

Mt. St. Helens wreaks havoc, members report experiences

PASADENA — Sunday, May 18, at 8:30 a.m., Washington state's Mt. St. Helens blew its top in the largest recorded volcanic eruption in the contiguous United States. According to reports, the blast wave from the mountain toppled large trees more than 20 miles distant and was heard 200 miles away. Mud flows traveling at up to 80 miles an hour surged into creeks and rivers, causing floods that destroyed all nearby bridges and dumping debris on top of the Interstate 5 bridge that crosses some 50 feet above the Toutle River, 30 miles from the peak.

The mud flows created a 20-story high dam of mud and debris across the Toutle, backing up 10.5 billion cubic feet of water and mud to a depth of 200 feet. As of this writing, geologists and scientists are unsure whether the dam will continue to hold, but suspect the threat is past. If it breaks, the cities of Longview and Kelso, Wash., lie in its path. Some low-lying areas of those cities were already evacuated.

Vancouver pastor reports

Worldwide Church of God members living closest to the volcano live in Longview and Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Ore., 30 to 40 miles south and east. But Vancouver pastor Richard Duncan reports to *The Worldwide News*:

"We haven't had anyone affected yet. There is one person I know of who would be in the area they would evacuate [if the dam were to break], but most of the brethren live on higher ground."

The possible flood is the first eruption-caused danger posed to any of the brethren this close to the peak.

"I live maybe 40 miles from the mountain, and we weren't affected one iota," Mr. Duncan said. "We didn't get one particle of ash because the prevailing winds blew it all east... We just had a grandstand seat."

[Since this writing, new eruptions May 24 combined with unusual northerly winds brought a slight ash-fall to the Portland area, and even in Eugene, Ore., some 100 miles farther south, but not enough to prevent Pentecost services from being held in Eugene where more than 2,200 gathered.]

Members stranded

Those who were traveling were likely to be stranded as huge amounts of dust and volcanic ash fell on a wide swath of land and roadways east of the mountain, making travel impossible. A Youth Opportunities United (YOU) track team that traveled to Portland from the Yakima, Wash., church, 80 miles northeast of Mt. St. Helens and in the path of prevailing winds, was

stranded in Vancouver when travel was restricted.

"They are fine," said Rick Raitson, local elder in Yakima. "They just can't get through with all the freeways and highways still closed."

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bennett of Auburn, Wash., parents of Ambassador College students Rose and Micheal Bennett, went across the mountains to eastern Washington for the weekend and ended up stranded

in Ritzville, where they had to stay in a temporary shelter set up for travelers in a high school gymnasium until roads were cleared enough for travel again.

Gerald Flurry, pastor of the Pasco, Wash., church 145 miles due east of the mountain, and of the Yakima and Quincy churches, which are closer and in the direct path of the cloud of ash, was visiting in northern Washington Sunday. He was stranded in Ephrata, near Quincy, when the highway patrol closed all roads to travel. Mr. Flurry stayed there with local elder Irvin Hardman until Tuesday when highways were clear enough for some traffic, but Mr. Hardman said driving conditions are still dangerous.

"The dust is like driving into

flour," he said. "You go about 20 miles before your air filter is filled up."

Digging out

As of Tuesday morning after the eruption, Mr. Hardman said, "Most of us are just in the process of digging out right now. Here in Ephrata and Quincy we have between half and three quarters of an inch fallout of ash. The Royal Slope area, south of us 30 or 35 miles [where some Church families live], has somewhere between three and four inches. I understand.

"Our phone is out of order, so we can't call out, but we can receive phone calls in. Several have called in and everything seems to be going

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Tornado: story of protection

Threatening weather

During the day, Bonnie Stephens took note of the peculiar weather and wondered aloud to her fellow workers about the similarity to tornado weather. She was spared being caught in the tornado in her car because she had to work an extra 10 minutes that afternoon.

Her sister, Dianna Nance, and her fellow employees spotted the twister

approaching, and all rushed to the basement of the structure.

While the tornado moved toward the building, Mrs. Nance heard a tremendous roar like the passing of a huge freight train. As the building and floor shook violently under her feet, she began praying. The quaking continued, but she said she knew the building would remain standing.

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A tornado struck the city of Kalamazoo, Mich., May 13, killing five people and injuring more than 79. Before the storms spawning the tornado subsided, more than \$50 million in property damage was inflicted upon the city of 85,000. During the height of the storm, several members of God's Church working in the downtown area escaped harm and severe property damage. Kalamazoo pastor Ken Williams stated that it was "evident that God had sent protection for His people." Alan Smikle, a Church member there, was an eyewitness to the tornado.

By Alan Smikle

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — As the morning of May 13 dawned on the city, few could have believed that nightfall would see millions of dollars of broken buildings, wrecked automobiles, shattered glass and human casualties strewn about the downtown streets. Even when the skies began to darken and ominous reports of possible tornadoes were broadcast, few paid any attention. At 4:15 p.m., a single tornado touched down and sliced through the heart of the city wrecking havoc, ripping the backside of a large department store to the ground and blasting more than 200 windows from the face of a bank. After hearing reports of the devastation, Gov. William Norton declared the city in a state of emergency and asked for federal assistance.

A number of Worldwide Church of God brethren and family members were working in the buildings battered by the storm-driven winds. Their story of escape and protection is a story of safeguarding from a higher Guardian.



TORNADO AFTERMATH — Kalamazoo, Mich., residents begin cleanup following May 13 storms and tornado. Two persons died or injured outside the devastated department store as the winds ripped the wall onto the street. (Photo by Rick Campbell, courtesy of the Kalamazoo Gazette)

Visiting ministers find unity marks Pentecost

PASADENA — Fifteen Pasadena-area-based ministers and evangelists traveled to churches throughout the United States for Pentecost services May 25. Those contacted by *The Worldwide News* almost unanimously said they felt a unity and warmth that was "uplifting and encouraging."

"I was much encouraged," said Dibar Apartian, director of the French Office. "I found a very positive attitude... More than ever before, I can see that people are united. They all seem to be of one mind."

Ambassador College faculty member Richard Ames spoke before an audience of 778 in Muncie, Ind., where the combined Anderson, Fort

Wayne, Indianapolis and Richmond, Ind., churches met. He said: "The main thing that impressed me was the family atmosphere. It was uplifting and inspiring to know that here was a group from several churches meeting together... like we were one family."

Visits appreciated

But the thing that made this Pentecost special for many was that they were being visited in the first place.

"Normally in the past the visiting ministers went to the large congregations," said Leon Walker, director of the Spanish Work who spoke to 138 brethren in the Jonesboro, Ark., (See UNITY, page 3)

Young Ambassadors film for Feast

By John Curry

PASADENA — United States brethren and members around the world will be treated to a special performance this fall by the Young Ambassadors music group, according to Ross Jutsum, Ambassador College Music Services director. An hour-long show featuring the 22-member cast on the campus of Ambassador College is now being taped for the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved the production, since the expansion to 21 U.S. Festival sites would make a full Feast show tour impossible. Mr. Jutsum states that the show will include "something for

everyone," as well as providing brethren with a full-color glimpse of the Ambassador College campus.

Before the taping sessions, the group spent many long hours in rehearsal. Mr. Jutsum said. The show will feature music, singing, dancing and comedy requiring nine costume changes. Production of the film is a joint effort between the Work's Media Services, the Ambassador Auditorium technical crew and Music Services of Ambassador College. After completion of the initial taping June 6, the show will be edited and presented for approval to Mr. Armstrong before conversion to 16-mm. film for distribution.

The Young Ambassadors are recognized in the Pasadena community for their service and professionalism. The group has performed for the Pasadena Rotary and Chamber of Commerce, several civic functions and was featured on National Broadcasting Co. [NBC] television as part of the 1978 Rose Parade festivities. The cast also performs special music at Sabbath services in the Pasadena area.

Ambassador College Dean of Students Greg Albrecht said that the Young Ambassadors will again perform at several U.S. Feast sites this year. Plans for the tour will be announced.

Worldwide natural disasters move prophecy to center stage

PASADENA — Nothing reduces puny man to his real vanity-stripped stature more than the explosive powers God has compacted into His natural creation.

Even the awesome forces scientists have harnessed in humanity's race to perfect yet greater agents of destruction pale into insignificance when compared with the eruptive capacity of a "normal" volcano, such as Washington state's Mt. St. Helens. When the Cascade Range's 9,700-foot cone-like "Mt. Fujiyama" literally blew its top off May 18, it unleashed the force of 500 Hiroshima-style atomic bombs.

Scenes of the destruction were shown around the world: more than 150 square miles of timber (enough to build 200,000 single-family homes) reduced to what appears, from the air, to be nothing but a giant pile of spilled toothpicks; bulldozers driven by masked men scooping up thousands of tons of powdery ash deposited on streets in towns of eastern Washington; thick billowy clouds of volcanic ash turning day into, at best, dusk in scenes reminding one of Joel 2:2 — "a day of darkness and gloom, a day

of clouds and thick darkness!"

Earthquakes jolt California

One week after Mt. St. Helens canoned much of its northern slope, a series of earthquakes jolted the Mammoth Lakes area of the eastern Sierra country of California. The initial quake, felt throughout the state, occurred near the end of morning services here in Pasadena on the Day of Pentecost. This author knew something was up when suspended lights focusing on the front stage and curtain backdrop in the Auditorium began to shimmer.

The eruption of Mt. St. Helens signals increased earthquake and volcanic activity around the rim of the Pacific Ocean, including the U.S. mainland, according to scientists. The experts, reported in the June 2 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, say this "ring of fire," containing more than 60 percent of the world's 600 known active volcanoes, is showing signs of some of the greatest potential volcanic violence in recent history. (The area extends in a broad semicircle from the west coast of South America up to Alaska, across

the Aleutian chain, and down the western side of the Pacific Ocean through Japan and Indonesia.)

Scientists say that, in addition to continuous volcanic activity around the ring, earthquakes are likely to occur in Japan, Alaska, California and Mexico in the next few years.

The 'Big Drought' on the way?

The 24th chapter of Matthew correlates the end-time occurrences of famines and seismic activity (verse 7). Significantly, droughts of critical proportions grip Australia and the

ter, Eugene Whelan, urged everyone in the country to pray for rain.

At the same time, because of the intense dry spell, giant forest blazes ravaged vast areas all across Canada from Quebec to British Columbia. The rash of fires — the worst in 40 years — was particularly bad in Northern Ontario and Saskatchewan.

"South of the border" — in the United States — the same drought conditions grow worse each day in the Dakotas. South Dakota in particular is almost totally parched. Yesterday (May 27), light rain fell in the Fargo, N.D.,-Morehead, Minn., area. But much more is needed. Farther south "perfectly timed" rains, according to a United Press International dispatch, provided a reprieve for crops in Iowa, Nebraska and Texas.

Australia — a 'Big Dry'

In Australia, a drought is no longer

these regions will soon become parched once more. Even if the drought were to break continent-wide tomorrow, it will have been enormously costly to the nation. In New South Wales alone, local producer estimates put losses caused by the long dry at one third of the state's stock — nearly \$1.5 billion worth of sheep and cattle!

"Also, winter is beginning in Australia. This means that even if widespread rains were to fall now, they would be too late for most graziers and grain growers except those in the warmer northern half of the country. The ground will be too cold and the growing season too short for them to bring much benefit."

Hungry world looks on

What makes the weather conditions in North America and Australia so serious is that of the 150 or so nations of the world, more than 140 are now forced to import some or sizable portions of their food needs. And these 140 nations depend almost entirely upon four nations for their imports of food grains — essential for both direct human needs and much livestock production. These four nations are the United States, Canada, Australia and Argentina. Well over 100 nations are now dependent in some degree on the United States alone for grain exports.

Australia is the third largest exporter of wheat in the world. And it is the world's largest net exporter of wheat, sending about 80 percent of its annual production overseas.

Each of these major export nations has considerable carryover stock. However, should another prolonged 1930s-style Big Drought set in, it won't be long before an increasingly hungry world — with a net population increase of 75 million every year — would feel the pinch.

Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

These last two weeks I experienced three shocks.

First of all, I drove to the gas station to have my car filled with "liquid gold." The shock was when the attendant told me the bill was \$30. That's quite a chunk of my take-home pay.

Second, I went grocery shopping with my wife — which I hadn't done for some time. The price of groceries has tripled! About a year and a half ago the average price per bag of groceries was \$5. Now it averages \$15.

My wife was telling me about the new grocery carts the store recently began using. They are one-third larger so that about \$20 worth of groceries fits in them! She discovered this when the first time she used one of the carts she filled it to where she usually does (mentally calculating the approximate cost by how many groceries were in the cart) and came up with \$20 worth of additional groceries. This was confirmed by the check-out clerk when my wife commented the carts seemed bigger because she was unable to reach the bottom of the cart. (But this is understandable — my wife's not very tall. She can't reach the top of the grocery shelves either!)

It's obvious that everything is going out of sight price wise. What you used to be able to buy a few years ago in abundance for a few dollars is now reversed. With an abundance of dollars you can buy a few things.

The third shock came when I read my evening paper, and the government duly informed me the cost of living went up once again.

These three shocks brought to mind the article and statement that Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong made back in the January, 1980, *Plain Truth* magazine that now is the time to prepare to tighten our belts and prepare to reduce our standard of living.

Several years ago, I'd watch a dozen or so squirrels living in our back yard in Washington, D.C., scurrying around for nuts and burying them in holes in the lawn for lean days. Many of us aren't as smart as a squirrel!

After consulting with our News Bureau in Editorial Services I found numerous articles in our files illustrating how to beat the high cost of living and stretch your money. It's

not my intent in this column to list all the points, but I would like to pass on a few.

- Perhaps the best way to start is to revive the old practice of thrift. Make it part of your day-to-day thinking.

- Combat higher prices by spending less. One way is to make shopping less convenient. How? Don't use your charge accounts, put away your credit cards (in a safe place) and go almost completely on a cash basis.

- When you shop, ask yourself whether you're allowing advertising to lure you into impulse purchases.

- When possible shop at cash-and-carry stores. Family finance experts say this can save 25 percent or more.

- Cut down on disposable items for the kitchen and bathroom. Throwaways cost more.

- Plant a vegetable garden (it's not too late). Kids love it, and they can learn many lessons from planting and caring for a garden.

- The next time anyone in the family wants to make a long-distance call, try to persuade him or her to substitute a letter with a 15-cent stamp. Might become a habit.

- Next time the kids want to spend money on bowling or movies, suggest the zoo or some other free attraction.

- Brown bag your lunch. A tuna sandwich is a tuna sandwich, whether you buy it or make it yourself. If you save just \$1 a day for lunch, it will add up to \$250 during the working year. Make preparing lunches a family affair. This is a great time to have family discussions and Bible quizzes.

As Christians, I feel that the time is right for us to do as Mr. Armstrong says — "tighten our belts."

As a family project I would suggest a little research at your local library may prove rewarding. If your research is as successful as mine, and you find some interesting money stretchers or belt tighteners, why not share them with your brethren? Send them to: Money Stretchers, *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, and we'll run them in the "Postmark" section.

Now you know why, after my enlightening trips to the gas station and grocery store, that I had to borrow \$50 from my son.

WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

northern plains of the United States and Canada.

The grain-belt provinces of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta are in the throes of a dry spell that could be disastrous unless alleviated very shortly. Parts of Saskatchewan, it is reported, have not had appreciable precipitation for about 90 days. According to Charles Bryce, our minister in Regina, the temperature in the Saskatchewan capital nudged 100 degrees May 22. A year ago at this time, snow was on the ground. Weather forecasts show no relief in sight.

Smaller towns, said Mr. Bryce, are rationing water. In most places the wheat just came up. But if no rain falls by June 10 at the latest, it could be a disaster. Canada's agriculture minis-

ter speculation. It is already there. Only its extent and duration is a matter of conjecture. Our minister in Canberra, Don Abraham, filed this report: "Australia is today suffering one of its worst droughts in decades. It also promises to be one of the most extensive on record. Enormous areas of the continent from New South Wales and Queensland in the east to Western Australia in the west and Victoria in the south are experiencing 'Big Dries' varying in duration from a few months, to four long, heartbreaking years.

"Although some sections of Victoria, southern New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia have had good rainfalls recently, without early follow-up rains

Riots mark queen's crowning

Abraham de Bree, regional director for the Dutch-speaking Work, reports on the April 30 episode of violence in the Netherlands. The May 12 Newsweek magazine quoted one source stating: "This is not the investiture of a new queen. It is war." Two congregations of God's Church and one Bible study meet in the Netherlands, accounting for 146 members.

By Abraham "Bram" de Bree

UTRECHT, Netherlands — To many the Netherlands is a tiny peaceful nation populated by friendly people wearing wooden shoes and growing beautiful tulips. The Netherlands is small and beautiful, especially at this time of the year when the tulips are in full bloom. However, events of the past weeks gave visitors a glimpse of other forces at work in this country.

On April 30, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, at the age of 71, abdicated, and her daughter, the 42-year-old Princess Beatrix, was invested inside the 15th-century *Nieuwe Kerk* (New Church) in Amsterdam as the next queen. Queen Beatrix took office by reciting an oath to "defend and preserve the territory of the State" and to "protect the general and specific freedoms and rights to all my subjects."

During her reign from 1948 till 1980, Queen Juliana became a much loved mother-type figure to her 13 million subjects. While the new queen took the oath in the New Church, policemen clashed with rioters just a block away. "Demonstrators," 2,000 to 3,000 in number, crossed barricades as close as one mile from the New Church.

Hundreds injured

Chanting slogans, they pelted police and their vehicles with cobblestones, broke dozens of shop windows and set several automobiles on fire. One BBC commentator reported

at the end of the day, "It looks as if a tornado has gone through the city of Amsterdam." One hundred two policemen and at least 125 rioters were injured.

The rioters claimed they were protesting because of the poor housing conditions. The waiting list for housing runs more than 55,000 and has been a source of trouble for years. Several empty buildings in Amsterdam are occupied by hundreds of squatters. In March the squatters clashed with the police, setting up barricades in certain streets to prevent being moved out of the occupied quarters.

Police from all over the country were brought in to seal off the center of the city while the investiture ceremonies took place. However, they were instructed to avoid using firearms or force. The police of Amsterdam have been criticized allegedly for using police brutality.

Watching the investiture and riots on television one couldn't avoid taking note of the age of the rioters. Hundreds of youngsters in their early teens were involved. Some of the scenes were outright gruesome. At one point a horse of the mounted police tripped over broken pavement, its rider tumbled down and was pelted with cobblestones while the horse was tortured by the rioters with sharp objects till the animal screamed in agony. The chief of police interviewed after the riots said: "The future is gloomy. I am afraid that the next riots will be even worse."

Two government-supported and sponsored radio stations, VARA and STAD AMSTERDAM, supported the squatters. In one particular section of town the radio and reporter arrived on the scene before the actual riot in that street started.

Country shocked

Reactions in the rest of the Netherlands range from understanding the cause of these rioters to shock and dismay. The Netherlands is a country with one of the best social security

systems in the world and a high standard of living, but totally blind to the powers at work behind the scenes. This was not a spontaneous action of poor people seeking shelter. This was the work of anarchists. It was well planned.

This country used to have law and order. The time existed that the law and the policeman was respected. All this changed during the post-war years.

Queen Beatrix' reign will be far from easy; some sources wonder how long it will last. Unless the democratically chosen Parliament takes drastic actions the violence displayed at the investiture may well spread beyond the city of Amsterdam.

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Violence wracks Miami

MIAMI, Fla. — "Tense and dangerous conditions" characterize the Miami area after two days of rioting, looting, widespread arson and sniper fire, according to Miami pastor Al Kersha. Three court cases involving black people preceded the rioting by thousands of black residents, reports Mr. Kersha.

After the acquittal of four expolicemen of the beating to death of a black Miami insurance executive was announced, the black section of the city here erupted into "turmoil." The Los Angeles, Calif., *Times* quoted Police Chief Kenneth Harms as stating May 18, "In some sections of Miami, we do not have control."

National Guard called

Gov. Robert Graham ordered in 1,100 National Guardsmen, 300 state highway patrolmen, four helicopters and an armored personnel carrier to help quell the disturbances. A dawn-to-dusk curfew was clamped

on this city of 334,000 with a ban on liquor and firearm sales.

The death count rose to 17 by May 21 with nearly 200 persons injured. Tragically, the nephew of a Worldwide Church of God member was one of the fatalities of the two-day riot. "It hit pretty close to home," states Mr. Kersha. He reports that several members and co-workers "... were very much a part of the situation. Some of our members live within a block or two of the fires and ... the shooting." He relates that it was a "frightening experience."

God protected His people during the violence, according to Mr. Kersha, as "a number of them saw the looting," but no one was harmed. One store near a member's residence was broken into, pillaged and "burnt to the ground" by rioters. "It was a terrible mess," said Mr. Kersha.

Local deacon Al Segall experienced "God's intervention" when,

after the stores he manages were damaged and looted, police recovered virtually every piece of stolen goods. "That's a real miracle," illustrates Mr. Kersha. "Hundreds of stores were looted and destroyed by the rioters."

Not over yet

Even though the situation is "considerably calmer," the Miami pastor doesn't believe it's over yet. "I personally feel we're going to have more racial problems in this country," asserts Mr. Kersha. "People have broken the laws of God, and the resulting racial confusion coupled with human nature has created much of the current problem."

Despite the violence, Mr. Kersha feels God is protecting His Church. "I've been reviewing Psalm 91 ... where God says, 'A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.'" He asks that God's people remember the church here in their prayers, as "It's just not safe for people to travel around, even in their cars in some neighborhoods."



VOLCANIC ASH — Wearing a mask to keep the fine dust out of her lungs, Mrs. Rick Railston knocks a coating of volcanic ash off a bush in her yard, 80 miles from the volcano. A cubic foot of ash weighs about 95 pounds. [Photo by Rick Railston]

Volcano

(Continued from page 1) along real well. We haven't heard of anybody having any real problems."

The church area that suffered most in the wake of the eruption was Yakima, 80 miles from Mt. St. Helens, where an estimated 600,000 tons of ash rained down on the city. Tuesday morning was the first time since the eruption, said Mr. Railston, that a hazy sun could be seen through the dust and ash in the sky.

"The dust is so bad they've had police cars just stop because the filters got so plugged up," Mr. Railston said. "If a car drives down the street, you can't see the house across the street for a minute or two until the dust settles again ... Even now [Tuesday morning], when you go outside everyone is required to wear a mask — little dust masks you can make with coffee filters and put over your face. It's weird."

A black curtain

Like many, Mr. Railston was eating breakfast when Mt. St. Helens erupted at 8:30. "I looked outside and the whole southwest sky was like a black curtain," he said.

"It looked like a solid sheet of rain, and that's what I thought it was, but it gradually drifted over us. About 10 o'clock it was overhead and all of a sudden you felt these little particles on your arm, hitting your bare skin. You couldn't see them at first, they were so fine. Then the ash started to rain down. You could hear it hit — it was like soft rain ... It's

the finest ash that arrives first.

"About 11 o'clock the cloud completely covered the sky, and it was darker than the darkest night I've ever seen. Reminds you of what it would be like during the plagues of Egypt — complete, absolute darkness."

"With the ash falling you had about a block visibility, maybe a block and a half ... and it fell all that day and all that night. It would lighten up a little and then it would get dark again. The volcano erupted again about 5 that evening and spewed out more. It was really eerie."

Agriculture hard hit

Much of Washington was layered with the ash from the explosion, and in Yakima valley, the third-largest agricultural county in the nation, according to Mr. Railston, was particularly hard hit. The valley is famous for its apples, peaches, cherries and other produce, and about 80 percent of the hops grown in the country are grown there, but no accurate estimate of crop damage has yet been reported, according to news reports.

"I think for people in the world it is quite a revelation about just how fragile our existence is," Mr. Railston said. "You shut down freeways, you shut down water and food, or electricity, it goes dark in the middle of the day — all of a sudden you don't feel quite so secure."

"We obviously don't get as concerned about it as the people who don't have God's Spirit. We're just not worried about it all that much. We trust in God to take care of us. As far as I know, everyone is doing just fine."

Quakes shake California churches

On Pentecost, several California churches felt two tremors as the earth shifted in the Mammoth Lakes area. Evangelist Joe Tkach was speaking in the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena when the second quake struck, jarring the lights and the chandelier in the lobby. A third quake measuring 6.1 shook the Mammoth Lakes area May 27. John B. Bowers of Madera, Calif., was meeting with brethren in Visalia, located about 100 miles from the quakes' epicenter.

By John B. Bowers

VISALIA, Calif. — Members of God's Church in Bakersfield, Visalia and Fresno, Calif., will not soon forget the 1980 Feast of Pentecost. Two earthquakes rumbled through central California less than three hours apart May 25, both registering 6.0 on the Richter scale.

The three churches were gathered in the L.J. Williams theater in Visalia for Pentecost services when the quakes hit. The first tremor shook the area about 30 minutes before morning services and the second rumbled through about 30 minutes after services ended. Members commented that the jolts reminded them that this is the end of the age and that there is no protection from disaster aside from God.

The state of California has a history of earthquakes, but the Pentecost tremors were the strongest registered in the central valley area in 40 years. Many of the brethren had never felt tremors of this magnitude. However, all agreed there was no safer place to be than a place where God's Feast of Pentecost was being observed.

Visalia associate pastor Ted Herlovson joked that he didn't worry about anyone falling asleep during his afternoon sermonette, they were

"all sitting there wondering when the next one is going to hit!"

Eight people were reported injured near the quakes' epicenter near Mammoth Lakes, Calif., but no injuries or damage was recorded in the central valley region. [Injury count was raised to 15 after the May 27 tremor, and thousands of dollars worth of damage was credited to the three quakes and hundreds of after-shocks felt in the Mammoth Lakes area.]

The Pentecost offering reached a record high for the area, averaging more than \$25 per person.

Tornado

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After the tornado passed, Mrs. Nance left the basement for the street. Directly across from the building lay a massive pile of rubble that only moments before was a gas station and church building. The structure where she normally parked her car was demolished, but Mrs. Nance's husband couldn't get his truck started that morning and had to use her car, thereby sparing the loss of the automobile. Mrs. Nance said "at there was no explanation for her husband's truck not starting because it later ran with no problems.

Buildings, autos spared

Cathy Sturdivant, an employee of a hospital here, reported that the building narrowly escaped damage by the twister. The same hospital later served as a shelter and aid station for 47 of those injured in the storm. Her daughter Vicki evaded harm by duck-

ing into a nearby building out of the path of the tornado. Mrs. Sturdivant's son Darryl was working in a nearby office building when the adjacent structure was hit by the storm. All but two of the automobiles near his building suffered damage. One of the two was his car.

William and Norma Otten own and operate a grocery store directly in the

tornado's path. Hearing the warning sirens, the Ottens ran to the basement of the building and prayed for God's protection. Moments later the terrible rumbling sound of the tornado rocked the building. Emerging from the store, the Ottens found a semitrailer truck overturned, trees uprooted and a nearby factory leveled to the ground. The Otten's aged building suffered only two broken windows.

A market tended by Vivian Jasper-son narrowly averted the winds by two blocks. However, a torrential downpour followed the twister, flooding the area. As she approached her car, she was shocked to see a window rolled down. Thinking that the interior of the car had suffered extensive damage she opened the door to find an absolutely dry interior. Only a few drops of water could be found on the floor mat.

God's protection apparent

While Michael Anglin was driving home, his path was suddenly blocked by the twister. Before he could react the rushing winds pushed his car sideways. With pounding winds and terrific noise, the tornado lifted up over his car and touched down immediately behind him.

Are these events coincidental? Hardly so. God promises protection, and He fulfilled that promise May 13. There are several thankful people here in Kalamazoo who will attest to that.

Unity

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church. "At Jonesboro they've had a church for eight years or so, and I was only the fourth visiting minister ever to speak to them. It was a rare treat for them, and they were exceptionally enthusiastic about having someone sent out from Pasadena."

Mr. Apartian concurred, "I had contact with lots of people [in Cape Girardeau, Mo., where 640 people from that church, Mount Vernon and Belleville, Ill., and Poplar Bluff, Mo., met], and they all wanted me to carry to Mr. Herbert Armstrong how much they appreciate sending someone from Pasadena. That to them is a great encouragement."

The warmth and appreciation of the brethren had its effect on the ministry,

too. "I was just elated with their response and their attitude. It was very uplifting to me," said Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center. He spoke to 480 from the Michigan City and Elkhart churches in Indiana.

Combined services canceled

Because of the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in southwestern Washington May 18 (see article, page 1), plans to hold combined Pentecost services in the area had to be canceled. But Rick Railston, a local elder in the Yakima church, said they were able to conduct services in each of the church areas successfully.

Evangelist Raymond McNair reports that even in Eugene, Ore., where he conducted Pentecost services, more than 150 miles south of the volcano, ash from new eruptions carried by unusual north winds was still settling on the cars, but not enough to cause any problems there. More than 2,200 people were able to attend in Eugene, one of the larger sites visited this Pentecost. Others were the Albany, N.Y.; Springfield, Mass., area where Herman Hoeh spoke; New York, N.Y., where Ellis LaRavia spoke; Pittsburgh, Pa., where John Halford spoke; and Detroit, Mich., where Leroy Neff spoke.

According to Ministerial Services, other visiting Pasadena ministers were: Greg Albrecht, Visalia, Bakersfield and Fresno, Calif.; Dean Blackwell, Tulsa, Okla.; Burk McNair, Montgomery and Athens, Ga.; Dwight Viehe, Monterey, Calif.; Selmer Hegvold, Oakland, Calif.; and David Albert, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Correction

PASADENA — In the photo caption "1980 Ambassador Graduation" in the May 19 *Worldwide News*, Irene Eckert was improperly identified as Dorothy Eckert. Our apologies to Mrs. Eckert. An article detailing Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Eckert's longtime involvement with the Church and college appears on page 7. Also, verse numbers from two scriptures in the April 21 *WN* article "College names students leaders" were inadvertently misprinted. The correct verses of scripture should read Matthew 20:26-27 and Proverbs 12:24.

The First Amendment... Fair Prey for Ambitious Politicians ???

YOUR CHURCH is being threatened. Ours already is under attack. We are fighting the battle for you!

We are members of the Worldwide Church of God. We believe in our Church just as you believe in yours. We do not proselyte. We never solicit members. We NEVER SOLICIT THE PUBLIC FOR FUNDS.

This message is intended to make you aware that one Church—ours—is under attack—and if this attack of political corruption succeeds, YOURS MAY BE NEXT!

Don't think it can't happen in this home of the free! It has happened in Russia! Our Church and the First Amendment of the Constitution is under attack by the attorney general of the State of California. That attack is generated to DESTROY our Church. This attack is motivated, apparently, to prove that the attorney general, representing the State of California, has the right to inspect and certify our religious beliefs and practices—that only those religious beliefs and practices acceptable to him can survive in California. We should like to ask the attorney general whether the name Tomás de Torquemada means anything to him.

However, our purpose here is to make you aware of what is happening, and WHY YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED! Our Church will stand against this onslaught. Admittedly, we believe the attorney general may break off his attack against our Church if enough people learn—and care—about what he is doing. We hope this message will impel you to take action that will help our cause—and yours.

Not that we expect you to care what happens to our Church. We do expect that you will care about what happens, next, to your Church!

If the attorney general can assume the right to outlaw a belief, or set of beliefs, what will prevent him from mandating a doctrine of his own choosing?

We will tell you what! Only the will of God and our own to resist.

A MODERN POGROM

Pogrom is a word that may be unfamiliar to most Americans. It refers to the systematic or organized persecution or destruction of a minority group within a society. Most often it has been used to describe Tsarist Russian attacks on Jews there. It has not often been used in this country.

Pogrom, however, may be the only word suitable for describing the ghastly attack on our Church by the attorney general. Conservative columnist James J. Kilpatrick, on March 25, 1980, writing in the *Washington Star*, described it this way:

... you might have to go back to the days of Thomas Jefferson to find a case more mind-boggling than the assault of the State of California

upon the Worldwide Church of God.

"Jefferson's greatest contribution to the concept of individual liberty was his Statute of Religious Freedom. The Sage of Monticello must be spinning in his grave. California's incredible takeover of the Worldwide Church of God makes a travesty of the Jeffersonian doctrine. If ever a case presented a brazen intrusion by the state upon the free exercise of religion, this is it."

What "this" is, in case you have missed news stories, is the takeover of our Church. Again, the words of Mr. Kilpatrick:

"The facts are not even significantly in dispute. Toward the end of 1978, a schism developed within the Pasadena-based Worldwide Church of God. The patriarchal leader of the Church, 86-year-old Herbert W. Armstrong, split with his 46-year-old son Garner/Ted Armstrong.

"Half a dozen dissident members of the Church complained to the California attorney general that the senior Armstrong and his close associate, Stanley R. Rader, were overpaid, that they were pilfering Church property, that they had conspired to sell Church property at less than its fair value, that they had shredded Church documents to prevent their disclosure, and that they were living in luxury at the expense of the Church's 70,000 members."

On no more evidence than the complaint of those six former Church members, the State of California raided the Church's property and headquarters on January 3, 1979, and announced that a court-appointed receiver was in charge.

The receiver, again as Mr. Kilpatrick describes, "came armed with an *ex parte* court order directing him to take possession and control of the Church, including all its assets, to take over the management of the Church to the extent that he deemed necessary in his sole discretion; to suspend or terminate any employee, and so on. One of [the receiver's] first acts was to fire the Church's executive secretary."

"For the next seven weeks, until Church leaders were able to get the receivership lifted under a \$3.4 million bond, agents of the state roamed at will through nearly 7,000 seized documents. The attorney general demanded that former Church officials produce for judicial inspection not only financial records but also confidential papers having to do with matters of ministry and theology—for example, the unpublished page proofs of a manuscript, 'The Doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God.'

"At no point has the Church been accused of any injury to the public health or safety; the trial court has stressed that the Church 'has not been accused of any wrongdoing.' The most serious allegations, having to do with the below-value sale of real estate for private gain, have been dismissed as mere hearsay.

"It is beyond comprehension—beyond my comprehension anyhow—how the state of California can assert a power to control what a Church employee is paid. That issue lies at the very heart of this case."

It is beyond our comprehension too. Our Church's work has been seriously disrupted. All because the attorney general believes, or says he believes, that a Church's money is public money, not the Church's, that the State has the right and obligation to make sure a Church's money is spent properly, and that he is the person who can decide what proper spending is.

As Mr. Kilpatrick noted, "It is apparently immaterial that a Church, as in this case, has never solicited funds from the general public, but relies only upon the contributions of its own members scattered across the nation."

And that is the whole crux of the matter. It is God's money. We give it freely to our Church

because we want to and because we trust our Church's leaders to use it wisely in carrying out work that we support and of which we approve.

You don't have to approve of us or support our work. Certainly, the attorney general's support or approval is of no concern to us. *We want only to be left alone to go about our religious business as we see fit, as we believe you should be.*

Can you imagine the attorney general overseeing the spending of the Roman Catholic Church in California? Can you imagine a Catholic cardinal's compensation being subject to the attorney general's review?

Would he have attacked the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian or Lutheran?

Would he have undertaken to raid a Synagogue?

Will he? He might well, given his apparent determination to be the religious arbiter for California's citizens, UNLESS HE IS STOPPED NOW. He chose what he thought was a small, helpless group, perhaps expecting us to disappear without a whimper, leaving him with an important legal precedent.

We turned out to be somewhat bigger and less helpless than he expected. We do not intend to disappear, whimpering or otherwise. We intend to continue defending our Church because our religion and our right to practice that religion as we wish matter more to us than our property or even our lives.

What about you? What matters to you? Your religion? Your politics? Your sex? Your race? Your profession?

Again, we don't ask you to care about the Worldwide Church of God. We ask you to care about yourself and about what you believe in and to ask yourself whether you don't have a cause in common with us.

We think you do. It's called, *the Constitution of the United States.*

As we said earlier, we do not seek members, but we will be happy to provide any information about us that you wish. Write us: The Worldwide Church of God, Box 111, Pasadena, California, 91123, or call our toll-free number: (800) 423-4444. In California, call collect (213) 577-5225.

If, as we hope you do, you have something you'd like to tell the attorney general of the State of California about your understanding of the Constitution of the United States, write to him:

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FULL-PAGE AD — As part of a continuing effort to inform the general public of the Church's struggle to defend the First Amendment, the above advertisement appeared in the May 21 Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*, the May

19 Pasadena *Star-News* and the May 21 Sacramento, Calif., *Bee*. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved additional advertisements to inform the public that will be reprinted in *The Worldwide News*

FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is the continuation of a question-and-answer session by Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, in Pasadena May 6. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church.

Now some of you have questions about things that have happened.

I was wondering how are preparations going for the trip to Moscow?

We have had to put Moscow on the back burner because of the international situation as it exists between the United States and the Soviet Union.

When I was there I was courteously received, but everyone made it very plain that I was being received because of this strain in the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union in a strictly informal manner. And that none of the things that I wanted to accomplish could be accomplished at that time. And that everyone was hopeful that there would be an easing of the strain or a thawing of this Cold War.

But that looks rather unlikely now. I think it will probably get worse before it gets better, but when the Americans and others do not show up in Moscow [for the Olympics], the people there are going to be disappointed because they don't have much information as yet about the entire world situation. They just have heard rumors to the effect that maybe there is going to be some problem of boycott.

And the situation will not get better, it will get worse. And hence, there is no purpose in my going to Moscow at this time even though they invited us to come back in May. They made it plain that the other things I wanted to accomplish for Mr. Armstrong would just have to wait.

We certainly couldn't enter into any protocols concerning future activities where we would promise to do one thing and they would promise to do another. But the door is open for the moment. You might say factors presently beyond our control are keeping us from walking through that door.

As you know I hesitated even going in, but Mr. Armstrong decided that since the door was open I should go through it once at least. So we made some good contacts with Soviet officials, and I would hope by the end of the year Mr. Armstrong will be able to go. And he is hoping to be able to go.

I have also postponed my trip and his to Poland where we were supposed to be this month, and we were to meet Mr. [Edward] Gierk who is head of that party. But it is a long way to go without being able to go to Russia. We would like to go to Russia and Poland with Mr. Armstrong at the same time.

Mr. Rader, I have a couple of questions in respect to the documents that the attorney general now has. Number one, do you feel that the reason the Supreme Court did not act in our behalf was politically motivated, or do you believe that even though the church organizations [were] supporting us they still didn't move to prevent the attorney general from getting those documents [because of political considerations]? And what do you think will come of that? Do you think the attorney general will now begin to reveal certain of these documents, of a personal nature which are not financial, to the press?

I'm being asked about the papers which have been ordered turned over to the attorney general. Again, unfortunately I guess it's to be anticipated, we have to understand the system again. We were under an order to turn over these papers, and all we could do was to ask for a stay from the Supreme Court of the United States. We lost in the California Supreme Court very close. And we wanted a stay, but we did not get a stay. But the writ of

certiorari is pending, and we may still get released if the court decides to take the case.

The District Court doesn't have to take any case for all practical purposes, but we hope that they take this one. I don't think it was politically motivated. The first person you have to direct your stay to happens to be the judge who is assigned for this area and that's Justice [William] Rehnquist.

You know, going ahead with any case of this nature, that that's one vote that you more than likely will not receive just by looking at his voting record. Being forced to ask him to grant the stay was kind of a futile effort, but you had to go through it. We asked the other judges, but maybe they gave him the courtesy of following through in the same manner.

We do feel that things are occurring that will make the court mindful of what the case is all about. The attorney general, for example, in his papers, has moved the court on more than one occasion, has made repeated emphasis that I have been under investigation by the IRS. So now we will file with the court information to the extent that, yes, we are under investigation, but that investigation has been concluded.

Maybe they will stop thinking that they are dealing with people who are wearing black hats and will look at what the constitutional issues are.

We have repeatedly stated in our briefs and elsewhere that what we are objecting to is the way the attorney general proceeded. He had no right to proceed against the Church. That's the essence of this ad [see *WN*, May 19]. That's our issue.

But again the courts can have their, shall we say, collect minds, individual minds, colored by circumstances really not on the record. They have all heard about Jonestown, and there's no way to wash that out of the judge's mind. They think that the attorney general is just now acting in this case where he failed to act in the other. They can be all mixed up as to what the real issues are and never come to grips with the legal problems.

We have to hope that we can get through to them and get them to realize that they are dealing with a specific matter that has nothing to do with the fiasco of Jonestown. So I don't think there was any political reason for them to turn it down.

At this point stays are very hard to get, even harder to get than getting a

and look at all the correspondence amongst our ministers, come and look at the diaries and personal letters and every scrap of paper of every member of the church.

"The claim and it should be underscored, the claim of the attorney general of California in this case is that he has a right on behalf of the public to inspect and to spread upon the public record every shred of paper in the possession of the founder and every officer of this Church and of the Church itself. Twenty years of minutes, all diaries, any writings in the possession of the head of the Church which might evidence any meeting or any conversation or any discussion over the last 20 years.

"And among the matters demanded by the State are unpublished early drafts of theological tracts, unpublished drafts of the doctrine of the Worldwide Church of God, early drafts and preliminary exchanges among individual ministers, letters from ministers about how they see their theological mission. And it seems to me that one is defending not only the rights and interests of a minority, one is defending the right of religion in this country.

"And it is not only religion. The attorney general claims that private

be false.

But we've been protecting an important principle, and so far we have not had any relief from the Los Angeles Superior Court. And we have come close a couple of times to getting a hearing in the California Supreme Court. And the Supreme Court could again deny us the hearing, we don't know.

We would like to believe that with 83 million people also up in arms that they will grant us the hearing. And I'm sure once they grant the hearing that they will rule in our favor.

But the documents that they have they have no right to have basically because they obtained these documents illegally. We would have less to complain about if they had obtained them legally. But they obtained them illegally, and the court again has refused to correct the injustice. Because the minute that they do it reflects upon the entire system. We have to understand that's the way it works.

But, hopefully, we will have a courageous judge somewhere. There was a courageous judge a few months ago up in San Francisco [Calif.] who threw the book at the attorney general in a major case. Found him in contempt twice for improper handling of the case to the detriment of the defen-

But the *Times*, I believe Mr. Hogberg's assessment is correct. They just did a bit of pruning and decided that they didn't want to run such an article because it would be so much different from anything they had written that it might make some of their readers wonder.

And yet, they did print John Crossley's article that came out a year ago which appeared on the op-ed side of the newspaper. Makes it a little different. It might be worthwhile for some of us to inquire of the *Times* along the vein that Mr. Hogberg suggested, why didn't they run it? But maybe they can pick and choose, and they decided that they didn't have space that day.

But it's one thing to get a columnist to write a column. It's another thing to get a truly investigative reporter to work hard and to dig at the facts and give it a continuing effort.

I don't mind sharing this with you now. I think it's interesting to show you how newspapers work. Last August I contacted the Los Angeles *Times* and I made a rather detailed offer to Russell Chandler of the newspaper, and I offered to make available to him, on a confidential basis, every scrap of paper that the attorney general now supposedly is going to

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schools, foundations, universities, all nonprofit entities, because they "benefit" from the public, because they are tax exempt are subject to precisely the same demands. All can be made to turn over everything at the demand of the State, I find that a terrifying claim."

So that's what we are talking about here. And whether the attorney general will make those things public or not. We've asked that the record be sealed, but I don't know whether that's been granted or not. Only time will tell.

As I've said before it's going to be quite embarrassing for some people. I assure you it will not be embarrassing for me. That doesn't make me feel any better about the situation.

And it will not, in my opinion, hurt the Church, per se. But it can and will, unless it's corrected, constitute a dangerous erosion of the rights that American citizens have or thought they had, and it could be the beginning of a totalitarian state.

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That's why, basically, these people

dant. And a federal judge over in Las Vegas [Nev.] recently condemned the practices of one of the regulatory agencies going in there supposedly crime busting. And literally, for all practical purposes, said he couldn't determine who the criminals were, the people investigating or the people who supposedly were under investigation.

One comment perhaps you can elaborate on regarding your earlier comment on the press and the reporter whose story was killed.

Two syndicated columnists, William Raspberry and James Kilpatrick, recently had very favorable pieces concerning our case. In fact, Raspberry, who is syndicated by the Washington "Post," had back-to-back articles. We noticed in the News Bureau that brethren and co-workers and readers across the country flooded our office with copies of these articles. But what appears strange to me is that the leading Los Angeles morning newspaper, which normally carries the columns of these two men, on and off, not every single one, did not run even one of these three articles. Now I suspect a certain editing by omission. Could I be correct in assuming that?

I assume what Mr. [Gene] Hogberg said is exactly what happened. I really

receive. I would let him examine every piece of paper at his leisure as long as he did two things. One, he did not disclose to anyone that we were sharing those documents with him because I didn't want to undercut any of our constitutional rights. And two, that when he got through he would write, that was more important than the first. He wrote me back, and I have the letter, that he would like to see the documents, he would like to review all the documents, and he will keep it confidential as to the source or how he got to it, but he was not going to be able to assure me that he would write anything.

Now what does that tell you? That tells you ahead of time that if he found what I knew he would find, totally exculpatory material and material that would make the attorney general look bad, he was telling me he wasn't going to write about it. So we just withdrew the offer.

But that tells you a little something, doesn't it, about newspapers and how they work. They had adopted a policy toward us, although it was somewhat muted, and I feel their headlines have been better and more accurate, their lead articles have been less inflammatory and so on, they still didn't want to be confused by the facts, and they didn't want their readers to be straightened out either. That's a pity. That's a pity because that's the paper that everybody reads in the morning.

But they could have done us frankly a lot more damage. If they had done to us what the Pasadena *Star-News* has tried to do it would have hurt us a lot more. But not many people read the Pasadena *Star-News*. And frankly it militated against them in many ways because many people realized what they were doing and that made them inquire of us, and we were able to talk to them and clear up some of the questions.

There are questions and comments going around about the possible reopening of Imperial Schools.

I have a memo here I was going to read about Imperial Schools. Mr. Armstrong decided this past week to reopen Imperial School on a probation basis. The location will be at the old high school complex. The grade levels will be kindergarten through the eighth grade. The school is to be self-supporting, tuition will be on a graduated scale depending on how many students are in the family, \$250. (See FORUM, page 11)

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hearing. So we weren't too disappointed in that.

Now as far as the documents are concerned I might just read you what Professor [Laurence] Tribe said at that press conference. He says: "I want to add one thing. I think that one impression that might be conveyed is quite incorrect. We talk about records in this case. It's not as though this case involves only the financial records of the Church. I fully agree that it's an important principle that religious privacy extends to financial records, but this case involves a demand for material so sweeping that I venture to say no church in the history of the world, surely none in the history of the United States, would ever accede to it. Because however open one is about one's financial records I don't know of a church that is willing to say, come

have come in on our side. That's the real danger. We've been protecting a principle here from the beginning. I obviously would not have turned over documents waiving all of my rights to the IRS if I thought that there was something there that would hurt me. And we have cooperated with other agencies in the same fashion. It's much different when you are, in essence, volunteering information in a controlled setting where the agency involved is simply doing its duty to make its own assessment.

They take the information, they assess it, they evaluate it and they quietly come to a conclusion. And I'm convinced that if the people are not politically motivated, who are looking at the information, they would all come to the same conclusion, that everything that has been alleged has

feel as I've said for over a year now that the Los Angeles *Times* has not treated us badly. They have not treated us shabbily at all. Basically if you'll go back and look at all of the articles that have been written in the *Times* they have been very mild — headlines, lead paragraphs, even the coverage, placement of the stories by comparison to the Pasadena *Star-News*, which either has an animus towards us because they just simply hate us or they thought it was a good vehicle locally to sell newspapers.

I think it is a combination of both. I think they hate us, and I think they want to sell a lot of newspapers. I basically think that now, after this period of time, they are not good people. I wanted to give them the benefit of the doubt for years. They saw an opportunity to sell newspapers.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

YOUTHS HONORED

COLUMBIA, Tenn. — Charles P. Gwinn, a 15-year-old 10th-grade student at Central High School here, was one of 24 students chosen to represent his school in the 24th Annual Mathematics Contest sponsored by the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association. In the regional competition, Charles took first place in the geometry division. Martin College in Pulaski, Tenn., has expressed interest in his enrollment there after graduation.



CHARLES P. GWINN

Charles attends the Murfreesboro, Tenn., church and is secretary of the YOU group there.

CORNWALL, England. — Philip Jewell, 18, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jewell, qualified last December for the Gold Award of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. He was presented the Gold Pin at a school assembly in March and will travel to Buckingham Palace later this year to receive the Gold Award Certificate from Prince Philip.

The award is given in recognition for development in such areas as community service, creative and productive use of leisure time, expeditions and general interests. For example, Philip worked with handicapped children to fulfill the community service requirement of the award.

Almost a year ago, in July, 1979, Philip was given a Special Flying Award after taking a two-day board of examinations at a Royal Air Force base in London. His reward included a month of concentrated flying instruction at no cost and, finally, a private pilot's license.

This January Philip was selected as one of 60 young people to go on a

six-week Arctic expedition under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society. Their purpose is to survey the arctic glaciers, moraines and animal and plant life and to contrast their findings to studies made in the area 10 years ago. The explorers will be leaving July 28.

YOU DISTRICT TRACK MEETS

PASADENA — Three district YOU track meets were held at Santa Ana, Calif., and Phoenix, Ariz., May 18.

District 111 and 112 competitions were at the Spurgeon Intermediate High School track in Santa Ana, according to District 111 coordinator Curtis May. The day began with the pre-teen running events, for which the winners were awarded ribbons.

In the District 111 competition, the Pasadena Auditorium A.M.-P.M. team emerged as the champion with a cumulative score of 139 points. Glendora, Calif., came in second with 67 points. In third place was the Pasadena Imperial church, reaping 34 points.

The Most Outstanding Athlete trophies were awarded to seniors Rod Sedliack and Linda Chacon and junior Jerry Loo. All three are from the Pasadena Auditorium church.

District 112 coordinator Doug Horchak confirmed the results of the first district-level competition ever held by the district.

Long Beach, Calif., emerged as the victor with 203.5 points, followed by Garden Grove, Calif., with 148. San Diego, Calif., finished third with 138.5 points.

The Most Outstanding Athletes for the day were seniors Bob Palacios and Jean Arnold, both from Long Beach, and juniors Mike Gilbert of San Diego and Susan Scher of Garden Grove.

Mr. Horchak explained that due to lack of participation in previous years district level competitions were not conducted, but this year proved to be a different matter.

Gary Antion, Southwest Regional coordinator, confirmed the outcome of the District 113 meet at a Phoenix high school. Phoenix captured the title at the day's end, followed by Prescott-Flagstaff, Ariz. The lone Nevada team, Las Vegas, finished third while Tucson was fourth.

Awards for the Most Outstanding Athletes were presented by Mr. Antion to the top scorers, seniors Philip Steagal from Tucson and Denise Walker from Phoenix and juniors John Williams from Phoenix and Toni-Lee from Las Vegas.

Mr. Antion commented that because of the success of the track

meet some youngsters have expressed regrets for not participating in the events and have resolved to join next year's meet.

First and second place winners in each event of the three districts will proceed to the regional meet, slated for June 22 in Pasadena.

YOUTHS HONORED

AUSTIN, Tex. — Lara Bryant and David Beebe, members of the Austin YOU, were honored recently in two separate areas.

In the regional talent show sponsored here, Lara Bryant took first place in her division with her rendition of the song "Tomorrow" from the Broadway hit *Annie*. The 12-year-old will be competing at the area talent show in Big Sandy, Tex.

Chapter president David Beebe was elected the most courteous boy in his senior class. A trophy was presented to him at the graduation ceremonies of his 600-member class.

ENID, Okla. — At the Spring Band Concert March 20, honoring grades five to 12 of the Hennessey Middle School, 14-year-old Stephen Campbell was presented a plaque for being the outstanding band student for the eighth grade. The award was given to the one person from each class who the band director and musicians thought to be the most outstanding musician. This was a real honor to Steve as he was not able to take part in any band contest this year because they were all on the Sabbath. He has also maintained a 4.0 average in all classes this school year.



STEPHEN CAMPBELL

Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell of the Enid church.

ELLISVILLE, Miss. — Greg Eavenson, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eavenson, has distinguished himself in the study of piano with several important awards this year.

As an eighth grader at South Jones High School he became a Four-Star Superior Winner at the Bach Festival at Hinds Junior College in February. He played "March in G" from the Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook to capture the highest possible award. He was a superior winner in the festival for two years.

Greg again excelled in March in the Southern Area Auditions for the Mississippi Music Teachers Auditions in Keyboard Technique and Performance. His performance qualified him for the state-level competition at Hinds Junior College in April, which he also won. His achievement this time was a Level IV (eighth grade) trophy as the single

winner in the category.

This month Greg intends to play a 10-piece program at the National Piano Guild Auditions.

Greg attends church at Hattiesburg, Miss., where he plays special music occasionally.

CANTON, Ohio — Marrian Spears, a senior at Dalton Local High School



MARRIAN SPEARS

in Dalton, Ohio, was chosen to represent her high school in the Society of Distinguished American High School Students, one of the most selective honor societies in America. Students who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership in extracurricular and civic activities are chosen for this honor. Marrian attends the Canton church with her family and is a member of YOU.

PALMYRA, Wis. — David Annear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Annear of the Milwaukee South church, was selected the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizen of the 1979-80 school year, an award given on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

David, a senior at Palmyra-Eagle High School, was active in athletics and student government and served as the vice president of his National Honor Society chapter. He is also involved on the yearbook staff and is the top student in his class of 93 with a 3.951 grade-point average as of the end of his junior year. David spends much of his time participating in Church activities as well.

TRENTON, N.J. — Nancy Cole, 17, local YOU vice president, was awarded a one-year scholarship to Taylor Business Institute in Marlton, N.J., placing first over 127 other students. Nancy is an active member of YOU and attends the Trenton church with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cole Jr. She plans to pursue a career in the business field after graduation.

JOSHUA, Tex. — Tonya Kay England, 9, won first place out of a field of 30 entrants in a school science fair sponsored by the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw School District here recently.

Her entry, "How Does Fungi Grow?", consisted of a written paper, a formal experiment and documented results.

Tonya and her parents, John and Lenita England, attend church in Fort Worth, Tex. They formerly were part of the Tyler, Tex., P.M. congregation.



PHILIP JEWELL GIVEN SPECIAL FLYING AWARD

Eckerts recall college beginning

By Malcolm Tofts
PASADENA — "Mom and Dad" to many generations of Ambassador students are Edward and Irene Eckert. Nowadays, the couple live in Tucson, but for many decades they were closely associated with the college here at Pasadena. Consequently, they have a treasure trove of memories of the campus beginnings. In 1946 the Eckerts were told by a Los Angeles, Calif., friend that "There is a man on the radio who talks about prophecy." So they tuned in. The man was Herbert W. Armstrong.

Meeting Mr. Armstrong

"Eddie" Eckert wrote to Mr. Armstrong in Eugene, Ore. Mr. Armstrong replied that he would be in Pasadena soon and would like to meet them. At their first meeting, Mr. Eckert remembers God's apostle asking him: "I'm curious to know what caused you to pursue this further. How did you know I wasn't just another false prophet on the

air?" Mr. Eckert replied: "It was your voice. It was something about your voice on the radio." "Yes," responded Mr. Armstrong. "The sheep know their shepherd's voice."

There were five at this first Sabbath meeting in Pasadena — Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Gene Carter and Eddie Eckert and his wife Irene. Mr. Armstrong spoke for about two hours. From then on, the Eckerts attended Sabbath services as part of the fledgling Pasadena congregation. Each week a few more people were added.

Mr. and Mrs. Eckert kept the Feast of Tabernacles in 1948 in Belknap Springs, Ore. Mr. Armstrong did most of the speaking and Mr. and Mrs. Eckert recall: "Those eight days were of such great happiness it was as though the Millennium had already arrived. We did not want to go back into the world. We wanted to stay on at least another eight days."

Battles to keep school open

After returning to Pasadena, Mr.

Armstrong was continually involved in tremendous battles to keep the college open, according to the Eckerts. The members would regard these attacks as just another proof that it was indeed God's college. Sometimes, when the situation was critical and outsiders were saying the college would fold at any moment, the pioneering students would decide to fast. As word spread, the Eckerts and other local members would join in. Somehow, circumstances would occur that would allow the school to remain open.

A former pioneering student, evangelist Herman L. Hoeh describes the Eckerts as "Two of the few remaining members of the Church who, by their good example, played a significant role in the lives of the early Ambassador students."

The couple remember that in those early days money was tight. Sometimes even food was scarce. But God would always provide. And no students went hungry if there was food on the Eckerts' table. But not only did they feed them with food. They were always willing to listen to the students and give encouragement.

College employment

In January, 1961, Mr. Eckert was hired by the college to work in the campus infirmary. Mrs. Eckert worked gratis. She played the organ



DEDICATED COUPLE — Irene and Eddie Eckert pause during their 31st Feast of Tabernacles at Tucson in 1979. The pair kept their first Feast with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and others at Belknap Springs, Ore., in 1948 after first listening to *The World Tomorrow* broadcast in 1946.

and piano and arranged the flowers for Sabbath services, weddings, clubs and executive offices.

Over the decades, the Eckerts have given love to and received love from many Ambassador College students. Then, in 1971, because of Mr. Eckert's asthma, they moved out of smoggy Pasadena to the clear desert air of Tucson, where they keep busy walking several miles a day, working

on music and flowers for the local church and, most important of all, spending time with the brethren.

Looking back, the couple remark: "We have been richly blessed during our life to have worked with the college and to have been able to help so many students. We were a mother and father to many of them. Our heart is still with the students at Ambassador.

Canoe-building couple revive hand-crafted art

The following article features Bill and Nona Schorse, members attending the North Bay, Ont., church. The article is reprinted courtesy of *The North Bay Sun*, of March 5.

By Shelley Ettles

NORTH BAY, Ont. — Most people could recently be found with shovel in hand and minds distantly removed from the prospect of the up-and-coming summer season.

Bill Schorse, however, may very well have been physically shoveling his driveway, but his thoughts were totally centered on the coming summer and sun.

Schorse and his wife Nona can be found within the realms of their garage with the sweet aroma of burning wood filtering through the walls, as they work on the 16-foot structure.

Bill Schorse is a North Bay canoe builder. Although the canoes have all the basic requirements of a floating craft, they have a very unique twist in construction and design. His canoes copy those designed and constructed in the late 1880s.

Henry Rushton was a noted canoe builder during the time and created the model which was used to discover the headwaters of the Mississippi River.

"I'm attempting to turn out a canoe with some techniques that were used 100 years ago with slight modifications. There is no one I know of that is building a canoe with the same combination," said Schorse.

Canoe building began in the Schorses' household some seven years ago. The beginnings were simple enough, but the future problems were probably never anticipated.

"I couldn't find a canoe which I liked on the market so I decided to build my own," he said. The trial of frustration began when the search was started to find out the "hows" of boat building.

"It was almost impossible to get information in the area. Old boat builders were very selfish with the information, and they didn't want to give away any trade secrets."

The search finally led to the Rushton design. The vessels he built are on display in a museum in the Adirondack Mountains in New York. Designs were obtained and Schorse was on his way to his future while delving into the past of canoe construction.

With knowledge of the conditions on Lake Nipissing bouncing through his mind and designs from 100 years ago in his hand, he constructed his

first canoe. That was seven years ago, and as in the manufacturing business, over the years the design has changed.

The vessels weigh in at a mere 65 pounds and are 16 feet, 6 inches long. The shape and design of the canoe are not the only unique item of construction.

Nona Schorse can be found sitting quietly in front of the television set working on the seats for the canoes. She uses a technique known as caning, which is also a lost art.

"We knew of caning but didn't know how to do it. Again we ran into a problem of obtaining information, but we finally found a gentleman at the air base that taught us how to do



100-HOUR TASK — Bill and Nona Schorse apply the finishing touches to one of their hand-crafted canoes. About 100 hours of labor is invested in each structure. [Photo courtesy of the North Bay, Ont., Sun]

it," said Mrs. Schorse.

Caning is a very elaborate form of weaving and takes some four hours to complete the design on two seats for the canoe. The finished product is very attractive and versatile.

"The seat will support anyone that is able to get into a canoe, it doesn't matter their size," she said.

The four hours which she puts on each canoe dramatically contrasts with her husband's working hours. The entire job, from start to finish, takes close to 100 hours.

The entire process is one of trial and error, and the durability and strength of the vessels have been tested by the Schorse family.

"We have used one of the canoes in waves up to 40 inches high on Lake Nipissing and where we directed it, that is where it went."

One of the canoes was also tested

Members receive recognition

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. —

"It doesn't make you feel any smatter, but it sure makes you feel better," commented member Alma Smithback about her new high school diploma.

Eighty-two-year-old Mrs. Smithback has just achieved a longtime goal of obtaining the diploma. She left high school after completing the

eighth grade and worked on her parents' rural farm until her marriage. Soon she was kept busy raising five children. Then, some time after her children had grown, she decided to study for the tests that would qualify her for the diploma. She passed with outstanding scores, which isn't surprising considering that her main hobby is reading.

Mrs. Smithback is continuing her education by enrollment in a creative writing class.

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — A 1970 Ambassador graduate, Richard L. George, was awarded the professional insurance designation, Chartered Property Casualty Under-

writer (CPCU), at the national conference ceremony in Boston, Mass., Sept. 17, 1979.

This CPCU designation was awarded by the American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters to 713 graduates across America.

Mr. George began his insurance career in 1972. He is presently the assistant marketing manager of Henderson and Phillips, Inc., Norfolk, Va. He serves on the education committee of the Independent Insurance Agents of Tidewater and teaches an insurance class at Virginia Wesleyan College. He is also assistant director of the local YOU. He and his wife Peggy live in Virginia Beach, Va.

Member, 96, 'keeps busy'

PASADENA — Ask Dorothee Priestley for her recipe for a long life and she will tell you to "Keep your mind busy." That is the formula Mrs. Priestley has been using successfully since 1883.

Mrs. Priestley, who was 96 last Nov. 23, was born in Carroll County, Iowa. She taught grade school and was a doctor's assistant. In 1909 she married Rex O. Smith of Santa Barbara, Calif. Mr. Smith died in the influenza epidemic of 1920. After the loss of her second husband, Mrs. Priestley again took her maiden name.

Mrs. Priestley became a member of God's Church in 1959. In 1964 she moved to the Pasadena area and has attended church in El Monte and San Marino, Calif., in addition to the

Pasadena Auditorium P.M. congregation, which she presently attends.

Her lifelong fondness for music still occupies much of Mrs. Priestley's time; at various times she has taken both piano and voice lessons and also enjoys the hobbies of composing poetry and painting landscapes.

Mrs. Priestley especially loves small children and conversing with Church friends and "keeps busy" during the week by listening to tapes of Bible studies and sermons.

Mrs. Priestley's son Wesley lives in Las Vegas, Nev. She also has two daughters: Elizabeth, who lives in Wyoming, and Dorothea Williams, with whom Mrs. Priestley resides in Pasadena.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please continue to send in newspaper clippings that deal with the activities of the Worldwide Church of God, Ambassador College, Ambassador International Cultural Foundation or any of their officers, personnel or members. While the volume of news coverage is not as heavy now as early last year, we know articles do appear from time to time, and we need to have them brought to our attention. Remember to include the date and name of the publication. This is important. Thank you for your helpful cooperation. Please send these articles to:

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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The ANNISTON-GADSDEN, Ala., churches got together for a potluck supper and sing-along April 26. Before the sing-along, the audience had the privilege of hearing the Gadsden Adult Choir sing two numbers. After the sing-along, the women went to a different building for a club meeting on the art of homemaking. Meanwhile, the others stayed at the church hall to play games and watch movies. *Verna Tiny Johnson.*

As a token of appreciation by the ATLANTA, Ga., church choir, a surprise chili supper party was given in honor of Ann McDonald to acknowledge nine years of loyal and dedicated service as the choir's piano accompanist. After a splendid supper, a gift of six crystal wine goblets were presented to Mrs. McDonald by pastor Harold Lester. Mr. Lester lauded Mrs. McDonald's faithful service to the choir and her cheerful readiness to accompany the church congregation during song services. Present for the occasion were the choir members and their families. *Rosemarie Kelley.*

The BLUEFIELD, W. Va., church had services and a social April 5. At the scenic Concord College at Athens,

and Jean Witte) played tunes from the '40s and '50s. David Baker and Melba Kniffen won the spot-dance contest. Other games winners included Mr. and Mrs. Adderly in paddle balloon and Erica Newell in Name That Tune. Door prizes were awarded to Jim and Mary Alexander and Lee and Erica Newell. *Cathy Chase.*

The GAYLORD, Mich., church had a day of fellowship, food and fun April 26. Following the regular morning Sabbath service the members had a sack lunch. Later in the afternoon, while the adults listened to a tape from Herbert W. Armstrong, the younger children — pre-YOU and YOU — had separate Bible studies. The church then enjoyed a raw-foods dinner. The remainder of the evening was devoted to the Gaylord church's "Guinness Book of Records." There were events for all ages, including push-ups, sit-ups, paper airplanes designed and flown by the children, bubble gum blowing, smiling, most family members present, largest arm muscle, largest and smallest shoe size, fastest couples to dress the baby and longest apple peel. *J. Sumner.*

Brethren of the GREILEY, Colo., congregation were treated to a potluck supper April 26. Following the meal, the children and adults enjoyed popcorn while they watched the Walt Disney movie *Love Bug*. There was plenty of fruit punch to wash the popcorn down. *Gregory Hoock.*

The women and guests of the HOUSTON, Tex., EAST church met for lunch

The combined MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, Minn., chorale, directed by James King, performed its first concert in the St. Paul Civic Center April 13. A 50-piece orchestra accompanied the 50 voices through selections of two musicals, *I Love America* and *Jesus is Coming*. Both the public and Church members were invited to attend. About 400 people were present and were treated to a delightful, uplifting evening of music. It was a colorful event, for the men had newly bought tuxedos of dark blue and the ladies wore dark blue dresses with white scarfs and red banners. The cost of the production was defrayed through fund raisers and donations at the door (there was no admission charge). *Gregory Lee Dullum.*

The MOBILE, Ala., Young Adults enjoyed a dance and social at Bayley's Ranch House April 19. Recorded music was played. Entertainment was introduced by Freddie Moore. The first act was a jazz dance by Debbie Stringfield. This was followed by a tap dance performed by Millie Evey. The program was concluded with a brother-and-sister disco routine featuring Jamie and Joey Huff. Food and drinks were served. *Louis Mulvaney.*

The MOREHEAD, Ky., church showed their appreciation and respect for the senior citizens April 26. Each senior citizen was given a corsage or boutonniere. Then they were escorted to their seats by YOU members. Minister Bob Tackett gave the sermon on how to treat the elderly and on what is expected of them. Following services, 31 senior citizens and their sponsors gathered at the Holiday Inn for a special meal. One of the senior citizens, Ruth Biggs, read a poem that was toasted by all. The Morehead church is very proud of the fine example and service of its senior citizens. *Carol Froedge.*

The Spring Holy Days brought a special blessing to the brethren in NASHVILLE, Tenn. During services on the last day of Unleavened Bread, four deacons and two deaconesses were ordained by pastor James Friddle and local elder Bob Taylor. Those ordained included Henry Covington, Gary Davis, Dave Duncan, William (Tex) Malone, Jean McKinnon and Carol Vemich. *Mary Hutcheson.*

About 150 brethren from NASHVILLE, Tenn., gathered at the Hendersonville skating rink for a morning of fellowship and recreation April 20. Everyone participated in some exciting races and free skating. Aside from a few bumps and bruises, the event was a great success. *Mary Hutcheson.*

The NELSON, New Zealand, church welcomed 14 young people from the WELLINGTON, New Zealand, church to a four-day stay on South Island during the Days of Unleavened Bread. A family dance evening included a lively fun show. A picnic and sports afternoon featured enjoyable games of soccer and softball. During the last day of Unleavened Bread the hope was expressed that another visit be arranged for next year. Then, the Well-



FIRST CONCERT — The Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., chorale performs its first concert at the St. Paul Civic Center April 13. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

The PEORIA, Ill., spiritual widows were honored at a luncheon in the home of their minister, Jess Ernest, April 16. After lunch all gathered for a question and answer Bible study session. Everyone attending felt encouraged and filled with zeal. *Myrna Davison.*

A group from the PLYMOUTH, England, church gathered at Dartmoor for a hike under the leadership of Bill Deakins April 20. The weather was too cold for the moors and a fairly strenuous walk along the banks of a river was substituted instead. A week later members and families worked at beautifying the woodland walk at Moorhaven Hospital. Angus Robertson used a power saw to good effect and Chris Hancock and Casey Jones repaired fences. A lot of other work was also undertaken under the guidance of Steve Harris. *John Collins.*

The PLYMOUTH, England, church viewed slides presented by Frank Steer April 12. The presentation was about Mr. Steer's visits in 1975 to Iran, Turkey, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nepal and in 1979 to Palestine. Everyone was interested to hear of Mr. Steer's experiences in those areas. A week later, two representatives of the Plymouth Spokesman Club were invited to Moorhaven Hospital for the opening of a hairdressing and beauty salon. David Widdecombe and John Collins attended and were cordially received by the head of voluntary work at the hospital. These club representatives were invited to attend in recognition of the work the club has done to beautify the grounds of the hospital. An excellent buffet with wine was provided and the evening was interesting and pleasant. *John Collins.*

The ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., church had its semiannual yard sale May 4 and 5. To prepare for the sale, many of the workers rose as early as 3:30 a.m. to meet for breakfast before beginning the setup at 5:30 in the morning. Public participation ran high with a steady flow of customers from sunrise to sunset both days. This successful fund raiser was made possible by the local member contributions and participation. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

Lavene Vorel, a deacon in the ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., church, was awarded with a plaque for his many years

Mauzey was hostess and Ross Miller organized the seminar. Forty-five people attended and an educational time and good food was had by all. *Mary Ellen Evans.*

Forty-one SPOKANE, Wash., seniors met, April 26, at North's Chuck Wagon for dinner, fellowship and to discuss activities for the Feast of Tabernacles to be held at Spokane. Host Verne Enos made note of such suggestions as fishing in some of the area's many lakes, a trip for dinner, a boat ride, golfing, bowling and a visit to the zoo. *Margaret Lay.*

The TOOWOOMBA, Australia, brethren manned a stand at the Royal Agricultural Show April 16 to 19. The *Plain Truth* and numerous booklets were offered. In all, 2,977 pieces of literature were given away. Church members donated their time in acquiring stand space and building and manning the stand. The most popular booklets were *World Crisis in Agriculture* and *Dilemma of Drugs*. *Tom and Anne Burchard.*

The TORONTO, Ont., WEST church played host at a seminar at the Holiday Inn May 4. The theme was the importance of Christian relations. Pastor Tony Wasilkoff opened the forum with a prayer. Examining the negative personality was the subject of the first speaker, pastor Leo Van Pelt. This was then balanced by pastor George Lee speaking about the positive personality. A food and fellowship break followed with many members, some of whom had come from as far as ROCHESTER, N. Y., enjoying the brilliant Canadian sunshine on the patio. Next, pastor Jack Kost outlined, considered conduct for practical situations. Then pastor Tom Ecker wove it all together by advising how to apply the finishing touches. The tremendous seminar was played host by pastor Perc Burrows. *Bill Moore.*

The annual VICTORIA, B.C., church bazaar took place April 24 and proved to be the most successful yet. It was difficult to display all the donated items on the one table allotted to the church in the Hillside Shopping Mall. However, thanks to the effort of the many people who baked, knitted, crocheted, sewed, carved wood, painted pictures and provided plants or other items, a total of \$678 was raised. *P. Crompton.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The ATHENS, Ga., Spokesman Club and Women's Club had a combined banquet with guests May 4. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Dickey conducted topics. David Rutenber received his graduation certificate for successful completion of the 12 speech lessons. Five humor speeches and two impromptu were given at the meeting. In particular, all who were present learned to stay away from alligators in swamps. Ministers Douglas McCoy and Marc S. Masterson each received gifts of appreciation for their fine service to the men's club. Mrs. Masterson received a china cabinet from the women's club for her part in helping the club to be successful. *Joseph M. Haque.*

The AUCLAND, New Zealand, Spokeswoman Club had their first Men's Night April 29. The flowers and other table decorations were arranged so as to emphasize both masculine and feminine traits. President Carolyn Robinson conducted a lively table topics session. Then supper was provided by the women who did not have a direct speaking part in the club that evening. The main part of the club was the five speeches. Speakers were Rosemary Robertson, Pam Kimberley, Dianne Toomer, Marion Ilingworth and Polly Penn. The club director, pastor Jack Croucher, evaluated the club as a great success. *Rosemary Robertson.*

The BALTIMORE, Md., Young at Heart Club distributed courages to all the See CHURCH NEWS, page 9)



PATCHWORK — Duluth, Minn., members help repair the roof of the 27-year-old home of the Morkens April 27. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

W. Va., the spectacle of mountains and sunshine offered an inspiring atmosphere for partaking of the spiritual and physical nourishment. Evening activities began with an appreciation award presentation for the YOU athletes and cheerleaders of 1979-1980. Later, the brethren had full use of the ballroom with table games and dancing that brought the day to an enjoyable close. *Don Flowers.*

The BRISTOL, England, church went camping at the Deer Park in Berkeley Estate May 2-5. Walks and games were the order of the days with camp fires and sing-alongs in the evening.

All look forward to the next time when armies of gnats can again be defied. *Elizabeth Van Exter.*

The CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., congregation had a social April 26. After a buffet meal the "Day at the Circus" fun began. Elaine Choate did a magnificent job of organizing the entertainment, which included wild animals (children costumed as such), a trained dog, gymnastics, a baton-twirling exhibition, a strong-man routine (5-year-old Nathaniel Choate stole the show with that one) and clowns. Except for the clowns (Aloysius Backfish, Carl Choate and Virgil Null) and the talking dog (Wallis Adams) the entire show was performed by children aged 4 to 15. *Haydn A. Fox.*

The scene was reminiscent of an old-fashioned barn raising when more than 20 members of the DULUTH, Minn., church gathered at the home of John and Hilja Morken to reroof the 27-year-old structure. The first crews arrived at 6:30 a.m. to remove the old roof. Repairs were made and to everyone's surprise the new roof was complete and clean-up was accomplished by noon. The workers then sat back and surveyed their handiwork and enjoyed a meal prepared by Mrs. Morken. *Jennifer Swensen.*

A "30 and holding party," played host to by Bill and Jean Witte, took place in the FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., church April 20. Eighteen couples who admitted being 39 and holding attended the gala evening of dining and dancing. While guests feasted on a buffet dinner, the Combo-Minimiums (Roy Thall and Bill

and a plant exchange at the home of Kathy White April 22. Each person brought a plant and explained how to care for it. Some wonder whether they should all meet again in six months to demonstrate how well the plants are faring. *Billie Post.*

After Sabbath services in which members Wong Mein Kong and Dr. Sellappan gave their first sermonette and sermon respectively, more than 60 brethren, children and invited guests traveled by cars and a jeep to the Port Dickson NUBE Training Center for the KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Spokesman Club Ladies' Night April 26. Topics master Tan Keok Chai presented questions concerning happy marriages, job boredom, career women and other subjects. Then, Yip Chi Kiong presented four speakers who detailed how to drive and stay alive, handicapped skiers, the wonders of the ocean and the courage of John Baker. The next morning the brethren walked to the beach for some fun, food and fellowship. They played water polo and volleyball without a net. All had a memorable time in a memorable place — an old Feast site. *Peter Chan.*

Using the idea from *The Good News* that features outstanding members, the MACOMB, Ill., church has featured a different family each week. Each member of the featured family is interviewed and photographs are taken. Then a display is set on an attractive bulletin board. This project will continue until each member is featured. This has helped the local brethren to get to know each other better and has given them an opportunity to appreciate and utilize many till-now-hidden talents. *Mary Ann Thompson.*

Approximately 40 members and families of the MELBOURNE, Australia, WEST church gathered at Lex Zoch's home April 20. The first task was to place *Plain Truth* household cards in letterboxes. This was accomplished in a remarkably short period of time even though many dogs tried to delay the progress of this event. Next followed a barbecue. Pastor Peter Whitting barbecued the meat. It was a great occasion never to be forgotten. *Socrates Karagiannidis.*



TROPICAL PICNIC — Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, brethren relax on a beach at the former Feast site of Port Dickson, Malaysia, Sunday, April 27, for food, fun and fellowship. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Peter Chan)

tonians drove to meet the interisland ferry at Ficton. They arrived home safely that evening. *Colin Mason-Riseborough.*

Softball games were played between teams from OKLAHOMA CITY and TULSA, Okla., May 4. The location was Woodson Park in Oklahoma City. In the three games that were played, the host city team emerged as overall winner. The Oklahoma team will now go on to the softball tournament at BIG SANDY, Tex., in June. *Linda Mariano.*

of outstanding service and dedication to the Church May 2. The award, which was long overdue, was presented by pastor Robert Jones. *Richard Makuchan.*

Members from the SANTAROSA and VALLEJO, Calif., churches attended a seminar about the side-tracked home executive in Petaluma, Calif., April 27. Seven steps to success were given for organizing home life. Jan Brown, a member of the SAN JOSE, Calif., church, has given these seminars in other areas. Mrs.

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 mothers attending Sabbath services May 10. The corsages were made by the club. The mothers were pleased to receive this surprise and one remarked, "I've never had a corsage in all my life." The day was beautiful, sunny and cheerful on the outside and the inside. The few corsages left were sent to the sick and housebound. *Regina McCoy.*
 The **BATON ROUGE, La.**, Women's Club participated in a car care clinic May



MOST AUTHENTIC OUTFITS — Ricardo Gibson and Eleanor Morris of the Chicago, Ill., Southside Singles pose with their trophies on the April 26 "Stroll Down Memory Lane." (See "Singles Scene," this page.) [Photo by Charlene Hargrove]

1. Uniroyal representative Carolyn Chavis instructed the group on how to make routine maintenance checks on their cars. After a brief slide show on how a car functions, the ladies went to a garage for some on-the-job training. Several club members actually helped take apart a set of brakes. The brakes were inspected for wear and damage. "We weren't exactly mechanics," said club president Carol Thibodaux, "but now we will feel safer on the road." Each participant was given a car care clinic graduation certificate. *Robert Dale Vernon.*

The Lady Ambassadors Club of the **BELLE VERNON, Pa.**, and **CLARKSBURG, W. Va.**, churches met for their first meeting of the year April 27. Twenty-three women attended. Hostess was Becky Johnson and cohostess was Peggy Henry. Exercise, diet and personal grooming were covered in speeches by Suzanne Williams, Helen Miller and Linda Benzo respectively. Linda Spahr gave an icebreaker. New officers named were: Wilma Hardesty, president; Linda Spahr, vice president; and Helen Miller, secretary; and Patty Richards will keep her post as treasurer. A going-away gift was presented to former president Hazel Worch, who is moving to Florida. Pastor David Johnson evaluated the meeting. *Peggy Henry.*

The Performers Club of **BENGUET, Philippines**, played host to the congregation's children April 3. At the whole-day party the children displayed their talents in literary, musical, dance and visual arts contests. In the afternoon, children participated in parlor games such as sack races, "dugtungan" and tug-of-war. Winners were awarded with prizes and ribbons of honor. In his closing remarks, minister Pasgado Gules thanked all those who had helped to make the day a success. *Olivia E. Tamayo.*

A combined breakfast meeting of the **CHICAGO, Ill.**, **NORTHWEST** and **KENOSHA, Wis.**, Ladies' Clubs took place April 27. This was a happy reunion, as many of the women attended the Chicago church before transferring to the Kenosha church when it was founded about two years ago. Following a buffet breakfast, speeches and topics were given by women from both clubs. Shirley Threewitt, Angie Latimer and Jackie Crumbliss spoke for Chicago Northwest and Karen Frayer, Marion Chandler and Anne Sorrentino spoke for Kenosha. The meeting was conducted by the presidents of both clubs. Warm and hearty approval was given to the suggestion of making this an annual event. *Sue Frederick.*

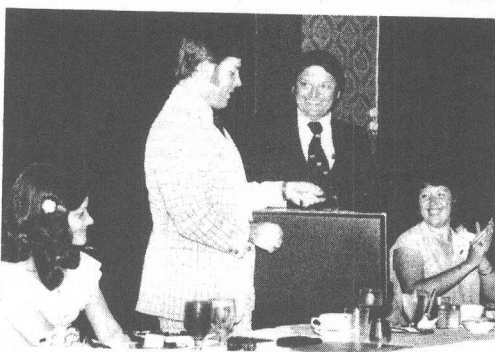
The **EDMONTON, Alta.**, **SOUTH** church Graduate Spokesman Club had its

final club meeting at the home of pastor Will Wooster April 27. During intermission, the club members presented Mr. Wooster with a friendly, life-size, stuffed pet moose, which was placed in his backyard. Mr. Wooster, an avid moose hunter, could hardly believe what he saw. It was an enjoyable evening and Mr. Wooster's expression was priceless. *Roselene Danyluk.*

The **EVANSVILLE, Ind.**, Spokesman Club honored the YOU basketball team and cheerleaders April 26. Dave Fentress commended the youths for the fine attitudes displayed. The teens were presented with trophies and, in turn, presented coach George Hayden and cheerleader sponsor Carol Brooks with plaques. Also, the Spokesman Club gave pastor Fred Bailey a pen set in appreciation for an exceptional job in guiding the club. About 100 people were present at the awards presentation. *Kathy Jones.*

The **GARDEN GROVE, Calif.**, Spokesman Club had a Ladies' Night in the Tiffany Room at the Inn at the Park Hotel in Anaheim, Calif., April 5. Surrounded by hanging plants and picturesque tiffany glass, 23 club members and 67 alumni and guests enjoyed a superb dinner. One of the best parts of the evening was a satire on smoking using the sleight-of-hand talents of Mel Bennett. The meeting was opened by president Larry Scher and was directed by associate pastor Stan McNeil. The usual director, Doug Horchak, was unable to attend because of the arrival of his new son, born the same day. *Joyce Yetka.*

The **GLASGOW, Scotland**, Spokesman Club enjoyed a successful fishing outing at Gourock on the mighty Firth of Clyde at the end of April. The sun shined all day and a brisk breeze put color on the club members' faces. The cod were in a suicidal mood and 40 beautiful fish were taken.



APPRECIATION GIFT — Athens, Ga., pastor Marc Masterson examines a new briefcase presented by Robert McClelland, club president, at a club banquet May 4. (See "Club Meetings," page 8.) [Photo by Joseph M. Hauge]

Everyone is looking forward to the next outing. *Bob Storrer.*

The elegant Steak House was the site of the **HUNTSVILLE, Ala.**, Spokesman Club Ladies' Night April 6. Sixty-eight people were present. Topicsmaster Wayne Brown prompted thought on subjects ranging from volcanoes to how to explain to unconverted relatives about Easter. In the speaking portion, Milan Davenport took home the Most Effective Speaker cup. Jack Lawrence received the Most Improved Speaker trophy and Roger Reid was acknowledged as the man who gave the best evaluation. *Joan Tuck.*

The **LANSING** and **FLINT, Mich.**, women's groups combined for an evening of inspiration and fellowship April 14. It was an opportunity for the LIFT (Ladies in Final Training) and the CAP (Concerned About People) clubs to share experiences and renew old acquaintances. Betty Horchak gave an insight into the tongue of kindness (Proverbs 31:26). Alvera Baker spoke on Christian charity. Mary Lou Cooper gave an icebreaker and Janet Ruppert presented tabletopics. Linnea Haas, adviser to both groups, presented some thoughts on how to get along with people. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were provided by the women from the Lansing area. *Joann Whitehead.*

The **LAWTON, Okla.**, Woman's Study Club met April 27. Men and women from the local church area were present as guests. The theme concerned traveling. President Erceline Bailey introduced topics mistress Margie Roberts. She asked questions about traveling, world events and home situations. Then, following a brief business meeting, Ethel Register, coordinator for the Study Club, introduced

guest speaker Mrs. Charles Zerbe. Mrs. Zerbe presented a series of color slides of the Middle East, which she toured last fall. Of special interest were the slides of Petra. *Jennifer Bush.*

The **MACKAY, Australia**, Spokesman Club met at the Penthouse restaurant April 19. There were four guests. Club president Emmanuel Vella led the meeting. The topics session was led by David Williamson. Speeches were given by Lothar Tappert, Elaine English and Robert Jupé. Stewart Franetovich was so inspired with the club that he intends to do his best to attend future meetings, despite the 200-kilometer drive that he has to undertake to be there. Pastor John Comino, the club director, said that both topics and speech sessions were excellent. He admonished the club to keep up the good work and stressed the importance of being a member of Spokesman Club. *Emmanuel Vella.*

Members of the **NASHVILLE, Tenn.**, Spokesman Club had a Ladies' Night at the Bonanza Steak House April 24. Following dinner, the meeting was opened by acting President Mike Sitton. Richard Fox was topics master and Larry Cheatham was toastmaster. Speeches were given by Harvel Rogers and Richard Stribling. All of the ladies attending expressed their appreciation of the evening and hope to be invited again soon. *Mary Hutchison.*

"Fashions and Flairs for the '80s" was the theme of the **PHILADELPHIA, Pa.**, Women's Club April 20. The setting was the spacious Casa Conti Ballroom. There, models who designed their own creations won loud applause from fellow brethren and other guests. The fashion show ran the gamut of ages as well as styles. From tiny tots to senior citizens, from casual wear to bridal outfits, all were represented. Even hair styles were displayed, with Ed Difalco featuring some of his original creations. As fashion commentator Lorraine Sarfert introduced the models it was apparent that the key words *resourcefulness, creativity, economy and beauty* served as their guidelines. *Margean Gary Foster.*

The **PHOENIX, Ariz.**, Spokesman Club had a barbecue at the Armstead farm



NOAH'S ARK — The Arlington Heights, Ill., junior choir in their ancient garb pause for a few moments at their April 26 special performance of an arrangement of the cantata *Noah's Ark*. (See "Youth Activities," page 10.) [Photos by Carol Wolford]

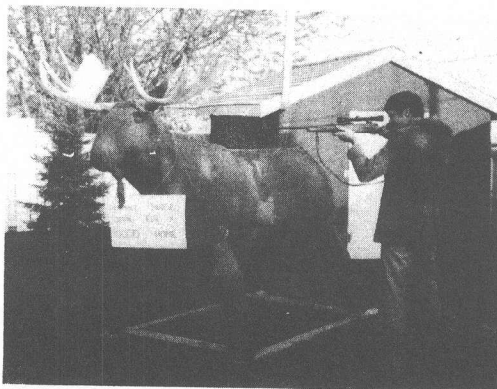
men who completed the program this season. Receiving their diplomas were Ernest Curry, Melvin Dorsey, Ken Lee, Robert Nevin and Herbie White. The occasion was graced by the presence of a number of the church's widows, whose dinners were paid for by the club. *Bob Simcoe.*

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An international exchange between the **SOUTHAMPTON, England**, Spokesman Club and the **TORONTO, Ont.**, Spokesman Club continued on April 27 with three members from England flying to Canada. They were Chris Byrne, accompanied by his wife Sue, John Ash and Tim Roberts. They stayed in Toronto for two weeks and gave speeches and evaluations at club. Now that the men have returned to England, they can share their Canadian experiences with their countrymen. Two men from the Toronto club, Rod Schwartz and Kirby Farnan, visited Southampton for a 17-day stay beginning March 27. They gave speeches and evaluations and were able to travel and see much of south England. This international exchange was organized by the Southampton club, and funds were raised by members for part of the cost of the air fares. *G. Edwards.*

SINGLES SCENE

The subtropical tourist resort of the Gold Coast with its miles of golden surf beaches was the location for the **BRISBANE, Australia**, WEST church singles group April 26 and 27. On Saturday evening, members listened to a musical concert with international recording artists. A sunny beach picnic took place on Sunday followed by exciting sailing in speedy 14-foot catamarans. The happy participants returned home thankful for the unseasonably excellent weather and for the memorable experiences that had made



SHOOTING THE MOOSE — Will Wooster, an avid moose hunter, shoots his first stuffed moose in his own yard at Edmonton, Alta., April 27. (See "Club Meetings," this page.) [Photo by Rosalene Danyluk]

their lives a little richer. *Selwyn Russell.*
 Sixty-five members of the **CHICAGO, Ill.**, Singles Club gathered at the home of Nevin and Herbie White. The occasion was graced by the presence of a number of the church's widows, whose dinners were paid for by the club. *Bob Simcoe.*

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The **CHICAGO, Ill.**, Southside singles had their second bimonthly Bible study April 26. It was given by pastor Alan Barr, whose topic was the misuse of sex in today's society. A social with the theme "Chicago Southside Singles Stroll Down Memory Lane" followed the study. It was a fun-filled evening of reminiscing and dancing to favorite tunes of the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Trophies were awarded to the man and woman bedecked in the most authentic outfits from one of those eras and to the winners of the dance contest. *Charlene Hargrove.*

The **DUBLIN, Ireland**, United Singles had a picnic at the Powerscourt Waterfall April 27. This is the highest waterfall in Great Britain and Ireland. The singles had a wonderful time walking through the scenic woodlands and playing football and Frisbee. *Raymond Jordan.*

The **GADSDEN, Ala.**, Singles Club celebrated its inception with a dance April 5. Seventy-eight singles and attending couples from nine church areas danced to the great sounds of Luke Beasley and Mike Posey. In keeping with the "Southern Nights" theme, a bottle of Southern Comfort was awarded to dance contest winners Jean Pate and Andy Ashley. The evening closed with happy good-byes. *Linnie M. Abernathy.*

The **KILMARNOCK, Scotland**, was the site for a successful singles weekend May 3-5. Forty-three people attended. A symposium Saturday afternoon was led by ministers Paul Suckling, Francis Bergin and John Meakin. Saturday evening a buffet meal was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Smith. Later, a country walk, sing-along and supper rounded off a perfect Sabbath. Accommodations were in members' homes, the majority staying with Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Jack.

On Sunday the major center of activities was the Magnum Center at Irvine, which is the largest all-in-one sports complex in Europe. Activities included badminton, squash, swimming, ice-skating, table tennis and indoor bowling. Also organized was a tour to a cheese-making center. That evening, the singles were invited to the Kilmarnock church social. It was a fabulous visit to finish the day. Monday (a public holiday) was spent sight-seeing at the Kelburn Country Center. Waterfalls, gardens and a spectacular castle make this one of the most beautiful and romantic glens in Scotland. Special thanks are due to the Kilmarnock brethren for their hospitality and to Bob Letham for organizing the event. *Craig Millar.*

Members of the United Singles Club of **LONDON, England**, spent a successful weekend in the heart of the English countryside May 3-5. The group began the trip by visiting the **GODALMING, England**, church area and then spent two nights at a youth hostel that was built over 200 years ago in three cottages. Activities during the weekend included a 12-mile walk through the beautiful meadows, woodlands and country lanes of Surrey, England, and a visit to a nature reserve that is touted as having the largest bog of its kind in Europe and is the habitat of many rare species and plant and animal life. *Jane Gaddson.*
 (See "CHURCH NEWS," page 10)

FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

(Continued from page 5)

\$200 or \$150 per semester.

Faculty will consist of seven full-time faculty members and selected college faculty and staff.

Mr. Joe Locke, who is to be the principal, is in the audience today. He's a former Imperial instructor and is now working in Yuma, Ariz.

I was meeting with some of the people from the Business Office staff today, and we're hoping that this will be self-supporting. We are working on a principle known as differential cost accounting essentially. Because we have certain assets, physical assets, certain human resources as well as our spiritual resources, which will be utilized without any cost center being assigned in that manner for those costs.

What we are talking about is asking the Imperial School to run on the basis of deriving enough income from its tuitions to pay for the direct costs of starting up the school again.

We're quite enthusiastic and hope it will be the boon to the people in this

area that it's intended to be. We know how terrible the school system is in Pasadena. I've heard that it's in the lower 6 percent of the nation. And I remember talking to Mrs. [Gwen] LaRavia about four or five years ago at the Feast of Tabernacles. She was telling me about the school system. I couldn't believe it then. I found out it was bad, now I understand it's much worse. It was like a nightmare hearing about her efforts to raise four children through the Pasadena city school system.

Let's hope they can keep costs in line with tuition income because that is the basis upon which Mr. Armstrong made the decision. Therefore there will not be any benefits strictly for the people living in the Pasadena area that is being paid for by the membership throughout the country.

What will happen once Imperial School is started vis-a-vis the statement whatever legal demands might have on private schools? Do you know any information on that?

I haven't studied it myself. We never had any problems before vis-a-vis the operation of Imperial School, which is a parochial school, and we're not taking any federal benefits that I know of, and I imagine we won't have any more problem today

than we had before.

We don't anticipate any legal problems in running the school. It's basically a financial decision. It was closed some time ago because of the cost of running the school, and a certain amount of problems. As I mentioned—somewhat of a political problem—because only a few people were benefiting and others were not. But we don't expect any legal problems.

Do you suggest the possibility of reopening of the high school at a

later date?

I don't know. As I understood the presentation made to Mr. Armstrong two things were stressed, that the students by the time they reach high school after they go through the Imperial School, first through eighth grades or a good part of those grades, would build good study habits and a certain amount of character and would be able to better cope with the high school conditions as they exist in the public schools.

Also, it costs much more to support a high school than elementary school, and there is a problem with recreational facilities. But we certainly do not want to leave behind us this concept of the differential cost accounting.

But in time we will have to study that. Probably have to give a great deal more thought to high school than we did to the grade school. And, hopefully, we gave enough thought to the grade school.

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Libraries, waiting rooms to get PTs

PASADENA — Special 48-page copies of *The Plain Truth* will appear in university and public libraries and the waiting rooms of doctors, dentists, barbers and in other areas as a result of two new programs, according to U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager Boyd Leeson. The opportunity for Church members to help get *The Plain Truth* magazine before the general public was recently approved and program guidelines sent to all U.S. pastors May 19. Members, working with their pastors, can

now call libraries, waiting rooms of professionals and other general areas to offer a free subscription to *The Plain Truth*.

Mr. Leeson notes that the programs were already tested and more than 29,000 libraries and waiting rooms now receive a copy of the *PT*. The article content is identical to the U.S. edition, but features four pull-out subscription cards as well as a literature offer card.

The circulation manager, optimistic about the programs, feels that

coupled with the new card-holder program [see *WN*, May 19] and the on going newsstand effort they will produce a "gold mine" of new subscribers. Mr. Leeson relates that a greater circulation of *The Plain Truth* means more people are reached by Herbert W. Armstrong's articles, thereby helping the pastor general in completing his commission.

Members interested in working in *The Plain Truth* promotion programs are encouraged to contact their local pastors for more information.

MAJOR MEETS HANDSOME

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS

By Shirley King Johnson

Mr. Wilson sat at the table, studying a page of the "1980 Festival Planner." Jim, Susie, Mrs. Wilson and Major were gathered around, waiting for his announcement.

"No." He shook his head. "I don't see any Fs after any motel at our Feast site. That means Major can't go with us after all."

Susie dropped to her knees and hugged Major in her arms. "Poor Major. No pets are allowed."

Major wagged his tail. He did not mind. He liked to go to Grandfather Wilson's farm during the Fall Feast and guard the place while the family was away. The neighbors would feed him well, and it was fun to live in the country.

Mr. Wilson tapped his fingers on the "Festival Planner" thoughtfully. "I think we'd better be taking Major out to the farm this weekend so he can start getting used to Handsome."

A newcomer's welcome

Grandfather Wilson had purchased a young dog last month at a farm sale for \$10. "A fella needs a good watchdog," Grandfather had explained over the telephone. "Major just isn't out here enough of the time. So I bought a mixed-breed pup. He's kind of gangling and in his growing stage, but I've named him Handsome. I named him what he will be, instead of what he is, just like God named Abraham what he would become."

Major took the news in stride. Grandfather's farm was big. There would be room for two dogs there.

But when they arrived at the farm that Friday evening, Major had misgivings. The "pup" was long legged, awkward and filled with spirited optimism.

He came to Major in leaping jumps to get acquainted and promptly bowled Major over with his strong front paws.

Major picked himself up and gave the young dog a very stern growl. Handsome leaped around Major and barked in a high voice, wanting to be accepted.

Grandfather calmed down his dog. "You leave Major alone," he ordered.

Handsome went to Grandfather and licked his hand.

Major saw his chance and he turned back to the car. The back door was still

open as inside, Susie gathered up her dolls. He sprang in and curled up in a far corner on the floor.

Jim came to the car. "Come on out and get acquainted," he insisted, chuckling.

Major let Jim haul him out and put him down beside Handsome. Then Major took a closer look at the young dog. He was black with uncertain markings of brown around his eyes, nose and undersides. His ears were pointed optimistically upward. His tail wagged with the friendly eagerness of youth that wants only peace.

"Oh-h-h, he's lovely!" Susie cried, putting her dolls down on the grass. She held her arms out to him.

Handsome jumped up and leaned his front paws on her shoulders. Susie backed away, but Handsome would not stand down.

Jim pulled Handsome off. "He needs lots of training."

"And he'll get it," said Grandfather.

All of the Wilsons praised the new dog and petted and patted him and went over to see the brand new dog house under the elm.

Major's left out

Major watched and waited. He had never felt so absolutely left out. They seemed to forget all about him. All their thoughts concerned Handsome.

The adults went on into the farmhouse and Jim and Susie played with Handsome. Jim began to teach him to sit.

Major mournfully went back to the car. The back door was still open, and he leaped in and curled up on the seat.

"Major!" Jim called. "Don't be jealous. Come on out and play with Handsome. He's going to be a nice, big dog some day."

Major would not budge so Jim lifted him out again. "I never thought you'd act that way," he scolded. His voice softened. "You ought to know that no other dog in the world can take your place. You're special. We love you an awful lot."

Oh, really? Major's tail waved. He licked the back of Jim's hand.

Leaning down, Jim rubbed Major's ears.

Handsome charged in, wanting to be included. His big paws tipped Major over on his head.

"Grr-r-r-r" Major snapped at the young dog with his teeth.

"Yip! Yip! Yap!" Startled, Handsome scurried off to his dog house and

disappeared inside. Soon just his nose peeked out.

"Here, you two dogs are going to have to get along better than that," Jim insisted.

Major laid on the ground and rested his chin on his paws.

Grandmother called to Jim and Susie from the back door. "Come in, dears. We're making our Feast housing plans. We want rooms together again this year, don't we, sweeties?"

"Oh, yes, Grandmother," Susie replied, her eyes lighting with happiness. "It wouldn't be fun if we weren't at the Feast together with you and God."

Jim and Susie went on in and the yard became quiet. The sun hovered only an hour above the horizon. Major closed his eyes and began to doze.

He heard a soft noise. Handsome came out of his house and headed for the gate that led to the barnyard.

The latch had not dropped down into place, and the gate stood slightly ajar.

Handsome pushed it open with his long nose and squeezed on through.

Major senses trouble

Rising, Major watched him go trotting down to the barn and around behind it. He sighed. Better keep an eye on that youngster. No telling what trouble he'll get into.

Hurrying down after the dog, Major soon saw that the trouble was at the edge of the timber. A full-grown skunk was ambling along the fence row, minding its own business. Nearsighted and defenseless except for its musk glands, the skunk was fat and full and not looking for trouble.

Handsome gave a curious bark and headed toward the black-and-white creature.

Major shot forward, pouring on all his speed. Like a brown streak, he sped across the open ground to the fence row.

Handsome barked at the skunk again. It stopped. It stiffened.

WOP! Major dived into Handsome, knocking him head over heels into the clover field. As they both rolled to a stop a terrible odor filled the air.

Scrambling up, the dogs raced as fast as they could for the barn. Once around its corner, they galloped for the house, breathless and anxious. If the dreadful animal would follow, it would bring its awful scent with it.

They came to the gate and Major let Handsome go meekly through first. Passing inside, Major lifted his right

paw, pushed the latch and it fell into place.

Out of breath

Safe inside the yard, they dropped panting on the grass near the back-porch steps.

When his breath was coming easier, Major nuzzled his right paw and tried to work a sandbur out from between his toes.

Handsome inched closer and began to lick the paw. Major smiled and spread his toes wider. Might as well let the youngster lick at it if he wanted to. He had a good wet tongue.

The sun slipped down behind Grandfather's barn. A red glow edged the dark green timberline. Handsome got up and sat on Major's other side. He licked the left paw clean.

The back door opened. Grandfather Wilson and Jim looked down at the dogs.

"Would you look at that, Jim? Handsome's cleaning Major's paw for him." Grandfather laughed. "Wish I had a picture of that."

"They're getting along a lot better now," Jim said thankfully. He set down two bowls of food for the dogs, and Major and Handsome pitched into their supper, tails wagging.

"What's that smell?" Jim asked, raising his head. "Do you have a skunk around here?"

"Nope, haven't had a skunk for years."

"I thought I smelled one."

"Must be your imagination."

"Yes, sir."

"Say, Jim, go check the latch on the gate over there, will you? I don't want Handsome to wander. He's young and impulsive. I'll be glad when he gets as much sense as Major has."

Jim walked out to the gate and returned. "It was already latched, Grandfather."

"Fine. Thanks, James. It's going to be a nice Sabbath now that the dogs are getting along better. They're as peaceful as pigeons in a hayloft. Well, let's get back inside and help the ladies clear the table. One piece of apple pie is left. It would be mighty thoughtful of you if you'd finish that pie so they won't have to wrap it and put it in the cupboard."

"Yes, sir. I think I can eat it."

"There's a good boy. Put your whole mind to it." His arm circled Jim's shoulder as they went inside. The back door closed quietly.

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

PASADENA — The Office of Ministerial Services here released the names of 21 men ordained into God's ministry since January.

Ordained to the rank of preaching elder were: **Robin Webber**, Pasadena Auditorium P.M.; **William R. Pack**, Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y.; **Thomas Oakley**, Hammon-ton, N.J.; **Ray Lisman**, Pitts-burgh, Pa.; **Dan Hall**, Norfolk, Va.; and **John Amos**, Prescott, Ariz.

Ordained as local elders: **Jim Snook**, Pasadena Auditorium A.M.; **Joe Kotora**, Pasadena Auditorium A.M.; and **Don Wendt**, Pasadena Imperial.

Ordained as local church elders: **Clovis Hill**, Tulsa, Okla.; **John Denton**, Fort Worth, Tex.; **Thomas E. Wiseman**, Oak Hill, W. Va.; **Henry White**, Detroit, Mich.; **Charles A. Wagerle**, Wichita, Kan.; **Donald Thurman**, Fort Smith, Ark.; **David Stone**, London, Ky.; **Eugene G. Koch**, Beaumont, Tex.; **Robert Hunt**, Pikeville, Ky.; **John Burnett**, Kansas City, Kan.; **Val Burgett**, Belleville, Ill.; and **Burgin W. Baity**, Columbia, S.C.

PASADENA — The *La Pura Verdad* card-holder program is bringing in thousands of new subscribers, according to **Leon Walker**, regional director for the Spanish Work. The Spanish version of *The Plain Truth* cannot be distributed through a newsstand program in certain countries because of high shipping costs and difficulties with customs, so the Spanish Department developed the card-holder concept.

Keith Speaks of the Spanish Department notes that opportunities exist for Spanish card-holder and newsstand programs in the United States. Individuals desiring to get involved in the *La Pura Verdad* card-holder program should write *La Pura Verdad*, Attention: Keith Speaks, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

PASADENA — Response from the Swiss television program about the Work aired April 24-25 [see *WN*, April 21] was "quite good," according to evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, director of the French Work. "People are writing and calling our office in Switzerland for subscriptions to *La Pure Verite* [French *Plain Truth*] and information about who we are."

Mr. Apartian received comments

from the program host of *Radio-Television Suisse Romande*, the Swiss government-owned station, indicating that the station was "very interested in having us back again." The French-speaking evangelist notes that this is unusual and represents "thousands of dollars worth of free publicity for God's Work and Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's efforts." He also points out that it was "miraculous" to be invited on the show even once, as the government owns all the electronic media outlets in Switzerland and generally does not cover religious organizations.

PASADENA — The Festival Information Office released an additional listing of housing for the **Spokane, Wash.**, Festival site. Brethren must utilize the Festival housing form to receive the following rates, however. Please forward the completed form by June 30 to: Spokane Convention and Visitors Bureau, W. 609 Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Wash., 99201. Sales tax for the area is 5 percent.

Carroll's Motel: single, \$21; double, \$23.

The Downtowner Motel [special discount available]: single, weekly rate, \$112; double, weekly rate, \$133; extra person, \$3 per day; handicapped facilities.

Holiday Inn West [special discount available]: single, \$27-\$32; double, \$30-\$36; handicapped facilities.

Towne Centre Motel: single, \$14-\$17; double, \$19-\$23.

Trailer Inns, Inc.: recreational vehicle park; discount available for multiple spaces; water, electric and sewer hook-ups; shower facilities; dump station; rates unknown.

West Wynn Motel and Restaurant: single, \$18-\$23; double, \$21-\$29; handicapped facilities.

PASADENA — "Torrential rains . . . virtually continuous for more than 24 hours" caused millions of dollars of property and crop damage in the Lake Charles, La., area May 16-17, according to Lake Charles pastor **Dennis Doucet**. Mr. Doucet reports that water was "up to the tops of cars" in some areas and that several homes suffered water damage. "Some of our members bore the brunt of the storms," he states, adding that one member's business was inflicted with more than \$25,000 in

damages, while several farms of members' families lost "thousands of dollars in planted crops."

The Lake Charles pastor urged brethren in God's Church to pray for the flood victims and to ask for protection from the elements during the storm season.

PASADENA — Response to the new *Plain Truth* card-holder subscriptions program [see *WN*, May 19] has been "overwhelming," according to *PT* circulation manager **Boyd Leeson**. Church pastors and coordinators requested more than 85,000 additional subscription cards and 1,200 card holders in a 10-day period since the program began in May. Mr. Leeson reports that there is a "high level of enthusiasm" for the program.

Members who desire to get involved with the program should contact their pastor, according to the circulation manager.



GREENER 'GRASS' — Workers remove the artificial grass Tartan surface from the infield of the Ambassador College track complex, worn through heavy use since the complex was built six years ago. Ambassador plant engineer Paul Troike said the track will be resurfaced with AstroTurf. [Photo by Roland Rees]

INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS

Following is a potpourri of activities from all over the globe to give you a sampling of a month in God's Work.

Peter Nathan (business manager for east, central and west Africa) left London bound for Ghana March 23 with a film of a sermon given by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong at the Feast of Tabernacles in Tucson last year. The trip was primarily to bring the latest news and developments in the Work to the churches in the area.

One of the problems facing the ministers in Africa is the lack of effective communication. In many areas phone calls can take up to three days to arrange, and the delivery of parcels from overseas — computer listings and labels for use in mailing programs — can often take between three and seven months. Just being able to talk with Harold Jackson (pastor of the Nairobi, Kenya, church) and Melvin Rhodes (pastor of the Accra, Ghana, church) was vital to Mr. Nathan.

After profitable visits in Ghana, Nigeria, the Cameroon and Kenya, Mr. Nathan went on to the Mediterranean area. Here the problems faced by the brethren were different.

In Beirut, Lebanon, the tension is still evident, and the potential for a sudden resumption of widespread violence is very much present. Nevertheless, even in this hostile en-

vironment, God's Word bears fruit, and the wife of the member in Beirut was baptized.

In Greece, the problems were again entirely different. To be eligible for school, the children must be registered. However, the ceremony of registration is not a civil one, but is performed by the Greek Orthodox Church as a formal christening into that religion. Obviously, to promise to bring up a child in an alien faith would be wrong, but what should parents do about the child's schooling? The one family facing this problem would appreciate your prayers.

After brief visits to members in Sicily and Malta, Mr. Nathan returned to his family in England.

In New Zealand, the big activity over past weeks was the distribution of more than half a million household cards into letter boxes throughout the nation. This is a much-used and acceptable form of advertising in New Zealand. This year's household card advertises *The Plain Truth* magazine and also offers a copy of the reprint article "Bring Back the Family." The same week a large advertisement was run in some of New Zealand's leading newspapers and magazines. By the end of the month more than 2,400 household cards were returned with hundreds more coming in every day.

With the recent church growth, three new churches were established, bringing the number of congregations in this part of the world to 15. Two of the new churches are in the Auckland area and another begins in Rotorua in June. These locations will cut down traveling time and expense for many of the members.

One piece of sad news from Fiji in the South Pacific is that the Fijian Broadcasting Service canceled *The World Tomorrow* broadcast each Sunday over their six stations. Apparently, the Seventh-day Adventists applied for time and were turned down. They then complained that we were sold time. The results were inevitable. We will attempt to have the decision reviewed.

Even though soaring inflation continues eroding the currencies of the Latin American countries, the income to God's Work continues to rise. There was a 65-percent increase in income for last March compared with March, 1979.

Fernando Barriga, associate pastor of the Spanish-speaking church in Pasadena, made an extended tour through Spain and Portugal visiting approximately 25 members and 40 prospects during the month of May.

April 20 marked an exciting day in Spanish media history. *The El Mundo de Manana* broadcast made its debut on Radio Oro in San Juan,

Puerto Rico.

We all rejoice with Eduardo Hernandez, who was ordained a local elder by Mr. Walker in the Pasadena Spanish-speaking church May 17. Mr. Hernandez has completed a year's study at Ambassador College and will be returning to Bogota, Colombia to assist Pablo Gonzalez, pastor of the church there.

In Canada, openings continue to be presented to the Work. The past month brought three new television stations for *The World Tomorrow*. Saskatoon and Swift Current, Sask., begin in May and the major Toronto, Ont., network Global commences in September. It is said that if Canada should develop a third nationwide television network, Global would be the most likely contender.

An offer to display *The Plain Truth* newsstand issue in hotels in Ontario came through in April.

The organization responsible for this distribution recently succeeded in placing *La Pure Verite* and *The Plain Truth* in 92 major supermarkets in Quebec — a breakthrough in that market.

In Scandinavia, advertising an English magazine in a primarily non-English-speaking country is not easy. English advertising in a Finnish or Swedish newspaper instantly limits your audience to people who have a good grasp of both languages.

Understandably, results in previous years lagged behind those achieved in the United Kingdom where there is no language barrier.

But this year, using a more direct approach, the results picked up. And the only change from the United Kingdom ad is in the one word — *free*. If we had used the heading "This magazine is free," in Scandinavia it would have meant "This magazine is morally loose" to many people. So the advertisement became "This magazine — Gratis" and everyone understood.

For the record

PASADENA — We regret an error in transcription in Church attorney Ralph Helge's article appearing on page 4 of the May 19 issue of *The Worldwide News*. What Mr. Helge stated was the Judicial Commission was improperly accusing the Supreme Court because the Supreme Court didn't make its *thinking* processes public. He went on to state that the Judicial Commission was guilty of the very thing they were condemning the Supreme Court for.

Unfortunately the error indicated that Mr. Helge was condemning the Supreme Court of California. This is not the case. Mr. Helge says there is no indication at this time that the California Supreme Court has in any way been involved in the improper conduct of which certain judges of the Superior Court of California have been guilty.

Imperial scheduled to reopen

PASADENA — Imperial Schools will reopen its doors this fall with the approval of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, according to Kevin Dean of the Work's Public Information Office. Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader read a memorandum announcing Mr. Armstrong's decision to reopen the schools on a probationary basis in an employee forum May 6 [see "Forum," page 5].

"Imperial Schools will provide a wholesome, positive environment for children in grades kindergarten through level eight," Mr. Dean notes that children will transfer to a Pasadena high school after completing the eighth grade, but will be "far more capable of dealing with adverse social and peer pressures."

Internal funding

The Public Information officer said that Imperial will not be a financial burden to the Church. "No funds from member's tithes will be used."

Even though the Church will actually operate and staff the school, all

salaries, supplies and other costs will be paid out of incoming tuition.

The school will utilize the old Imperial High School that previously served as the Ambassador College science complex. The buildings are now used as storage facilities and house some of the Pasadena Youth Opportunities United (YOU) activities.

Accreditation plans

"The former Imperial system was well-received by other schools," reports Mr. Dean. "We expect the academic performance of our students to be within the 98-99 percentile for the entire nation." He states that newly appointed principal Joe Locke, a former Imperial instructor, is already hard at work preparing the curriculum. "In the fall we plan to move for accreditation for Imperial, as it is a very simple process." Mr. Dean says that elementary school accreditation is "mostly filling out papers," and is not a complicated, expensive matter.

Theology will be a large part of the

curriculum at Imperial, according to Mr. Dean, as several Ambassador College faculty members will serve as instructors. The school plans to have a qualified full-time teacher for every grade with the Ambassador College staff teaching the upper grades.

YES program

The Imperial system will also play an important role in the Church's Youth Educational Services (YES) program. "We will be able to field-test all of the elements before sending the program out into the field," asserts Mr. Dean.

He also pointed out that applicants are considered on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Enrollment is not restricted to employees' offspring, and local Church members are encouraged to send their children to the school. Tuition will be charged on a graduated scale based on the number of children attending per family. Costs for one child will be \$250 a semester with each additional child at \$50 less.