the churches are settling down now," Mr. Earle said.

In 1986, 1,100 *Plain Truth* newsstand outlets covered the greater Toronto area, and from these, in July of that year, 257,000 magazines were distributed.

The *Plain Truth* for Canada and the Philippines, as well as some editions in Spanish and French, have been printed at Southam Murray Printing in Toronto since 1984. Albertus Burbach, a local church elder in the Brampton church, is an officer of Southam Murray and was instrumental in obtaining the contract.



TORONTO ANNIVERSARY—Percival Burrows, assistant pastor of the Toronto, Ont., West church, speaks after being presented with a plaque for 25 years of service to the Toronto area. Former Toronto pastors are (from left) Thomas Ecker, Richard Pinelli and Douglas Smith. Neil Earle (right) is pastor of the Toronto Central and West churches.

Pasadena and the Canadian Office in Vancouver, B.C.

"The mix of new and older members provides a congregation usually very gung ho for service and other projects," Mr. Earle said. "One of the tasks of the ministers is to try to manage and organize growth and enthusiasm among God's people in Canada's largest city."

Tornoto, Ont., West and Central

Attendance	750
Full-time ministers	3
Local church elders	2
Deacons	16
Deaconesses	7
Teens	57
Children under 12	100
Singles	151
Seniors	95
Spokesman Clubs	3
Graduate Clubs	1

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UPDATE

PASADENA—Five members in Panama City, Panama, are safe after U.S. military action Dec. 20 to apprehend Panama's strongman, Gen. Manuel Noriega, and to protect American lives, according to **Mauricio Perez**, pastor of the San Jose, Costa Rica, church.

Three other members live in the countryside.

"The phone lines were busy this morning, but I got in contact," Mr. Perez told *The Worldwide News* Dec. 20. Members were waiting in their homes as the operation drew to a close.

"We plan to still meet there every month," Mr. Perez said. "We are about to establish an official church in Panama City."

Mr. Perez plans to visit Panama in January.

Keith Speaks, *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) circulation manager in Pasadena, talked to several people in Panama Dec. 20.

Some members live on Howard Air Base, just north of downtown Panama City.

"They really got a show last night, starting at midnight," said Mr. Speaks. "Noisy helicopter gunships and mortar fire lit up the sky."

The members were confined to their quarters until further notice. "They are nervous and edgy, but safe and sound," Mr. Speaks said.

Mr. Speaks said he hoped brethren would pray for the safety of the Panamanian members and that the Panamanian economy would recover.

"We depend on the mailing system there, so therefore the political situation is important to us."

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PASADENA—The Church will not produce a 1990-91 Holy Day wall calendar, according to evangelist **Ronald Kelly**, booklet coordinator.

"A 1990 pocket calendar was sent last year with the 1989-90 wall calendar," Mr. Kelly said, "so members will be able to use the pocket calendar to plan for the Holy Days."

Members who have misplaced the 1990 pocket calendar may request a new one from Pasadena or the regional office nearest them.

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PASADENA—A fire destroyed an unfinished condominium across the street from the Ambassador College campus here Dec. 6. News sources reported more than \$5 million in damages.

The fire began with an explosion at about 11:20 p.m. Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**, several college students and others hosed down roofs and walls of campus buildings threatened by the blaze.

Although some cinders landed in trees lining the campus, they were quickly extinguished, and there was no damage to the campus.

In addition to the unfinished condominium, the fire destroyed seven units of an existing condominium.

Arson is suspected as the cause of the fire.

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PASADENA—Editorial Services announced that a new brochure, *Babylon: Past, Present, Future*, will be offered on the *World Tomorrow* telecast Jan. 13 and 14.

The brochure will also be offered in the February issue of *News of the Work*.

Church members should not request a copy because the brochure will be automatically sent to all member heads of households, according to evangelist **Ronald Kelly**,

booklet coordinator.

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KINGSTON, Jamaica—Since **Michael Manley** was reelected prime minister Feb. 9 the political situation in Jamaica has stabilized, according to **Charles Fleming**, pastor of the churches in Jamaica.

"His policies have contributed a lot to the stability," Mr. Fleming said.

"The brethren are enjoying one of the most peaceful times in quite a while. Economically, things are still tough," Mr. Fleming said, "but politically, it's going well."

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PASADENA—Church members around the world sent English, Chinese, Arabic and French Campbell's Soup labels to help Imperial Schools reach their goal of 975,000 labels to obtain a Dodge van.

"It took about 1½ years to reach this goal. Since it was midsummer when the van was ready to be delivered Campbell's telephoned and asked if we would be willing to wait two months for a 1990 van," said **Joseph Locke**, superintendent of Imperial Schools.

Imperial obtained the 1990 Dodge Extended Caravan through Glendale (Calif.) Dodge. Owner **Jack Ellis** had a cassette deck installed free.

"The goal for the current school year will be to collect 500,000 labels to get a couple of Macintosh computers for use in the schools," said Mr. Locke.

Please continue to send your labels to **Scott Lord**, c/o Imperial Schools, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

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NUWARA ELIYA, Sri Lanka—Sixty-four first-year students graduated at Waterfield Institute's fourth commencement exercise here the morning of Dec. 1. In the afternoon, 24 second-year students graduated at the first graduation exercises at Waterfield Institute in Kotmale, Sri Lanka.

In Nuwara Eliya, **David Baker**, Waterfield Institute director, welcomed guests, and introduced **Joseph Locke**, Ambassador Founda-

tion vice president for international affairs. Mr. Locke gave a check to **Gamini Dissanayake**, Sri Lankan minister of plantation industries, for the running of the schools. The check was to ADEPT (Armstrong-Dissanayake Education Partnership Trust).

Mohan Jayasekera, pastor of the Colombo, Sri Lanka church, addressed the students and guests.

Mr. Dissanayake talked to the students about how Waterfield Institute prepares them for their future.

After the ceremony guests and staff members attended a luncheon at the Grand Hotel here.

Mr. Baker, Mr. Jayasekera and Mr. Dissanayake also addressed the students and guests in Kotmale.

Robert Fahey, regional director for the Church in Australia and Asia, the scheduled guest speaker, was unable to attend because he sprained an ankle and injured an arm in a fall Nov. 30.

Jim Little, an assistant to Mr. Locke, traveled from Pasadena to attend the graduation ceremonies.

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AMMAN, Jordan—Ambassador College volunteers serving on Ambassador Foundation projects here met **Queen Noor**, wife of King Hussein, Nov. 24 after the closing ceremonies of the pan-Arab goal ball and table tennis championship for the handicapped.

When **Cory Erickson**, project director, expressed the group's appreciation for the queen taking time to talk with them and pose for pictures, she said: "I want to thank you for the work you do here in Jordan."

Constance Kramer, one of the student volunteers, said: "I have always admired Queen Noor. Her warmth and interest in people really shows when she looks you in the eye as she shakes your hand."

After meeting the queen, the group was invited to a post-championship dinner at which disabled participants from Kuwait, Bahrain, Syria, Iraq and Jordan were honored.

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MANHATTAN, N. Y.—Brethren marked the 30th anniversary of the church here on the Sabbath, Nov. 25.

Thirty-eight ministers and their wives gathered for a brunch in honor of **Joseph W. Tkach Jr.**, associate director of Church Administration for the United States, his wife, **Tamara**, and their children. Mr. Tkach Jr. was guest speaker for the occasion.



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

HUARAZ, Peru—**Dario Guerrero**, 55, a member who attends the Huaraz, Peru, church, was working in the fields with 20 other workers Nov. 23, when Sendero Luminoso terrorists appeared.

This report is from Mario Seiglie, pastor of the Santiago and Temuco, Chile, churches.

The Senderistas came toward him since he appeared to be the leader of the group.

Five guerrillas pointed their pistols and machine guns at him and demanded he resign from being in charge of the group, and that from now on the workers would obey the guerrillas.

Mr. Guerrero said he was not in charge and that they would have to wait until that person arrived. But

the guerrillas did not wait. They said the Sendero Luminoso gives three punishments to anyone who does not obey them: (1) whipping, (2) cutting off an ear and (3) death.

Member whipped

The guerrillas brought Mr. Guerrero forward and made each worker whip him with a wide belt.

If they refused, they were told that they would each receive the same treatment. If anyone whipped him softly, that person would receive a harsh whipping.

All 20 workers were forced to whip Mr. Guerrero, including his daughter, Lucila. Because she whipped him lightly she was ordered to attend nightly indoctrination sessions.

Mr. Guerrero is recuperating from the 20 stripes he received, but



NEW VAN—Pictured above with Imperial Schools' new van are (from left) Scott Lord, coordinator of the Campbell's Soup label program; Joseph Locke, superintendent of Imperial Schools; and women who helped clip the labels. (Right photo) Chuck Taylor, fleet manager of Glendale (Calif.) Dodge, gives the keys to Mr. Locke. [Photos by Hal Finch]

About 3,000 people attended services, and 941 stayed for a dinner and dance that evening. A historical slide show was presented after the dinner.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—**Selmer Hegvold**, manager of the Church's Deaf Program in Church Administration, visited here Nov. 21 to 25 to address the Minneapolis area signing workshop.

Mr. Hegvold was accompanied by his wife, **Iris**; Deaf Program staff members **Ted Landis** and **David and Sally Barnett**; and the Barnetts' children, **Cara** and **Chad**.

Nov. 22 the group toured and attended conferences with personnel at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in Faribault, Minn., and St. Paul Technical College in St. Paul, Minn.

Gerald Schnarrenberger, Minneapolis South and Mankato, Minn., associate pastor and organizer of the area signing workshop, and his wife, **Constance**, were hosts for a Thanksgiving meal Nov. 23.

Friday, Nov. 24, the group toured Minneapolis. That evening Mr. Hegvold gave an overview of the accomplishments and goals of the Church's Deaf Program.

Mr. Barnett gave a deaf awareness seminar, explaining the role and responsibilities of the deaf in the Work of the Church. Mrs. Barnett gave an account of her trauma

members are alarmed.

Hymns are not being sung in services so as not to attract attention.

Last April a member's cousin, a minister of another church, was severely beaten for preaching. The Senderista guerrillas persecute those they view as strong Christians.

Guerrilla strategy

According to Wilfredo Saenz, pastor of the Lima, Huaraz and Trujillo, Peru, churches, 40 percent of Peru is under the influence of these guerrilla groups.

The Senderista group is the strongest and the craftiest of all.

They use the strategy of Mao Tse-tung of China—first conquer the countryside, slowly choke the cities to death by cutting off food and electric supplies, and gradually infiltrate the cities.

The brethren in Huaraz are in particular danger because the Senderistas are on the verge of overtaking the city.

The Church moved the Feast site from Huaraz to Trujillo because of the increasing danger in the area.

We foresee increasingly difficult times for the brethren in Peru, according to Mr. Seiglie. Please remember them in your prayers as they suffer for Christ's sake.



in breaking away from the deaf community to become immersed in the Church.

On the Sabbath, Nov. 25, Mr. Barnett, who is deaf, gave the sermonette in sign language. It was voiced by Mr. Landis. Mr. Hegvold gave the sermon.

A potluck dinner after Sabbath services included skits and dramatizations by area deaf brethren.

Mr. Hegvold said: "Such workshops have proved their worth many times in giving helpful examples of what the deaf brethren can and should do, and the improvements possible to those who serve the deaf through signing in God's churches."

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PASADENA—According to the Festival Office here, applications are now available for the 1990 Feast of Tabernacles at the following sites:

Chiang Mai, Thailand; the Mediterranean cruise; the cruise leaving from San Pedro, Calif.; Trabolgan, Ireland; Bredsten, Denmark; Rabat, Malta; Genting Highland, Malaysia; Brno, Czechoslovakia; and Chianciano, Italy.

All other sites will be announced in *The Worldwide News* in February.

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