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OFFICIAL RECOGNITION—Guenter Behncke (right), director of East Germany's Agency for Church Affairs, presents Ralph Helge, the Church's legal counsel, with papers officially recognizing the Church in East Germany. The March 7 ceremony took place in East Berlin. [Photo by Norbert Link]

Doors open in East Germany, The Church is now registered

By John B. Karlson
BONN, West Germany—The door to preaching the gospel in East Germany swung open March 7. In a state ceremony in East Berlin, Guenter Behncke, director of East Germany's Agency for Church Affairs, formally conveyed official recognition of the Church in East Germany.

John B. Karlson, regional director for German-speaking areas, submitted this report.

This means the Church is now legally permitted to openly conduct services, station a resident minister, send in literature, open an office and even buy property.

The decision is already having a pronounced effect on the Work in this area of Europe.

A new media law abolishes censorship and allows East Germans to subscribe to any publication.

Consequently, more than 2,000 subscribers were added to the previously nonexistent *Klar & Wahr* (German *Plain Truth*) subscription list in East Germany.

The subscribers were added largely because of the West German newsstand program, the telecast and word of mouth.

Representing the Church March 7 were legal counsel Ralph Helge; Norbert Link from the Pasadena Legal Office; Rainer Barth, an East German member who represents the Church in East Germany; regional director John Karlson; and Juergen Warnke, a German attorney who assisted in obtaining recognition.

Mr. Behncke explained that the recognition was valid for all of East Germany and stressed it was not because of the political changes in East Germany.

The Church applied for official recognition before the political upheaval and would have been granted recognition even under the previous government.

What East Germans need

Having examined the Church's goals and read its literature, Mr. Behncke said the Church's message is what people in East Germany

need, especially at this time.

Both Mr. Behncke and his assistant, Mr. Bein, seemed positive about the *World Tomorrow* telecast, which can be seen regularly in parts of East Germany on the West German satellite station, Tele-5.

Mr. Behncke said state recognition had been granted to the Church despite so few members in East Germany. (Eleven members live there.) Usually the number of members plays a key role in whether a church can receive state recognition.

In West Germany, Austria and Switzerland, the Church is not formally recognized because too few members live in those countries.

It appears, however, that German reunification will automatically give the Church recognition throughout all of Germany.

Brethren elated

The brethren in East Germany are elated, after decades of having to practice their beliefs in secret. Most members have been associated with the Church for more than 20 years.

Initial letters from new readers and viewers confirm Mr. Behncke's statements about the need for the Church's message in East Germany.

In the next few years East Germany may be the fastest growing area in German-speaking Europe.

Examines cultural sensitivities

Travel helps director serve

By Kerri Dowd
PASADENA—In a continuing effort to stay close and to unify the activities of the various regions, each of the Church's regional directors visited headquarters between November and March, according to evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas.

While in Pasadena each man met with Mr. Salyer and other Church officials, receiving updates on headquarters activities and discussing how his area fits into the Church's worldwide perspective.

In the same time period Mr. Salyer, Steve Andrews and Steve Sidars, international planning and budget coordinators for Church Administration, traveled to West Germany, France, England, Canada and Mexico.

Visiting the international areas helps Mr. Salyer and his assistants understand the people and cultures they serve and gain insight into the problems they face.

This is important "especially with the changes in Europe," Mr. Salyer said. "We must reassess how we preach the gospel. We must reevaluate our priorities, decide where doors are open and which ones we can afford to walk through."

"We are particularly concerned with cultural sensitivities, which can determine what we should say and how we should say it."

Mr. Salyer said he and his staff are also researching the business

systems and government regulations in Europe "in order to make our operations as cost effective as possible."

This research results in questions such as which print materials or computer system to use or whether certain service functions of the Work, such as data processing, mail processing or accounting, could be combined in several areas.

"Mr. Tkach has made it clear that he wants us to consider all possibilities for improving the Work's effectiveness while cutting our overall costs."

Mr. Salyer's trips often serve more than one purpose. For example, his early March trip to England

included speaking at the regional ministerial conference and conducting meetings with Andre van Belkum, who will serve as South African regional director.

If the trip includes a weekend, Mr. Salyer usually speaks at Sabbath services.

"I always find these trips extremely profitable for our perspective here at headquarters," Mr. Salyer said. "The regional directors and their staffs profit from knowing our purposes and the background of our planning. These contacts also give them a chance to have input."

"It gives us the opportunity to pass their concerns on to Mr. Tkach and his instructions on to them."

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

I'd like to share with you some positive news about the *World Tomorrow* program.

Through God's blessing, even though we have had to trim back our number of television stations, the audience size of *The World Tomorrow* has remained about the same.

As the television time-buying market has changed, the Church has striven to be aware of those changes and adjust its strategies accordingly. In the late '70s and early '80s our buying strategy was to seek as broad a coverage as funding would allow.

This gave us strong presence in the television broadcast market and strengthened the Church's reputation as a creditable buyer of TV time.

As *The World Tomorrow* became better known and developed a good reputation, we were able to have greater leverage in

buying airing time. This leverage, combined with a steadily improving telecast, began to give us much greater choice in the market, something we had

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Aussie ministry gathers

By Aub Warren
BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—Four ordinations and a farewell presentation to regional director Robert Fahey and his wife, Evelyn, accented the Australian ministerial conference on the Gold Coast March 13 to 15. The Faheys are transferring to Chicago, Ill., in July.

Aub Warren is executive assistant to Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director.

On the first day of the conference, Ross Beath and Robert

Regazzoli, ministers in Australia, were raised to pastor; Reginald Wright, mail processing manager, was raised to preaching elder; and Joseph D'Costa was ordained a local elder.

William Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne South and East churches, led a farewell to the Faheys at a banquet on the final evening.

Mr. Bradford and several other ministers recounted humorous and moving moments shared with the Faheys, before presenting them with a gift of Selangor pewter and Waterford crystal.

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British ministers meet for annual conference

By Christopher Harmon
BOREHAMWOOD, England—Ministers and their wives from the British Isles and Scandinavia took part in a ministerial conference in south Croydon, England, March 3 to 6.

Evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, and his wife, Judy, attended. Also present were evangelist Leslie McCullough, regional director designate for the United Kingdom, his wife, Marion, and Andre van Belkum and his wife, Elizabeth, from South Africa.

Mr. van Belkum has been appointed regional director for South-

ern Africa. He met with Mr. Salyer to discuss his new responsibilities.

The purpose of the conference, according to evangelist Frank Brown, regional director, was ministerial education, administrative instruction and fellowship for the ministry.

After the regional and headquarters updates, Paul Suckling, director of Ministerial Services in the United Kingdom, presented information about Festival preparations.

Other lectures were given by Robert Harrison, pastor of the Liverpool and Stoke-on-Trent, England, and Llandudno, Wales, churches; Barry Bourne, pastor of the London and Basildon churches; and David House, pastor of the Bristol, Tiverton, Plymouth and Channel Isles, churches.

March 4, Mr. Salyer spoke on the future of the Work in the United Kingdom. He said plans are to increase emphasis on the circulation of *The Plain Truth*, from 161,230 to more than 200,000 by the end of 1990.

Other speakers were Peter Francis, national Youth Opportunities United (YOU) coordinator; George Hinds, a local church elder in Newcastle upon Tyne, England; and Francis Bergin, business manager for the Borehamwood Office.

In the afternoon David Gunn, media coordinator for the Borehamwood Office, used charts and illustrations to explain how the Church in Britain has grown in income, circulation and membership since its

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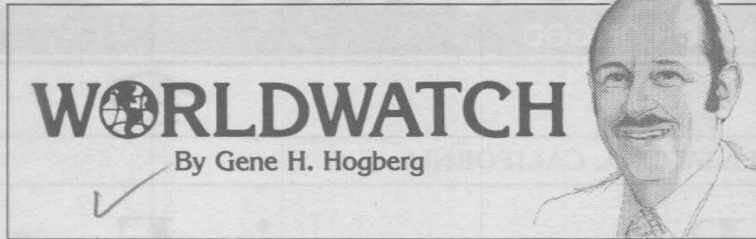
PASADENA—East Germany's three-party conservative alliance, heavily endorsed by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, emerged with a stunning lopsided victory in the German Democratic Republic's first free election March 18.

The surprising losers—by more than a 2 to 1 margin—were the favored Social Democrats. East Germany's enthusiastic voters chose a complete break with socialism, whether of the hard Marxist brand or softer Western variety.

With the East German economy careening from bad to worse, East Germans elected the quicker path to economic and political unification held out by Chancellor Kohl and the Christian Democratic Union's conservative clones in the German Democratic Republic.

Economic harmonization is the most immediate issue. It looks as if West Germany's deutsche mark will become the currency of the East by July 1, creating a German monetary union.

Political unification is a far more complex matter. Much work must be done to mesh entirely different systems of law, property, taxation,



health and worker benefits, to name just a few items.

When political unification could be achieved is anybody's guess. Some say less than a year, whereas others, such as former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, predict three or four years from now.

In the only applicable historical precedent, the people of the small West German state of Saarland voted for inclusion in the Federal Republic in 1955.

It took about 14 months after the vote for Saarland to become part of West Germany. East Germany is much bigger and the issues it presents more complicated than the Saar region.

The complexity of German security arrangements also may be a ma-

major impediment to a quick political solution.

West Germany is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) alliance, whereas East Germany belongs to the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact. Seventeen Soviet combat divisions are stationed on East German territory.

The Soviets said they will need three to five years before they can pull all of their 450,000 military personnel and dependents out of East Germany.

Raising unthinkable thoughts

The concurrent forces compelling unification in Germany and the breakup of the Soviet empire are making some observers in Europe anxious.

Institutions in Europe such as the

There is a saying that a joy shared is doubled. Along with that, a problem shared can be cut in half. With others encouraging us, praying for us, helping us, our problems are not quite as burdensome. Often, just talking our problems out with a brother or sister helps relieve much of the burden.

The apostle James knew that situations would arise in our lives that we could share with the brethren. James 5:7-16 encourages us to share our needs, our hopes, our joys and our trials with one another.

"Pray for one another," he tells us in verse 16. Learn to lean on the strength of the family. Don't try to lean on your own strength; chances are you may not have enough.

By going to others, they may help you see your problem or trial in a different light. They can see things from a different perspective and often that is all that is needed to find a solution.

We can learn a valuable lesson from the sheep. When we have trials and problems, it's much easier to bear them if we go and lean on the family for support. After all, isn't this what being a family is all about? To help each other all the time, in the good times and the hard times. Learn to encourage one another, help and serve one another.

Life is literally filled with God-appointed storms. I like to refer to them as the whirlwinds in the walk of a Christian. But thankfully three things should comfort us in the midst of daily lightning and thunder and rain and wind.

First, these squalls surge across everyone's horizon. God has no favorite actors who always get the leading role.

Second, we all need them. God has no other method more effective. The massive blows and shattering blasts, and, of course, the constant little irritations, smooth us, humble us and compel us to submit to his way and his chosen goal for our lives.

Third, and most comforting in times of stress, is to remember that God is merciful and will not forsake those who turn to him: "When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the Lord your God and obey His voice (for the Lord your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them" (Deuteronomy 4:30-31).

Remember the sheep huddled together. Before the dust settles, why not ask God to have his way in today's whirlwind in your life?

Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Follow those sheep

Blow that layer of dust off the book of Nahum in your Bible and catch a glimpse of the last part of verse three, chapter one: "The Lord has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet" (New King James throughout).

That's good to remember when you're in a rip-roaring hurricane with winds up to 120 miles an hour, as I was a few years ago.

It's always amazing how God teaches us lessons. Three years ago my family and I were in Jersey in the Channel Islands during one of the worst hurricanes in 200 years.

We had been out to eat and had left the restaurant when the storm descended on us. Not knowing how serious the storm was, I drove around trying to find an open road back to our country hotel. Trees were uprooted by the hundreds and power lines were down in almost every town and village, blocking most of the routes.

While driving around, frightened but trying to stay calm for my family, I started noticing flocks of sheep. During the hurricane they were huddled together in the middle of the fields, battling the storm together. Those right in the middle of the flock were the safest and those on the outside were actually trying to squeeze into the middle. They were all leaning on each other.

The wind was so strong, if they had been alone, they probably would have been blown over. Once the danger was past, they spread out a little, yet they remained close together, in small bunches.

I pointed this out to my family and we marveled at the instinct the sheep had to know there was safety in numbers. Later I thought about some tremendous lessons we can learn from those sheep.

It reminded me of I Peter 5. In verse two the Church is referred to as a flock led by a shepherd and in verse eight Satan is referred to as a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. A lion goes after the weak or those who stray from the flock, those who are not under the protec-

tive eyes of the shepherd.

It made me think of how we should handle trials in our lives. When problems and trials arise, and they do continually, do we try to go it alone or do we follow the example of the sheep?

The storm was a trial and, by instinct, the sheep leaned on each other for strength. We should do the same. When a trial seems to be getting us down, instead of trying to make it on our own and making ourselves vulnerable to Satan's in-



fluence, we should go to the flock for strength and work on our trials.

A very wise man shared a thought that we should look at. Solomon, in Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, tells us that we get more done when we work together with others. We can't get as much done physically or spiritually, if we always try to do everything ourselves.

As we work, as we struggle through life, occasions will come when we stumble and sometimes we even fall. If we are alone, there is no one to help us. When others are near, there is always someone to help us up and give us strength. In verse 12 we read: "Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

This scripture applies to every aspect of our Christian lives. There is strength in the Family of God. A strong family, tied together with love and God's Spirit, offers Satan no foothold. He can't break us as long as we are together.

fading NATO and Warsaw Pact alliance systems, these observers claim, cannot safely manage these powerful drives. New means are needed to direct Europe's future, especially in the security area.

Yet, new security arrangements could lead to the departure of American forces in Europe by the mid-1990s. This would be the finish of NATO and the end of the alliance's unstated secondary purpose of protecting other Europeans from an untethered Germany.

In its March 24 lead editorial, *The Economist* asked whether a future European Treaty Organization might not be able to take over the main nuclear-deterrence role in Europe that the Americans have provided with regard to NATO.

Answering its own question, *The Economist* said that the Germans would not have as much confidence in the nuclear weapons the British

and French would supply in contrast to "America's much bigger armory."

Then *The Economist* added: "A shrinking of American protection for Germany could raise the tricky issue of how Germany will defend itself—including the until now unthinkable thought of German nuclear missiles."

Thinking in another previously unexplored channel, British journalist Peregrine Worsthorpe, raises the possibility of a future condominium, or joint rule, on continental Europe, linking up German economic power with Russia's still formidable military might.

In this light, he maintains, Britain and France "should at all cost preserve their freedom of action" and not be totally locked into a united Europe dominated by German economic clout.

In other words, Britain should once again revert to its historic role of the holder of the balance of power. But could today's Britain, (See GERMAN, page 6)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

English physicist asks: Does life have purpose?

CAMBRIDGE, England—Physicist Stephen Hawking gave a lecture at Cambridge University titled "Is Everything Determined?" Feb. 15.

Professor Hawking's lecture dealt with the deepest of philosophical questions. It involved God. It involved the geography of space. It involved piecing together the reasons for this universe we find ourselves in.

In spite of suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease, which cripples the body but leaves the mind unimpaired, Stephen Hawking is a modern-day explorer.

Theoretical physicist Murray Gell-Mann said, "It is the most persistent and greatest adventure in human history, this search to understand the universe, how it works and where it came from."

When describing Stephen Hawking and others as pioneers with a mission of discovery, Mr. Gell-Mann said: "It is difficult to imagine that a handful of residents of a small planet circling an insignificant star in a small galaxy have as their aim a complete understanding of the entire universe, a small speck of creation truly believing it is capable of comprehending the whole." This is a striking similarity to what the Church seeks to understand about man's incredible potential and the solution to the mystery of human existence.

Professor Hawking's lecture in Cambridge drew an overflow crowd. When the professor entered the hall in his motorized wheelchair he was greeted by spontaneous and sustained applause.

He began his lecture by quoting William Shakespeare. Cassius tells Brutus that "men are sometimes masters of their fate." The original question Professor Hawking posed was, "Is everything determined?" Or, stated another way, "Do we have free will?"

If there is some grand unified theory to explain everything we do, then Professor Hawking reasoned that "we could not be held responsible for our actions."

Predeterminism (the biblical term would be predestination), carried to its ultimate conclusion, robs us of free will. Indeed, many do feel fated to act a certain way.

But, as Professor Hawking explained, "If we are destined to die by hanging, then drowning is impossible." In such a case the professor humorously suggested we put to sea in a storm.

Though Professor Hawking wrestled with ultimate questions he did not answer them in his lecture.

The significance of the evening was not that Professor Hawking asked the questions. We know that God allows man to choose between good and evil, life and death.

The important thing was that a lecture hall was packed with people looking at the meaning of life. Professor Hawking is important to those of us who do have answers because he has popularized questions, that, in his own words, lead to the mind of God.

His best-selling book, *A Brief History of Time*, is second on the British best-seller list after 78 weeks.

A closer look at the list reveals that No. 3 on the nonfiction list is *Early Visions* (about time and the future); No. 4 is *The Time of My Life*. No. 3 in fiction is *The Remains of the Day*. And young people are flocking to see part two of Stephen Spielberg's *Back to the Future*—a movie about time travel. The British public, it seems, is concerned about time.

People seem to sense that most valuable of commodities—time—is running out for the human race. On an individual scale, the aging process brings the fleeting sands of time to the attention of us all. And on a global scale, as Professor Hawking said, "Unless we can control our aggression, our survival is severely threatened."

He was optimistic though, hoping that "if we can survive for another 100 years, we will spread to other planets and possibly other stars." That may be true. But most likely not in this present limited, frail physical body.

Only the resurrected body can overcome all limitations of space and time. To put it in Albert Einstein's terms, the limiting factor of our physical mass will be removed from the equation. For Christ "shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body" (Philippians 3:21).

Pastor general visits Kansas City, Kan.

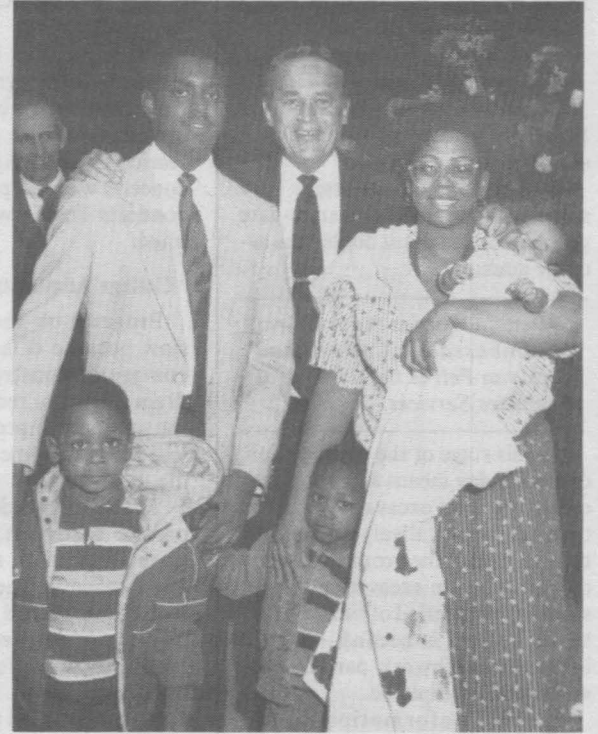


KANSAS CITY, KAN.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 2,460 brethren March 17, from Independence, Kansas City South and Topeka, Kan.; Columbia, Joplin, Kansas City East and North, Lake of the Ozarks, Springfield and St. Joseph, Mo.

Host ministers and wives were Joe and Pat Dobson, Kansas City South and Topeka; Dean and Maxine Blackwell, Kansas City East; Rand and Gloria Millich, Columbia; Fred and Diane Bailey, Springfield; Karl and Gaylon Beyersdorfer, Independence and Joplin; Al and Suzanne Kersha, Lake of the Ozarks; and Rowlen and Sue Tucker, Kansas City North and St. Joseph.

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"Into all the world..."

Better late than never

The day I discovered the *Plain Truth* magazine at a local grocery store was the finest thing that could have happened to me. Through it I discovered the Bible correspondence course. I only wish I made my discoveries before reaching the age of 70.

However, I am grateful to have been able to learn so much in such a short time, and it taught me things I had never known about the Bible before. Thank you and your staff.

S.E.C.
Cheshire, Conn.

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A deeper understanding

For many years I have been suspicious of organized religion, choosing to dwell only on the negative and overlook the basic truths it can teach.

However, for the last year or so I have become aware of a need for a better understanding of God and his nature. In an attempt to develop my spiritual life, I have begun to open my heart and mind to new ideas.

J.A.
Houston, Tex.

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No comparison

The Bible lessons are the most interesting lessons that I have ever had. I've taken lessons from two other denominations, but they are not to be compared with the Ambassador College lessons.

I've learned so much about what has come to pass and what is taking place

now and in the future. I'm on my 16th lesson. I'm 90 years old and hoping I can live until I finish these lessons.

N.A.
Darrington, Wash.

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Thrilling research

Your lessons are the most comprehensive and complete that we have ever studied. These lessons open up

thoughts and beliefs, and we find it very thrilling to research the Bible with their help.

J. C.
Burson, Calif.

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Hope to carry on

Thank you for the reminder of renewing my subscription to *The Plain Truth*. I do not know what I would do without it now for it gives me hope to carry on and acceptance of the inevitable. I reread the booklets you have sent and watch the turn of events the world is taking.

Having gone through the last war in London, England, which was terrible enough, and to know that we are on the

brink of a world catastrophe in the near future, makes me realize how valuable your messages to mankind are and wish I had known about your organization sooner when my memory was sharp.

V.E.L.
Shalimar, Fla.

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The next step

Baptized at 6 years (sprinkled), now I've learned what true baptism is, and it sure makes sense.

My problem now is: I know I must have true baptism—immersion. I'm praying and reading my Bible every morning and evening.

M.A.M.
Columbus, Ohio

Letters TO THE EDITOR

The *Worldwide News* welcomes your comments. Letters for this column should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space.

Positive moves

I just finished reading your "Personal" in the Jan. 22 *WN*. I received it in the mail yesterday. I believe you are right in canceling the 800 number and saving \$3.2 million. As you said, if people are really interested, they will write for the literature. I know I did.

When I first started listening to Mr. Armstrong back in 1979, 1980, I would get a busy signal when I tried the 800 number, so I just got my pen and paper

and wrote to ask for the booklets. I did this many times.

I'm sure other people will do the same if they are really interested. And if they make an effort to get booklets, they will then be more likely to read them. And when we make some effort that way, we appreciate the literature more.

Sacramento, Calif.

I want to thank you for the good news we have been hearing in the *WN* about the changes coming up in the Church and colleges; that is, the new administration building on the Big Sandy campus and the other proposed building needs there.

It will certainly be a money-saving move in the long haul, and much more convenient situation for all involved. I

think you and your people working under you in these changes are doing a terrific service, and most certainly God has his hand in this move. I know we are all praying for you in these matters.

Clatskanie, Ore.

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Earthquake preparation

I have read your article in the Jan. 22 *Worldwide News* about how to prepare for an earthquake.

I have let medication run low twice because of different unforeseen circumstances. . . . If someone must take some medication they need to have at least two different sources in two different areas. The reason is that one source could be lost in a quake. If this happens you still have the second to turn to.

For someone with epilepsy or a heart problem, this can prevent some unnecessary trouble.

Marshall W. Bunch
Edinburgh, Ind.

Construction advancing despite rain

Big Sandy: building update

By Donald Ward
and Rick van Pelt

PASADENA—Construction in Big Sandy has been advancing steadily.

Unfortunately, heavy rains have slowed progress. The year-to-date precipitation is about double the average amount.

Donald Ward is the president of Ambassador College and Rick van Pelt is the director of Facilities Services.

At this stage of the construction, one rainy day means a delay of several days. The excavation work is dependent on relatively dry soil. After a rainy day the ground must dry out a bit before excavation can resume. A long period of time with little or no rain is needed—at least until the earthwork part of construction is completed.

Specific information on the projects is as follows.

Field house

The asbestos removal portion of this job is proceeding well.

Fireproofing is being applied to the walls of the gymnasium-auditorium. This should be completed several days before the Ballet Folclorico Concert April 3. After the concert, wooden panels that cover conduits on the walls will be applied.

College Administration Building

Progress on the foundation is slow because of heavy rains. The contractor constructed a French drain system to remove water from the site and pumped water out to not lose too much time from the schedule.

The building is designed to have a partial basement, encompassing about a third of the foundation. Plans called for the basement walls to be completed by the end of March, which would allow the foundation work for the rest of the building to begin. However, heavy rains have delayed this by a week or two. The entire foundation is set to be completed by the end of April.

Women's residences

Again, progress has been slowed

on the residences because of the inclement weather.

For convenience we have named the five dormitories as Dorm A, B, C, D and E.

Substantial sections of the concrete block walls are completed to the top of the second floor on Dorms B and D. The footings on Dorm A have been poured and the concrete block work has begun. The footings on Dorm D are being poured and

the excavation on Dorm E is being completed.

The rough-in utility work was installed on Dorms B and D to the point where the concrete floor slabs are now being poured. As soon as the concrete has hardened, interior walls on the first floor can be installed.

New lecture hall

The working drawings on the lecture hall are almost finished. Pricing has been received on the structural steel portion of the job and orders have been placed.

The steel will arrive on the site in about seven weeks, which will allow

enough time to complete the foundation.

Contractors are placing their bids for the excavation and concrete work. The ground breaking is only a couple of weeks away.

Church office building

The office building to house the Italian and Spanish departments is on the drawing boards here in Pasadena. Engineering firms have been engaged to draw the structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems for the building. All other drawings will be done by Ambassador College personnel.

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British

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inception in the 1950s.

Robert Boraker, supervisor of the Personal Correspondence Department, and Paul Roberts, a medical doctor and local church elder in Plymouth, England, also spoke that afternoon.

Peter Shenton, pastor of the Ipswich and Norwich, England; Oslo, Norway; Stockholm, Sweden; and Copenhagen, Denmark; churches, was raised to pastor at the conclusion of the March 5 session.

A reception and banquet took place March 5.

At the conclusion of the dinner, and on behalf of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, Mr. Salyer gave a plaque and watches to Mr. Brown and his wife, Sharon, in recognition of their 25 years of service to the Work.

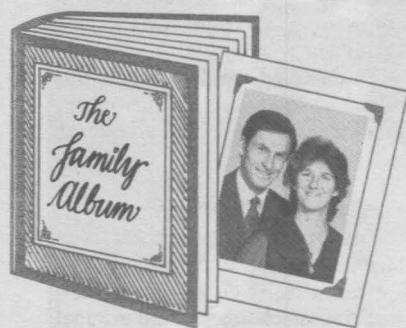
Mr. Brown, regional director in Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East since 1976, will transfer to direct the Canadian Office in May.

In appreciation of their services, Mr. Suckling presented Mr. and Mrs. Brown with a clock and a silver

handcrafted photo frame on behalf of the ministry and office staff.

Mr. Brown said: "My wife and I were totally surprised by the 25-year watches and plaque since the anniversary isn't until May, but Mr. Salyer wanted to do it at our final conference in the U.K."

The next morning the full-time ministers and their wives heard James Henderson, manager of Computer Information Systems and the Mail Processing Center in Britain, and Mr. Brown. The conference concluded with a question-and-answer session with Mr. Salyer and Mr. Brown.



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)

Macon and Dublin, Ga.

By Kerri Dowd

Although they are 50 miles apart the Macon and Dublin, Ga., churches like to keep in touch. That's because until about three years ago, they were one congregation.

"When the two churches get together it is like a family reunion," said David Mills, pastor of the two churches since 1985.

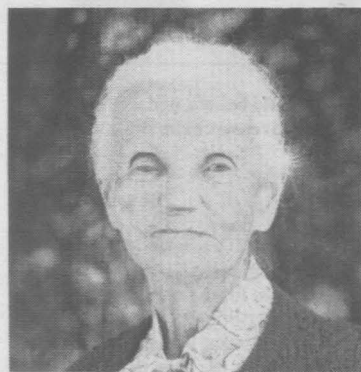
Attendance in Macon is 175, and in Dublin it is 110. Some members drive as far as an hour and a half to attend services. The two churches are near the center of Georgia in an agricultural region known for its three Ps: peanuts, peaches and pecans. Soybeans, cotton and corn also grow in the area's fertile farmland.

Central Georgia is humid with plenty of rain to keep things green and beautiful and plenty of sunshine. The only answers to the hottest part of the summer are ice-cold lemonade, iced tea and staying in the air-conditioned indoors.

Along with the occasional bobcat and fox, deer and other wildlife are plentiful among rolling hills. It is not uncommon to look out across a meadow at twilight and see a dozen deer grazing.

Many of the men in the two churches enjoy hunting. Mr. Mills joked, "We schedule Spokesman Club and other activities around deer-hunting season."

A cherry blossom festival takes



DUBLIN'S MOST SENIOR—Bertha Emmons, 87, a Church member since 1964, is the oldest member who attends in Dublin, Ga. [Photo by Brenda McLoon]

place each year in Macon, and the city has "won a lot of awards for its reconstructive efforts—the city fathers have done a good job of restoring many of the old homes and buildings downtown. Some of these homes go back to the antebellum [pre-Civil War] period," Mr. Mills said.

One such home is called Cannonball House because a cannonball landed in the house during the war.

About 15 miles north of Macon is Jarrell Plantation, a historic site in the area. It is run by the State of Georgia and is open to the public. It features a sawmill, grist mill, cotton gin and pea sheller and was a self-sufficient plantation owned by the

ancestors of Phil Haynes, a deacon in the Macon church.

The buildings have been restored to their pre-Civil War condition, a time when the plantation was operational. "At certain times of the year, they have it all running, and the people working there dress in the costumes of the period," said Mr. Mills' wife, Sandra.

The American South has long been noted for its racial tensions, but race relations are healthy in the Macon and Dublin churches. About one third of the members in the two churches are black.

"Overall the South is quite a different place than it was 30 years ago," Mr. Mills said. "They call it the New South, and there is better racial harmony in the community than people would think. The two races work together quite well."

"In the church, there is camaraderie and there are friendships. I'm very happy to see it."

Area employment

Kaolin, a pure white, natural clay used for paint, medicine and sculpture, is mined in the area.

Deacon Paul Worth has a blue-granite engraving business. The granite comes from a vein that runs from Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Worth produces grave markers and public building markers.

Others who are self-employed have secretarial, accounting and advertising businesses.

"Members have a wide assortment of jobs," said Mr. Mills. "Quite a few work in construction and building trades."

Some brethren work for Boeing.



SUMMER FUN—Macon, Ga., church youths take a break during a YOU camp-out. [Photo by Tom Riner]

Some are employed in the area's clothing manufacturing industry. Others are nurses and social workers.

While Dublin and Macon would not be best described as affluent, and wages are generally not high, there is little unemployment. "It is



REMARKABLE MEMORY—Winnie Coleman, 87, a Church member since 1964, who entertains brethren by reciting poetry from memory, attends in Dublin, Ga. [Photo by Carolyn Settles]

not difficult to find work, particularly if you have a skill," Mr. Mills said.

The area economy is doing well, and living costs are not as high as they are in some parts of the country. For example, an average three-bedroom house would cost about \$75,000.

The resourcefulness of the brethren allows most of them to own homes and live comfortably.

And people in the area are basically settled. Moving in and out of the area is rare.

Church activities

Last summer Macon brethren attended a camp-out. Each church has a summer picnic and they combine for a fun show in the winter. In addition to the regularly scheduled Youth Opportunities United (YOU) activities that are conducted in most areas, Dublin and Macon youths annually visit Six Flags Over Georgia, an amusement park near Atlanta.

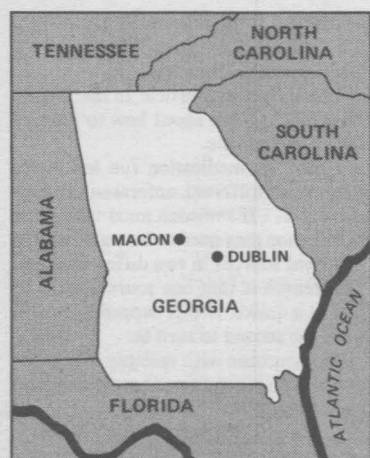
Both churches are assigned to Jekyll Island, Ga., for the Feast, and were responsible for parking in 1989. Many travel for the Feast, and Pasadena is one of the most popular transfer sites.

The two churches, particularly Macon, have a fair number of visitors. Because Macon is right on Interstate 75, many members visit on their way to the Feast or vacation in Florida.

The Dublin church has corresponded with the Dublin, Ireland, congregation. "They call the congregation in Ireland their sister church," said Mr. Mills.

Macon and Dublin, Ga.

Attendance	285
Local church elders	2
Deacons	6
Deaconesses	2
Teens	40
Children under 12	65
Over 60s	50
Spokesman Clubs	2
Graduate Clubs	0



WE ARE ONE FAMILY

PERSONAL

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not had before.

In light of these developments, about a year ago I directed that we should begin to emphasize a strategy of actively seeking stations with larger audiences. I instructed BBDO/Atlanta (our advertising agency) to pursue clearances with the network O&Os (owned-and-operated stations) and other station groups.

At that time the network that looked to be the most receptive was NBC. *The World Tomorrow* was already airing on two stations that had been bought by NBC.

In time, NBC's top manage-

New York City. The Westinghouse Group, which has a close affiliation with NBC, cleared the telecast for potential airing on their five stations.

This is a prestigious station group with good, strong stations in the key markets of San Francisco, Calif., Baltimore, Boston, Mass., and Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa. We are in negotiations with several of these stations.

Another factor that affects our time-buying is that Sunday morning has been the traditional time for stations to air religious television programs. However, a trend has been developing over the last couple of years. The major television stations are devoting less and less time to

In the past we have tried to maintain coverage in the United States in areas where we have local churches. Now, as we strive to preach the gospel to as many people as possible with the most efficient use of funds, this will not always be possible. I know this can be disappointing, but the doors God has opened with the program are keeping it strong and effective.

We have trimmed off about 100 stations from our schedule in the United States and 22 stations in Canada. Yet, despite this pruning, our audience levels have not substantially changed. And we have been able to achieve this with less expenditure.

Most of the stations to be cut have already been notified and are no longer airing *The World Tomorrow*. As the year progresses there will undoubtedly be some additional trimming here and there as we take advantage of better buys on more powerful stations yielding larger audiences to view the program.

The World Tomorrow is only one of several tools the Church of God can use to bring the gospel to the world.

Besides the telecast, we have *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News*, the Bible correspondence course, the many booklets, *Youth 90*, public Bible lectures and the Ambassador Foundation. Each fulfills its own important part in meeting a particular person's spiritual needs, depending on that person's level of understanding and interest.

Introduction to God's truth

Many of you remember that

Herbert W. Armstrong often said that *The World Tomorrow* was not designed as special, meaty instruction for the members of the Church; though, of course, members can and do learn from the telecast. Rather, *The World Tomorrow* is intended to be an introduction to God's truth for the general public.

As such, it should not be a thorough explanation of the full depth of the gospel at one time. It is designed, rather, to catch a person's interest and help that person progress in understanding and appreciating God's truth as God calls and works with him.

This is important in understanding why we must feed the television viewers the "milk of the Word" and not tackle subjects that are too spiritually advanced for them.

As Paul gave the example of being all things to all men (I Corinthians 9:22), we must approach people with an understanding of their background and level of spiritual knowledge.

The public in general is far

less knowledgeable about the Bible and biblical topics today than it was even 25 years ago. We must not assume that the average viewer is interested in the Bible and knows a lot about it. If we make this assumption, we will end up talking to a very small audience.

If a viewer is interested in the message of *The World Tomorrow*, he is able to ask for *The Plain Truth*, or specific booklets, which will give him more and deeper spiritual instruction and include offers for even more.

Let's continue to pray for God's direction and blessing as we grow together in his grace and love.

And again, thank you for your continued heartfelt prayers that God will guide us in making the various decisions necessary to carry out the Work effectively. This is his Work, and we need his wisdom to be faithful stewards.

I pray that you have a deeply meaningful, inspiring and encouraging Passover and Festival of Unleavened Bread.

God will guide us in making all the various decisions necessary to carry out the Work.

ment did approve *The World Tomorrow* for airing on their seven owned-and-operated stations. Other NBC affiliates are locally owned and operated.

Telecast on major stations

Presently, six of the seven NBC O&Os are airing *The World Tomorrow*. The newest addition is WRC in Washington, D.C., which started airing the telecast Jan. 7. The only one not airing *The World Tomorrow* is KNBC in Los Angeles.

Because of the clearances on NBC, *The World Tomorrow* has also been accepted on major stations such as WBAL in Baltimore, Md., and WWOR in

religious programing.

There are several reasons for this trend. Some stations want more time for local programing. Others need more time for network programs, and still others find electronic religion, or televangelism, distasteful and would rather earn revenue in other ways.

Another new occurrence on Sunday morning is that many time periods that were not considered valuable are now being filled with programs that are attracting larger audiences. Thus, Sunday time periods are becoming valuable for programing and, therefore, more expensive.

that is being designed, coordinated and installed, is the sanitary and storm sewage system for the new buildings.

Engineering work on the building that will house the chiller is proceeding well. Work on the building will begin soon.

Library remodel

Construction drawings detailing how the reconstruction will be done are being finished. In the last few weeks some changes to the original concept have been made in order to better use the available space.

Big Sandy

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Construction work is still some weeks away.

Utility distribution system

The utility project is also dependent upon good weather. Despite the rain, good progress has been made on installing the new utility vaults and conduits. About 800 feet (one fifth) of the system have been installed.

Another aspect of this project

Children's Corner

The rumor monster

By Vivian Pettijohn

As soon as the bell signaled the end of recess the children on the playground hurried back inside.

"Hey Mike, stop for a minute!" Calvin yelled. First-grader Mike Harris spun around and waited.

Calvin caught up with Mike and said in a low voice: "I heard that your neighbors, the Winfields, are moving. You know my sister, Ruth, who's in Kathy's fourth-grade class? She wants to try and get Kathy's part in the class play next month."

"I haven't heard anything about it," Mike replied frowning. "I hope they don't move, 'cause we like them so much."

"Well," Calvin continued, "if you find out when they're moving, tell me so Ruth can ask for that part. OK?"

"Uh... OK," Mike mumbled as they walked into the school building.

After school when Mike got home, he greeted Mother and blurted: "Guess what! The Winfields are moving! It was bad enough having the Ellisons move away. Now they're leaving, too."

"Are you sure, honey?" Frances Harris asked. "Mrs. Winfield hasn't said a word to me about moving. Perhaps you heard wrong."

"No, Mommy," Mike protested sadly. "Calvin—he's in second grade—he told me."

"Well," Mother said, "the only way to learn the truth is to ask the Win-

fields. We must not share news with anyone else unless we know it's true. And even then, we shouldn't pass it on unless we know they wouldn't mind. Now let's find out about this."

Mike's mother hurried to the telephone and called the Winfield home. "Hi, Virginia, this is Frances. Mike heard a rumor at school today, which we hope isn't true. He was told that

your family is planning to move away."

"Oh no," Mrs. Winfield said. "We aren't planning to move, but thanks for asking instead of just believing a rumor. I suppose one of our children mentioned at school that their Grandpa Winfield is moving back to Tennessee, and someone just misunderstood. Who told Mike

we were moving?"

"It was a second grader named Calvin," Frances answered. "Anyway, Mike will tell Calvin tomorrow—before it goes any further—that it isn't true."

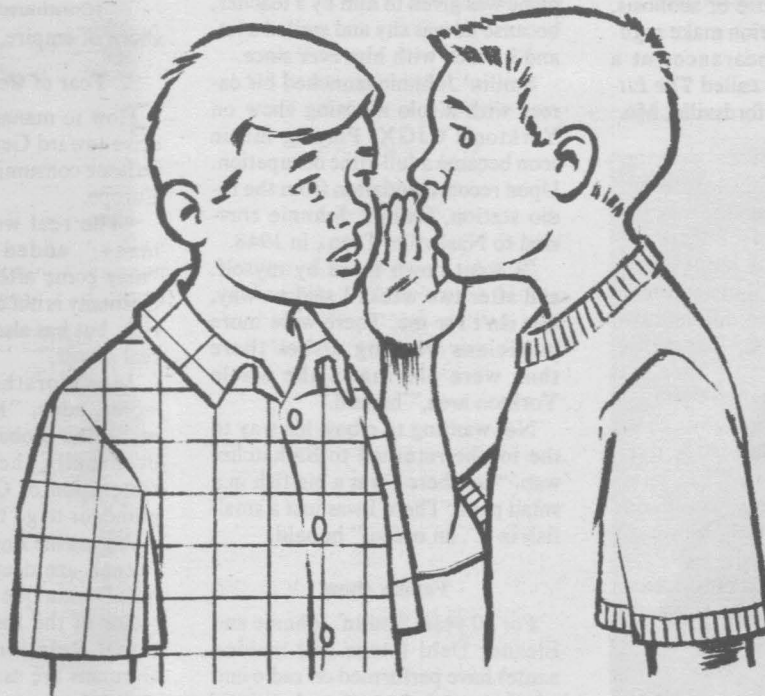
"Well," Mrs. Winfield said. "I'm afraid it already has gone further. I got a phone call a few minutes ago from Kathy's teacher, who asked how soon we plan to move. She said Kathy's part in the class play is a big one, and she would need to find another girl right away to learn that part if Kathy won't be here."

"It sounds like this rumor is growing like a monster in a child's nightmare," said Frances. "Do you suppose there is such a thing as a rumor monster that grows as it feeds on rumors and spreads them everywhere?"

Mrs. Winfield laughed and said: "It sounds that way. But thanks for telling me what Mike heard. He can help stop this rumor by telling Calvin it isn't true, but I don't know how to track down all the other places that the rumor could have spread by now."

"I'll remind Mike and Gina to stop that rumor monster whenever it comes near them," Frances said. "Oh, Mike wants to talk to you."

Mother handed the telephone to Mike, who said: "Mrs. Winfield, I'm glad your family isn't moving." Then he smiled at Mother as he added, "You can believe that because I'm no rumor monster."



Artwork to color by Ken Tunell

Diversified approach helps Church reach out Foundation builds bridges

By David Hulme

PASADENA—We completed a successful year of Ambassador Foundation activities in 1989. Several more activities are planned for 1990. The foundation made some new grants in 1989 that proved beneficial to the organizations funded and to the Church.

David Hulme is vice-president of the Ambassador Foundation.

Over the past few years we have been asked what the purpose of such funding is, and why the Church—through the Ambassador Foundation—conducts these activities.

The reason comes down to one simple point: To get a message across, you must communicate in a way your audience can understand.

As Peter wrote: "Use wisdom in dealing with outsiders, making the most of your opportunities. Always put your message attractively, and yet pointedly, and be prepared to give every inquirer a fitting answer" (I Colossians 4:5-6, Goodspeed translation).

Primary in accomplishing this is our media effort to distribute the truth of God on an international basis. But beyond that, we must also back up our words with deeds.

Jesus commanded his disciples:

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds" (Matthew 5:16, New International Version). The foundation tries to achieve this with its varied projects. In this way we are able to help people we could not otherwise reach.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach wrote that the humanitarian actions of the Church and foundation do not absolve individual members from playing their parts, but the actions of the Church through the foundation help others to understand us. These actions sow seeds that may germinate sometime later.

During the past year we made several Church and foundation grants. One small grant went to a hospice in the Pasadena area. This organization provides care and support for those terminally ill with cancer. Many of the people served by this hospice have nowhere else to go. They simply want to face death with dignity. The Church does not have the resources to start its own operation but it can contribute to an existing organization as funds permit.

As Proverbs plainly states: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act" (Proverbs 3:27, NIV).

A major example of this concept was the contribution by Mr. Tkach

on behalf of the Church to the American Red Cross.

While some of us may not fully realize it, the Church is known in many quarters as a closed community that cares only for its members. The major contribution to the Red Cross provided a significant step forward in changing this image.

Not widely known is that most large organizations like the Red Cross or United Way normally deduct 10 to 15 percent from all donations for administrative expenses.

When we began making arrangements for the donation, Mr. Tkach said he wanted the full amount to go

to relief efforts. After several phone calls and discussions, this provision was agreed on. Later, several other organizations followed suit.

Another interesting aspect of this donation was that Mr. Tkach did not conduct an ostentatious media event to publicize the contribution. One Red Cross official later told us that the Church probably made a bigger impact by not doing so.

Ambassador Foundation activities help demonstrate God's way of life to people who otherwise may not come into contact with us.

A few years ago one communications expert said that the Worldwide Church of God was the "thinking man's religion." When he saw how diversified our approach was in terms of reaching people, he commented how refreshing it was to see an organization that didn't "scream and shout," but had a far more rea-

sonable approach.

Mass communication and religion are changing. It is becoming harder and harder to reach people with a hard-core religious message.

Accordingly, the foundation helps find areas of commonality where the Church's message can be appreciated and understood by those who may not otherwise comprehend a direct religious message.

The principle is a biblical one. Paul, for example, quoted Epimenides of Crete and the poet Aratus of Cilicia in demonstrating the existence of God (Acts 17:28).

As can be seen by the context, he was confirming areas of common knowledge—building bridges with his audience so they could better understand his position—speaking in language they could understand.

Luck may be instrumental to their style of prairie music

YORKTON, Sask.—John Lucky, also known as "Smilin' Johnnie," is a traveling old time music and family entertainer.

Mr. Lucky and his wife, Eleanor, have been performing traditional prairie music on the road for more than 40 years.

Their radio program on CJNB in North Battleford, Sask., was replaced by the *World Tomorrow* broadcast in 1964. After listening to Herbert W. Armstrong on the broadcast for seven or eight years, the Luckys were baptized in 1972.

Mr. Lucky has met many musicians who said that to stay in business one must play Friday and Saturday—"to which I said we started observing the Sabbath [in 1969] and are still in the music business. It means working harder and above all, praying harder," he said.

Learning to sing

Mr. Lucky grew up on a farm near Wroxton, Sask., in the 1930s. "My folks said that maybe I should learn to sing, and that it might be a way to avoid going hungry," he said in the Aug. 10, 1988, issue of *Yorkton This Week*.

"My dad managed to get me a \$6 guitar and it was up to me to learn the chords. Music lessons were unheard of then. Before you know it, I was playing in church and at local talent nights."

During World War II there were few musicians around and we used to play about seven days a week, Mr. Lucky continued.

Since the early days he has been known as Smilin' Johnnie. The name was given to him by a teacher, because he was shy and smiled a lot, and it stuck with him ever since.

Smilin' Johnnie launched his career with a solo morning show on Yorkton's CJGX. Playing music soon became a full-time occupation. Upon recommendation from the radio station, Smilin' Johnnie traveled to Nashville, Tenn., in 1948.

"I went down there by myself, and after two weeks I said no way, this isn't for me. There were more musicians washing dishes there than were playing in the whole Yorkton area," he said.

Not wanting to elbow his way to the top he returned to Saskatchewan. "Out here I was a big fish in a small pond. There I was just a small fish in . . . an ocean," he said.

Family show

For 40 years Smilin' Johnnie and Eleanor Dahl (stage and maiden name) have performed on radio and television and given shows in the big cities and remotest corners of Canada—from Newfoundland to the Queen Charlotte Islands. They

have traveled more than four million miles.

They averaged 150,000 miles a year, but they travel only about half that now—because "we don't have as much energy as we used to." They do all their own bookings and promotions and have recorded eight albums at their own expense.

Eleanor, who plays accordion, piano and "a little bit of everything else," joined him more than 25 years ago when he was in need of an

accordion player. They have been married 15 years.

The Smilin' Johnnie Show combines old time, grassroots country music in both original and traditional songs and a comedy routine.

About performing at senior citizens homes Mr. Lucky said: "We serve them and hopefully make their lives that much more meaningful and happy. I hope we can glorify God in our small way by entertaining others."

Duets in 1940s foster couple's love for music

By Haydn A. Fox Sr.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—Dan Verble, 74, and his wife, Helen, play and record old-time country music for the archives of the Illinois Council of Arts.

The council asked them to record this nearly extinct form of music after hearing Mr. Verble and his brother Marion sing and play the fiddle and guitar at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield in 1988.

Haydn A. Fox Sr., is a member who attends the Cape Girardeau, Mo., church.

Mr. Verble grew to love music through his family. His mother played piano and his father and three uncles played stringed instruments. Many a night the family tuned the radio to Nashville's Grand Old Opry and imitated what they heard.

In the late 1930s Mr. Verble, Marion and three neighbor boys formed a five-piece band, The Roving Ranch Hands, and started playing for social events in southern Illinois. A promoter engaged them to play weekly on WEBQ

radio in Harrisburg, Ill.

In 1941 they entered a music contest in Cape Girardeau and won the Hill Billy Band championship of the Midwestern states.

After World War II, Mr. Verble taught himself to read and compose music. His compositions, "Day Dreaming in the Saddle" and "When the Blue Bonnets Bloom in Texas," were published by National Music Co., and a comedy hit, "That's All a Mule Can Do," by Cole Publishing Co.

In 1945 two sisters, Mary Edith and Helen Fisher, known as The Pleasant Valley Cowgirls, joined The Roving Ranch Hands.

Mr. Verble and Helen were married June 15, 1946, and continued as a duet for several years after other members of the band quit.

Mr. and Mrs. Verble began attending God's Church in 1962, and were soon entertaining for Church socials, and later repairing musical instruments. Though Helen is unable to travel because of scoliosis, Mr. Verble and Marion make regular bimonthly appearances at a country music show called *The Little Ole Opry* in Burfordville, Mo.



OLD-TIME MUSIC—Dan and Helen Verble, members who attend the Cape Girardeau, Mo., church, record music for the archives of the Illinois Council of Arts. [Photo by Gigi Davis]



SASKATCHEWAN SONGSTERS—"Smilin' Johnnie" Lucky, and his wife, Eleanor, have given performances throughout Canada for 40 years.

German

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shorn of empire, do this?

Fear of Germany grows

How to manage the unstoppable drive toward German unification is an issue consuming the top minds in Europe.

"The real worries about Germany," added *The Economist*, "may come after the 1990s, when Germany is not only whole, free and rich, but has also begun to sense its real power."

Mr. Worsthorne, fearing the worst, adds, "Knowing the Germans, the probability must be that eventually they will allow this restoration of German power and grandeur to go to their heads."

Across the English Channel, "the French are deeply insecure," admits Dominique Moisi, associate director of the Institute for International Relations in Paris. "The Germans are asserting themselves, and we are growing fearful. Our fears may not be well-founded, but we have them nonetheless, and a fearful people will not always distin-

guish carefully between myth and reality."

Even some Germans are a bit worried. Returning home from a trip to the Middle East, *World Tomorrow* scriptwriter Keith Stump was told by a West German Lufthansa Airlines stewardess, regarding unification: "We have to be careful. . . . It could be dangerous. I just don't trust us."

Aussie

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The theme of the conference was "READY!", based on Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's 1989 Festival message.

The conference covered subjects such as planning, leadership styles and approaches and counseling second-generation Christians. Ministers and staff updated the group on the regional office, events in Europe and Youth Opportunities United.

Attending were Australia's 35 full-time ministers, seven local church elders and their wives.

A daylong Festival coordinators meeting was conducted the day before the conference began.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BAXTER, David and Desiree (Grant), of Vancouver, Wash., boy, Joseph Michael, Feb. 28, 10:28 a.m., 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BENT, Richard and Narelle (Wright), of Gold Coast, Australia, girl, Chontelle Joan, Jan. 23, 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

BODEN, Thomas and Darla (Prunty), of Hudson, Wis., girl, Mary Elizabeth, Jan. 20, 11:40 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

EDMONDSON, Reese and Chantale (Guay), of Pasadena, boy, Nathan Reese, Jan. 4, 1:20 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

FERTIG, Ronald and Lori (Perman), of Chettyne, Wyo., boy, Weston Tyler, Feb. 23, 6:50 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GATLIN, Nathan and Denise (McNew), of Tucson, Ariz., boy, Jesse Nolan, Feb. 13, 7:45 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

GERRARD, Steve and Leanne (Morris), of Frederick, Md., boy, Andrew Richard James, Dec. 22, 3 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

GERRATY, Shane and Vanessa (Vaughan), of Auckland, New Zealand, boy, Michael Vaughan, Feb. 23, 4:45 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

GOFORTH, Victor and Susan (Backman), of Long Beach, Calif., boy, David Gregory, Feb. 23, 12:05 p.m., 8 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

GOUDIE, Anthony and Penelope (Revell), of Dublin, Ireland, boy, Alexander Shane, Jan. 31, 12:25 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

GUERTSEN, David and Jan (Jantzen), of Victoria, B.C., girl, Anika Charlotte, Feb. 6, 12:08 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

HERRBOLDT, Perry and Janet (Fritza), of Sioux Falls, S.D., girl, Ianna Louise, Jan. 24, 7 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

HUGHES, Mike and Deborah (Johnson), of Huntsville, Ala., girl, Heidi Marie, Feb. 7, 10:47 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KALIN, Peter and Margrit (Kaun) of Wodonga, Australia, boy, Alexander Peter, Feb. 22, 5 a.m., 8 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

KARMAN, William and Lisa (Dolson), of San Antonio, Tex., boy, Joshua Michael, Jan. 13, 5:21 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

LALLIER, Rene and Lora (Thrasher), of Attleboro, Mass., boy, Jeremy David, Jan. 25, 2:46 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

LEE, Ron and Diane (Miller), of Lansing, Mich., girl, Ashley Marie, Jan. 22, 11:02 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

LOCKE, Robert and Patricia (Bates), of Brampton, Ont., girl, Samantha Colleen, Feb. 3, 5:13 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

LORD, Ronald and Toni (Princiotta), of San Francisco, Calif., boy, Robert Michael, Feb. 20, 10:03 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

NELSON, Eric and Jackie (Page), of Pasadena, boy, Britton Page, Feb. 16, 8:16 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

NOBIS, Walter and Margarita (Drechsler), of Hamburg, West Germany, boy, Daniel Walter, Jan. 30, 10:47 a.m., 9.67 pounds, first child.

PERRY, Arthur and Dale (Holden), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Ryan James, Feb. 25, 4:16 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

PHILLIPS, David and Rosemary (Doey), of Smiths Falls, Ont., girl, Sarah Maija-Lisa, Dec. 17, 1:35 p.m., 7 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

PIKE, Ian and Anna (Prior), of Auckland, New Zealand, boy, Oliver Edward, Jan. 22, 4:10 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

PRIOR, Stephen and Carolyn (Nemeth), of London, Ont., boy, Andrew Michael David, Feb. 25, 11:05 a.m., 5 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

REGISTER, Jon and Carol (Fitzgerald), of Orlando, Fla., girl, Chantel Martine, Feb. 21, 12:35 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

ROBAS, Ian and Julie (Chant), of Johannesburg, South Africa, girl, Carly Jane, Dec. 10, 3.1 kilograms, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RUGGLESS, Jacob and Norma (Carl), of Pasadena, boy, Jaryn Andrew, Nov. 22, 12:36 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SHERMAN, Donald C. and Kathleen (Campbell), of Baltimore, Md., boy, Donald Gregory, Jan. 16, 7:37 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SUMMERS, Gary and Peggy (Roberts), of Canton, Ohio, boy, Erik William, Jan. 24, 1:15 a.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

TRUMBLE, Brian and Leanne (Butt), of Rockledge, Fla., girl, Lauryn Alyssa, March 8, 7:45 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

WANN, Paul and Alicia (Franz), of St. Louis, Mo., girl, Rebekah Elizabeth, Feb. 7, 4 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 girls.

WOLFE, Michael and Deborah (Minton), of Fort Wayne, Ind., girl, Michele Leann, Dec. 15, 3:23 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WRIGHT, Kevin and Greer (Vernon), of San Bernardino, Calif., boy, Kyle Owen, Jan. 2, 1:10 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. John Borax of Ottawa, Ont., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Dawna Lee to Thomas Pierce Butler IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pierce Butler III of Salem, Mass. An Aug. 12 wedding is planned.

Robert Craggs of Croydon, England, and

Robyn Clingin of Perth, Australia, are happy to announce their engagement. An April 22 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae E. Johnson of Kalspell, Mont., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Melinda to Bret R. Dynciek of Spokane, Wash. A June wedding in Kalspell is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. William Halsted of Jamestown, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Nancy to Bruce Warren Turley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Turley of Corning, Calif. A June 24 wedding is planned.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen Stout of Ridgefield, Wash., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Tamara to Jim Nickelsen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Nickelsen of Toledo, Ohio. A May 21 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Woodall of Chesapeake, Va., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Shawna Le to Scott Alan Herridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herridge of Dunlap, Ill. An Aug. 5 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. DAVID CLARK

David and Simone Albert of Pasadena are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Molly to David Clark, son of Roland and Diane Clark of Redondo Beach, Calif. The ceremony was performed by the fathers of the bride and groom. Dr. Albert is an evangelist and a *World Tomorrow* presenter, and Mr. Clark is a minister in the Long Beach, Calif., West church. Fleur Brown was maid of honor, and Todd Wangness was best man.



MR. AND MRS. L. KLEINOW

Marie Holman of Brookings, S.D., and Lawrence Kleinow of Faribault, Minn., were married Nov. 25. Arnold Clouston, pastor of the Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Paducah, Ky., churches, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. James McCord were attendants. The couple live in Faribault.



MR. AND MRS. DENNIS R. FULTZ

Lyndi M. Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cole of Tehachapi, Calif., and Dennis R. Fultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson R. Fultz of Modesto, Calif., were united in marriage Nov. 26 in Tehachapi, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Camilo Reyes, Mojave, Calif., pastor. Lesley Anne Ashfield was maid of honor, and Kenneth Fultz, twin brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Modesto.



MR. AND MRS. NORVELL MAPLES

Cecily Clare Smith and Norvell Lee Maples were united in marriage Dec. 30 in Lubbock, Tex. The ceremony was performed by David Dobson, Lubbock pastor. Darlene Maeker was matron of honor, and Todd McNamee was best man. The couple live in Lubbock.



MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY BROWN

Tara Estelle Mosley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mosley of Mount Airy, N.C., and Jeffrey Richard Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of Cambridge, Ohio, were

united in marriage Aug. 13 in King, N.C. The ceremony was performed by Dan Rogers, Marietta and Rome, Ga., pastor. Kim Cluton, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Dobson, N.C.



France. The ceremony was performed in French by Bernard Audoin, father of the bride and Bordeaux pastor. Donat Picard, Montreal, Que. (French), pastor, provided English translation. Nina Duchene was matron of honor, and David Armitage was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.

MR. AND MRS. HANS de MOEI

Hans de Moei and Denise Raven were united in marriage July 19 in Tiel, Netherlands. The ceremony was performed by Bram de Bree, Dutch regional director. The couple live in Tiel.

MR. AND MRS. GIL ACHANZAR

Gil Achanzar and Yolanda Ann Alvarado were united in marriage Oct. 7 in San Jose, Calif. William Jacobs, San Jose pastor, performed the ceremony. The couple live in San Jose.



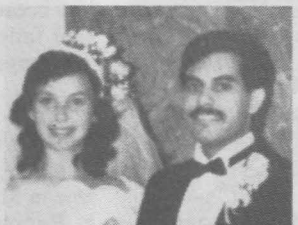
MR. AND MRS. DONALD DUPRAS

Diana Solleveil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Solleveil of Winnipeg, Man., and Donald Dupras, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Damien Dupras of Winnipeg were united in marriage July 16. The ceremony was performed in Winnipeg by Cecil Maranville, Phoenix, Ariz., North pastor. Sherry Friesen was maid of honor, and Gilles Dupras, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Winnipeg.



MR. AND MRS. PHILIP ROBISON

Patricia Dianne White and Philip Irwin Robison were united in marriage Feb. 18 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by Gene Scarborough, a minister in the Pasadena East A.M. church. Corrine Wickersham was matron of honor, and Ted Saari was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. P. MARTINEZ

Nancy M. Long of Kansas City, Mo., is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Crystal A. Gonzalez Long to Patrick Luis Martinez, son of Dave and Cecilia Ortiz. The ceremony was performed Oct. 7 in Santa Fe, N.M., by Felix Heimberg, Santa Fe pastor. Angelina Landess, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Louie Martinez, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Santa Fe.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD SYVRET

Anita Hofer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hofer of Selkirk, Man., and Richard Blair Syvret, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Syvret of Winnipeg, Man., were united in marriage Oct. 1 in Winnipeg. The ceremony was performed by Cecil Maranville, Phoenix, Ariz., North pastor. Sandra Poltras, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor, and Donn Poltras was best man.



MR. AND MRS. PHILIP DICK

Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Burky are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Jennifer Kaye to Philip Curtis Dick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Dick. The ceremony was performed Oct. 4 on the Ambassador College campus by the groom's father, Elkhart, Michigan City and Plymouth, Ind., pastor. Sarah Campbell was maid of honor, and Timothy Dick, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.

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J.R. and Beatrice Hinkle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 7. The couple were honored by their children at a surprise party. Mrs. Hinkle was baptized in 1973, and Mr. Hinkle in 1982. They have four sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren. The Hinkles attend the London, Ky., church.

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OBITUARIES



MR. AND MRS. ROGER BOOTH

Michael and Pauline Nixon, longtime Church members who attend the Bradford, England, church, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 10. A family gathering to celebrate the occasion was arranged by their children, Gary and his wife, Mandy; Debra; Karen; Maxine and her husband, David; Ruth; Beverly and her husband, Robin; Rachel; and Helen. Grandchildren Laura, Jamie, Benjamin, Luke and Daniel also attended the event.

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MR. AND MRS. CHARLIE WRIGHT

Charlie and Ellen Wright celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Feb. 20. They have attended the Boise, Idaho, church since their baptism in 1972. The Boise church honored them with a silk floral display at a church social. The church's Half-Century Club presented them with a cake at another social. The Wrights have four children, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Forrester celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Feb. 10. The couple attend the Memphis, Tenn., church. Brethren honored them with a cake and a card.

CALHOON, Michael Rey, 22, of Westminster, Calif., died Dec. 26 after many years of illness. Mr. Calhoon, a Church member since 1987, is survived by his parents, two brothers and grandparents.

STEPHENS, Dorothy, 89, of Waco, Tex., died Feb. 26. Mrs. Stephens, a Church member since 1958, was preceded in death by her husband, O.V. Stephens. She is survived by a son, Robert Lewis; one sister, Inez Mangum; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.



RALPH H. SWIFT

Swift, Ralph H., 76, of Denver, Colo., died Jan. 19 after suffering a stroke Dec. 30. Mr. Swift, a Church member since 1967 and a deacon since 1969, was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy. He is survived by a brother, Roy.

PREVATT, Mildred, 57, of Milledgeville, Ga., died March 1 after a prolonged bout with emphysema. Mrs. Prevatt, a Church member since 1983, is survived by her husband, four children, seven grandchildren and one sister.

HOUSE, Floye H., 77, of Hamilton, Miss., died Jan. 21. Mrs. House, a Church member since 1960, is survived by two sons, one grandson and one granddaughter.

ANDERSON, George Leon, 71, of Houston, Tex., died Feb. 20 after an illness of several months. Mr. Anderson, a Church member since 1966, is survived by his wife, Bettie Beckworth Anderson, one son, one daughter, one sister and two grandchildren.



GERTIE M. GILDERS

GILDERS, Gertie M., 80, of Pomona, Calif., died Jan. 5. Mrs. Gilders, a Church member since 1958, is survived by one sister, two sons, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

WARREN, Floy Curtis, 74, of Lamar, Ark., died Feb. 2 after a long illness. Mrs. Warren, a Church member since 1952, is survived by her husband, Charley, and four children.

SERFASS, Luciel C., 69, of Columbus, Ga., died Feb. 14 after a long struggle with cancer. Mrs. Serfass, a Church member since 1971, is survived by two sisters, Mary Schmidt and Carrie Grogan; and one brother, Robert Cordry.

CASUTTE, Dorothy, 80, of Salt Lake City, Utah, died Jan. 31. Mrs. Casutte, a Church member since 1972, is survived by two daughters and one son.

WHITTINGTON, Harvey Edgar, 59, of Shreveport, La., died Dec. 14 of a heart attack. Mr. Whittington, a Church member since 1961, is survived by his wife, Laura; a daughter, Elizabeth; a son, Joseph; three sisters; and nieces and nephews.

PFLUGER, Ruth, 73, of Austin, Tex., died Feb. 4. Miss Pfluger, a Church member since 1962, is survived by a sister, Waldine Rust; a brother, Erwin; two nephews; three nieces; and one grandnephew.

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

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

John Bartholomew, pastor of the Pretoria, South Africa, church, **Peter McLean**, pastor of the Johannesburg, South Africa, Central church, and **John White**, pastor of the Durban, South Africa, church, were raised to pastor Feb. 19.

Cyrille Richard, associate pastor of the Montreal, Que., North and South (French), and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, churches, was raised to preaching elder Feb. 21.

George Pendry, a deacon in the St. Petersburg, Fla., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Feb. 10. **Benjamin Johnson** and **Anthony Rice**, deacons in the Pasadena East P.M. church, were ordained local elders on the Sabbath, Feb. 24.

Dan Harris, a deacon in the Pasadena East P.M. church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Feb. 24.

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PASADENA—On the set of *The World Tomorrow*, **Herbert Vierra**, operation manager of Television/Radio Production, welcomed guests to a celebration to mark the 100th German voice-over of the *World Tomorrow* telecast, March 16.

Production of the German telecast began in 1987, said **Glenn Mitchell**, foreign language program supervisor.

The celebration was to honor those who make the German telecast possible, Mr. Mitchell added.

Among the guests were **John Karlson**, regional director for German-speaking areas, and his wife, **Kristina**, and **Frank Schnee**, who served the German-speaking areas from 1965 to 1984, and his wife, **Esther**.

Mr. Karlson said: "The Germans are hesitant about other religions, but the quality of *The World Tomorrow* impresses them. The program content reaches the German mind and they respect that."

Putting German words into the mouths of the four *World Tomorrow* presenters is **Norbert Link**, who has been doing the voice-over since production began.

Mr. Link, born in Solingen, West Germany, moved to the United States in 1981 and works in the Church's Legal Office.

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PASADENA—Chancellor **Joseph W. Tkach** announced the Ambassador College student leaders for the 1990-91 school year during a forum in the Ambassador Auditorium, March 20.

They are **Richard Crow**, student body president; **Micheal Deraas**, student body vice-president; **Richard Andrews**, senior class president; **Dean Sargent**, senior class vice-president; **David Butcher**, junior class president; **Dan Kale**, sophomore class president.

Donald Conard, overall Ambassador Club president; **Carolyn Clark**, overall Women's Club president; **Theresa Yoha**, overall Women's Club vice-president.

Paul Warren, German Club president; **Elizabeth Brown**, French Club president; **Kevin King**, Spanish Club president.

Brian Hoselton, student body sergeant at arms; **Elizabeth Armfield**, student body treasurer; **Cindy Berrie**, student body secretary.

Ben Smith, married student representative; **Joe Haan**, KBAC manager; **Brian Tyson**, *Portfolio* editor; **Kevin Graham**, Outreach president; and **Dale Wine**, dining

hall monitor.

The following men will be ministerial trainees: **Jeffrey Anto**, **George DeVlugt**, **Leaford Henderson** and **Rony Philbert**.

Newly appointed faculty department heads are **Russell Duke**, theology; **Stan Murphy**, Career Services; and **Gary Shaffer**, speech.

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WHEELING, W.Va.—More than 385 brethren gathered to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the church here Feb. 10.

Keith Walden, Wheeling pastor from 1975 to 1978, gave the sermon.

William Winner, Wheeling pastor since September 1989, relayed messages from men who have served in the area.

Since its first service Feb. 6, 1965, the Wheeling church has produced three additional congregations: Washington, Pa., and Cambridge and Steubenville, Ohio.

A buffet meal, dance and cake-cutting followed Sabbath services.

Members who attended the first service gave a presentation outlining the events of the past 25 years.

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SAN JOSE, Calif.—Almost 600 brethren gathered Feb. 3 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the church here.

Several ministers and their wives who have served in San Jose attended the event.

Joseph W. Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States, was guest speaker for the occasion. Commemorative name badges were presented to each of the ministers and to all of the members who attended the first service.

A dinner dance took place the next evening.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the Festival sites in Bonndorf, West Germany; Scarborough, England; Gold Coast, Australia; and Kona, Hawaii; have reached capacity and no further applications can be accepted.

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BRADFORD, England—About 350 brethren celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church here Dec. 9. A combined service with the Hull, England, church was followed with a five-course banquet, a cake-

cutting ceremony and dancing.

David Bedford, the area's first resident pastor (1964 to 1968) and now Grantham, Leicester, Nottingham, Northampton and Sheffield pastor, gave the sermonette. **Richard Frankel**, Washington, D.C., North and South pastor, who was Bradford pastor in 1975 and 1976, gave the sermon. **David Magowan**, Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough and Newcastle upon Tyne pastor, has served the area since 1980.

The church met in Leeds, England, until 1977 when growth caused a move to Bradford.

Robin Jones, pastor from 1968 to 1971, and **David Wainwright**, pastor from 1971 to 1974, sent greetings. Mr. Jones now pastors the Reading, Godalming and Southampton, England, churches, and Dr. Wainwright is a professor of French at Ambassador College in Pasadena.

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SYDNEY, Australia—Brethren gathered here Feb. 3 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Sydney church. Evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse** conducted the first Sabbath service here Jan. 30, 1960.

Although a rainstorm limited the number of people able to attend, 800 attended Sabbath services.

Messages came from ministers

who served in Sydney through the years.

Robert Fahey, regional director, gave the sermon.

A banquet followed Sabbath services, and members provided entertainment.

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PALMDALE, Calif.—**Amber Mance**, 11, placed first in the fourth through sixth grade category of *Family Circle* magazine's 1989 "Back to School" essay contest.



AMBER MANCE

Amber received \$1,700 and a plaque for her essay on the greenhouse effect.

Amber, who attends the Mojave, Calif., church with her mother, **Kerry Mance**, plans to save the money for college.



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

PASADENA—For the first time all of the members from East Germany went to the West, for the wedding Jan. 28 of East German member **Daniela Froehlich** to **Meinrad Eckert**.

"When Daniela and I got engaged at the Feast in Czechoslovakia in 1989, we could not help but hope that at least some of them [members] and some of Daniela's relatives would be allowed to travel to Bonn [West Germany] for our wedding in January," Mr. Eckert wrote to *The Worldwide News*.

"Just at the time of the Feast the state closed its borders to Czechoslovakia, and all of the East German brethren got even more difficulties to travel to Brno for the Feast," he added.

"But the hardest case was Daniela because of her applications to leave the country for marriage. They feared she would flee to Bavaria through the open borders from Czechoslovakia to West Germany."

After four hours of questioning, the officials granted visas for Daniela to go to Brno, this "after much prayer and with the help of Heinz Pistorius, a deacon in the East German church," said Mr. Eckert.

The members and their families attended a Friday evening Bible study Jan. 26, and Sabbath services the next day in Bonn.

They joined the Bonn and Dueseldorf churches for a potluck and talent show. To the surprise of Miss Froehlich, the curtain opened to reveal six of her classmates and her teacher from Zwickau, East Germany.

The wedding took place in Troisdorf, West Germany, with more than 200 in attendance.

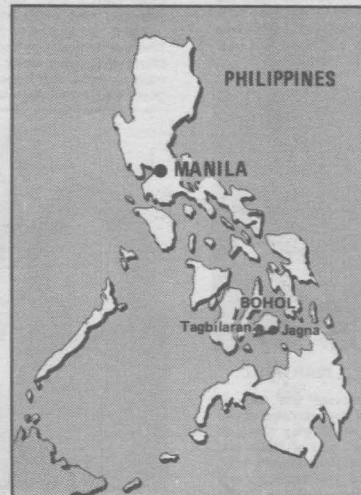
After a cake buffet and dance, the evening closed with dinner at the Bristol Hotel in Bonn.

Quake in Philippines

An earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale struck the island of Bohol in the central Philippines

Feb. 8, killing at least eight.

"Bohol is one of the less developed islands and communication to and from the island is poor," said



Rodney Matthews, regional director.

"We have a church there in the city of Tagbilaran and an outlying Bible study at the town of Jagna, where the earthquake was centered," he added.

Paul Kieffer, director of Ministe-

rial Services in the Philippine Office, made this report.

"We waited for some news from our members in Jagna or the local church elder [Terencio Naranjo] on the following days, as we had a scheduled Bible study in Jagna on Feb. 10.

"On Feb. 13 evening we still had not received any word from our members or Mr. Naranjo, but we heard some comments on the radio about the damages in Jagna."

Mr. Kieffer learned that some members had evacuated the area. Thousands of residents evacuated for fear of a tsunami (tidal wave).

"This is why we had a low attendance (only 10) at the Feb. 10 Bible study in Jagna. In fact, Mr. Naranjo almost did not make it to Jagna that day because of wide cracks on roads and fallen boulders that blocked highways."

Members report

Seven members live in Jagna, two in Ubay, one in Guindulman and one in Mabini.

Regina Amora from Guindulman saw her table roll across the floor. She stayed in her house for a week as damaged roads and bridges cut transportation. But she suffered no property damage.

Dionicia Acenas stayed at home with her sick husband while neighbors evacuated. Their house was not damaged.

Juanita Cuarteros and her daughter evacuated to higher ground as their house is near a cliff and river. She suffered fear and nervousness for several days but is feeling better now.

Gelacio Galope's house, where

brethren meet for Bible study, was well protected "as if God's hands were holding it," he said. A piano and refrigerator fell over at their neighbor's house, about 50 meters (55 yards) away.

Abraham Lignes's two-story house swayed so much they couldn't stand during the tremor. But the house stood erect, unlike others that now lean permanently.

In **Guindulman**, 200 houses were damaged, while five others were destroyed. Some 111 houses were reported destroyed in **Anda**.

A four-story bank suffered much damage, and the Jagna church bell tower crumbled.

"Truly God has protected his people in the earthquake-stricken areas of Jagna, Guindulman, Ubay and Mabini," said Mr. Kieffer.

President **Corazon Aquino** declared a state of public calamity in Bohol province. Gov. **Constance Torralba** announced that damage to public properties may reach more than \$4 million.

By Feb. 18 the department of social welfare distributed rice, sardines and other food.

The quake destroyed Jagna's waterworks system, causing water shortages.



EAST MEETS WEST—East German members attending the wedding of **Meinrad Eckert** and **Daniela Froehlich** Jan. 28 are (from left): **Margit Barth**, **Joerg Harz**, **Rainer Barth**, **Lydia Harz**, **Martin Harz**, **Rosemarie Froehlich**, **Anke Froehlich**, **Guenter Froehlich**, **Daniela Froehlich**, **Meinrad Eckert** and **Marco**, **Evi**, **Mandy**, **Dietmar**, **Heinz** and **Kaethe Pistorius**. [Photo by Wolfgang Christmann]

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