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Plain Truth circulation soars to worldwide records in 1982

PASADENA — Despite an international recession, 1982 was a banner year for worldwide circulation of *The Plain Truth*, said PT circulation managers around the globe in interviews with *The Worldwide News*.

In less than 12 months *The Plain Truth* broke through the four and five million circulation marks, and now tops 5.3 million.

Much of the increase came in the United States.

"Nineteen eighty-two was the biggest year ever for *Plain Truth* circulation," said Boyd Leeson, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

"Our January, 1983, issue was distributed to over 42 percent more subscribers than in January, 1982.

"Looking back at 1982, you can see that we added nearly the same amount of new subscribers that we added in 1980 and 1981 combined," Mr. Leeson said.

Thirty percent of the 1.2 million new subscribers responded to offers by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on the *World Tomorrow* program on radio and TV.

Another 23 percent subscribed after reading a newsstand copy of *The Plain Truth*, and 16 percent came from blow-in cards in the magazine.

The remaining 31 percent came from cardholder responses, newspaper inserts, PT literature cards and other sources, he said.

Australian response

The Australian edition of *The Plain Truth* grew 13.6 percent in circulation to 63,640 subscribers, according to Reg Wright, circulation manager for *The Plain Truth* in Australia.

"Throughout 1982 new subscribers requesting the *Plain Truth* magazine in response to advertising in *TV Week* magazine, the newsstand program and the television and radio broadcast, totaled 31,937. This represents a 168.9 percent increase in new subscribers," he said.

Mr. Wright added that the Work in Australia also distributes 80,000 copies of *The Plain Truth* on newsstands each month.

"In Asia the *Plain Truth* mailing list... stood at 41,540 readers, a 30.7 percent increase over the same period last year," Mr. Wright continued. He added that 10,778 new subscribers were added "primarily through word of mouth, or seeing a friend's copy."

"The exceptionally high interest shown by Asian readers in *The Plain Truth* is indicated by an average 74 percent response to our ongoing renewal program," he said.

Spanish growth

"Last year was the best year for circulation growth," said Keith Speaks, circulation and promotion manager for *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*).

"At the end of 1982, we had 194,882 subscribers to *La Pura Verdad*, with another 23,500 copies distributed monthly on the newsstands.

"We had an original goal of 200,000 circulation, but because of budgetary considerations, we scaled that back to 187,000, which we

topped," he said.

The figure represents an 80 percent increase overall, with more than 90 percent increase in subscriptions, he said.

Mr. Speaks attributed the growth primarily to the distribution of *Pura Verdad* cardholders, advertising campaigns in 22 countries and the newsstand program.

"A lot of our growth came in Spain and Argentina," Mr. Speaks noted. "We tripled our distribution in Argentina and increased the PV circulation by 250 percent in Spain."

The increased distribution also provided greater exposure to Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letters to *Plain Truth* subscribers, which were translated into Spanish and distributed for the first time.

"Those letters from late 1981 and middle 1982 accounted for a 44 percent increase in our mail received," Mr. Speaks said.

Quality response in England

"Nineteen eighty-two was a year of good, steady growth," said David Gunn, *Plain Truth* circulation manager for the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, the Middle East and East and West Africa under regional director Frank Brown.

"In Britain, subscriptions went over 90,000, the highest since the early '70s," he said. Another 50,000 PTs are distributed monthly on

newsstands in London and Birmingham, England.

"We had a very successful advertising campaign using two ads written by Mr. Armstrong for the British public," Mr. Gunn continued. "One was headlined: 'How Will You Survive World War III' and the other, 'The Peril to Your Life Grows.'"

The ads ran in several major English magazines and newspapers, including *The Sunday Times* of London, the Atlantic editions of *Time* and *Newsweek*, *Daily Express*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Observer*.

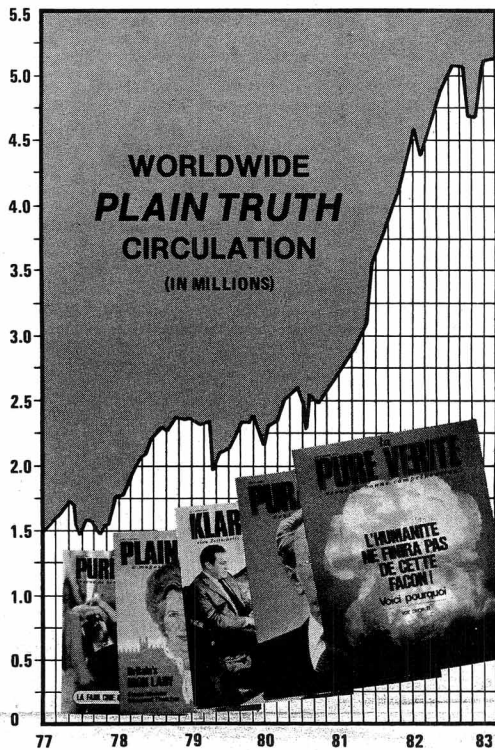
The circulation of *The Plain Truth* doubled to more than 10,000 in Scandinavia in 1982. "We expect it to rise to 25,000 by the end of 1983," Mr. Gunn said.

The European continent has a "very healthy" circulation of 27,000 English *Plain Truths*, he continued. More than 5,000 copies circulate in the Middle East.

In East and West Africa more than 30,000 copies circulate monthly, and that figure may go to 40,000 in 1983 "if funds permit," Mr. Gunn said.

"We have no trouble building a large circulation of the magazine in Africa," he continued. "We are concentrating on building a quality audience."

The problems of dealing with a multitude of international postal (See RECORDS, page 3)



RISING RECORDS — *Plain Truth* international circulation has more than tripled since 1977. The dip in 1979 was the result of cutbacks during the receivership on the Church. Smaller dips reflect ongoing renewal programs. [Artwork by Ron Grove]

Minister makes seven-nation tour for PT

PASADENA — "Most people don't really understand what Eastern Europe went through during World War II," said John Halford, a pastor-ranked minister serving in the Media Services Department here, Jan. 12.

Mr. Halford, author of "International Desk" in *The Plain Truth*, made the comment after a seven-nation tour of the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia he completed Jan. 9.



SABBATH STUDY — Evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director of God's Work in French-speaking areas, speaks to Haitian brethren in Port-au-Prince during a six-hour Sabbath Bible study Dec. 18. He was accompanied by John Halford, a pastor-rank minister in Pasadena. [Photo by John Halford]

other journal, magazine or newspaper," he continued.

The Czechoslovaks accepted the conditions, and Mr. Armstrong approved the trip.

As the trip was planned, stops in Haiti, West and East Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Thailand were added to conduct further business for *The Plain Truth*, the French Department and Ambassador College.

"I visited the Haitian brethren with Mr. [Dibar] Apartian [regional director of God's Work in French-speaking areas] on the first leg [WN, Dec. 27], flying on to Bonn, West Germany, to meet Mr. [Frank] Schnee [regional director of the Work in German-speaking areas]. The next day [Dec. 21] we traveled to Prague in Czechoslovakia," Mr. Halford said.

In Prague as guests of the government tourist agency, Mr. Halford and Mr. Schnee interviewed government officials, and the leader of an active religious group.

"I believe *The Plain Truth* will provide an interesting new insight into the problems of Eastern Europe and Czechoslovakia in particular. *The Plain Truth* has both something to say to and about the Czechoslovaks," he added.

Continuing, he said: "America doesn't really understand how upfront the memories of the destruction of World War II are in the Eastern European mind. Whole towns and families were brutally wiped out. The Soviet Union alone lost 20 million people in defending

their homeland. They have very real memories."

From Czechoslovakia, Mr. Halford traveled to Austria, where he visited the Church's youth winter camp and gave a sermon Dec. 25. "They'll have to call this camp WEP [Winter Educational Program] instead of SEP," he said.

He remained in Vienna, Austria, for four days, conducting additional research for *The Plain Truth*.

Mr. Halford then met with Paul Kieffer, pastor of the Berlin, Hamburg and Hannover, West Germany, churches and they entered Poland Dec. 31.

Mr. Halford and Mr. Kieffer visited Wiktor Przybyla, the lone Church member in Poland. "He's doing very well," Mr. Halford said.

"Not long ago, Wiktor received a letter from some disenchanted Church members. They tried to warn him that ours is not a giving church."

"But Wiktor explained to us: 'I wrote back and told them that they had picked the wrong time to dip poison on me.'"

"That same day several packages of food and clothing arrived from members in West Germany. In the past year, he has received so much help that he has had to build a special closet to store it."

"Wiktor deeply appreciates the many pen friends that have written to him. But he asked us to explain that it is hard for him to reply personally. Wages in Poland are low and postage is expensive. A card to

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Pushing Japan down a dangerous path

PASADENA — Who, in 1945, could have believed that by late 1982 American officials would be calling a proposed 6.5 percent increase in Japanese military spending inadequate?

Nevertheless, the U.S. State and Defense departments, in a joint statement Dec. 30, said that "more significant progress... needs to be made" by Japan in improving its self-defense capabilities.

The U.S. Defense Department would like to see Japan go beyond mere defense of its home islands and eventually assume the burden for the defense of vital Pacific sea-lanes up to 1,000 miles from the Japanese coast. The reason for this is the gradual drawing down of U.S. Seventh Fleet strength in the Pacific in order to transfer facilities to the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf region.

The United States fears that Soviet Far East strength, which continues to grow unabated, will cow Japan into a neutralized position unless the Japanese do more for their own defense.

Prime minister approves

The pressure for Japan to rearm further seems logical, on the surface at least. Japan has had more or less a free ride on defense since 1945, spending annually less than 1 percent of its gross national product on defense, compared to about 6.6 per-

cent for the United States.

To keep Japan pacified after the war, the United States undertook the role of Japan's defender. But in the face of severe balance-of-trade deficits with Japan year after year (\$20 billion in 1982 alone), this big brother arrangement no longer seems appropriate — at least to American officials with a short-range view of history.

Japan's dynamic new prime minister, Yasuhiro Nakasone, appears to want to please the United States on the defense spending issue. In his first press conference after assuming office Nov. 26, Mr. Nakasone said: "I believe that our country's defense efforts have not been adequate. And I understand the argument put forward by the U.S. and its European allies that Japan should increase its military spending now that it has become a great economic power."

Despite still deep-set antiwar feelings among the Japanese public, Mr. Nakasone has considerable support from within his ruling Liberal Democratic Party for a militarily stronger Japan. Last spring, about when U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger visited Japan to urge a big increase in military spending, several hundred prominent Japanese, including 58 members of parliament, demanded a revision of the Japanese-U.S. secu-

rity treaty, which goes back to 1952 (and amended in 1960).

Declaring that the treaty represented a "stain on our national pride," the group maintained that it was "inexcusable for Japan to continue to rely on the United States," and called for a vast expansion of military forces.

Some members urged that the no-war clause in the constitution be eliminated, and even broached the ultimate taboo by suggesting that Japan acquire nuclear weapons.

Down through the years, Mr. Nakasone, while certainly no militarist, has repeatedly said that Japan's U.S.-composed postwar constitution should be changed to give legitimacy to the military forces Japan already has.

Article 9 of the constitution states that "Japan will never maintain land, sea and air forces, as well as other potential forces for war."

This, of course, is totally out of date. Japan long having possessed land, sea and air "self-defense" forces. In fact, Japan is the world's eighth-largest military power.

Political price

Thus, by sheer force of events, a change in the power relationship between the United States and Japan and between Japan and its Asian neighbors appears inevitable. But there is, notes Ronald Steel, a

"political price to pay" for the course America seems to want Japan to take.

In the Dec. 16 *International Herald Tribune*, Mr. Steel writes:

"American taxpayers have every reason to ask why, 37 years after the end of the war, they are still paying for the defense of a country that is their greatest economic challenger and obviously has the means to pay its military bills. All this makes economic sense.

WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG



"But there is a political price to pay — one which American officials are curiously unaware of. If Japan starts rearming in a big way, it will not let its diplomacy be made in Washington. It will start making its political and military influence felt throughout Asia, as most Asians fear, and will be far less willing to take its cues from Washington.

"It means the end of the kind of relationship America has had with Japan since 1945.

"This is the price for pushing Japan to rearm. It may be an unavoidable price, for the alternative is to continue military protectorship that the American people cannot sustain without economic sacrifice.

"But this is not what American officials had in mind when they prodded the Japanese to increase military spending. Judging by the direction of events in Tokyo, they may now have to live with the problems of their dream come true."

Warnings from Asia

Leaders in Asia old enough to remember the bitter years of Japanese imperialism are also warning

Washington — seemingly to no avail — of the consequences of its "logical" action.

Carlos Romulo, the 84-year-old foreign minister of the Philippines, told a United Press International interviewer Dec. 29 that the United States was making a serious mistake by pushing Japan to beef up its military might, and Japan was equally wrong to listen.

"Those who ignore history tend to become its victims," said Mr. Romulo, who served as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's aide-de-camp in the Philippines during World War II.

"I've always said the United States should be very careful about making Japan its surrogate for the defense of the Pacific," added Mr. Romulo.

"The Japanese are very determined people; they have brains," said Mr. Romulo. "At the end of World War II, no one thought that Japan would become the foremost economic power in the world — but they are. If you give them the chance to become a military power — they will become a military power" (emphasis ours).

"We must be careful not to encourage any aggressive designs," said Mr. Romulo, "or another cospiracy sphere. Back in 1918, I told my American classmates [at Columbia University in New York City] to beware of the Japanese, and my American classmates said, 'Those jokers wouldn't dare.' Well, they dared and Pearl Harbor is the witness."

Danger signals up

Mr. Romulo one of the last surviving framers and signatories of the 1945 United Nations charter, said (See JAPAN, page 11)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Develop godly patience

In our local supermarket I watched a woman who was in a hurry. She had a few items in her hands, and her whole manner radiated impatience — shifting her weight from foot to foot, casting sharp glances at the other checkout lines, shaking her head, mumbling in frustration, biting her lip, looking disgusted and annoyed.

This shopper was a living example of the dictionary definition of impatience: "uneasy, intolerant and unwilling to be kept waiting."

Sometimes, we are forced to wait, however, and for many of us waiting is almost intolerable. Few things annoy us more than traffic jams, bureaucratic red tape or when an important letter or decision does not arrive.

Everybody knows that in traffic jams or at airline ticket counters a line or queue you're not in is the line that moves fastest. Some people constantly dart back and forth from one line to another. I sometimes do this myself.

I've thought about that woman in the supermarket. Why was she so impatient? Was there a good reason for her to be in such a hurry? Did her impatience spill over into her manner of driving when she left the store with her purchases? Was it her total life-style?

The Bible mentions impatience frequently. God's Word instructs us to wait, and we are given exhortations to be patient.

But how do we do this? How do we handle our tendencies to be impatient?

We learn patience first by changing our attitudes and the ways we look at life.

We admire punctuality, value good organization and time management, condemn ourselves when we procrastinate or are late, and sometimes complain about wasting too much time.

We expect on-the-spot, up-to-date reports from the news media. College students try to hurry through school, and are praised when they rise rapidly in the business world after graduation.

As Church members, we get impatient too. We admire rapid Church growth, we like to hear of numerous baptisms worldwide and we get impatient when our spiritual growth is slow.

We must remember that quality and not quantity is more important in our Christian growth. Quality requires patience.

Here's an example of striving to make quality time work the first time. I was walking through one of the departments on campus the other day and saw this saying on the bulletin board: "There's never enough time to do it right, but it seems there's always time to do it over again."

To create quality time in our lives, we must change our thinking. And that isn't easy, especially when we've spent a lifetime learning to be impatient. We really only learn patience by seeking and asking for God's help (James 5:7,8, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

We develop patience as God's Holy Spirit works in our daily lives to bring peace and to make us more like Him.

Remember the verse, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..." And what else? "Patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22,23).

The ability to accept delay. Or disappointment. To smile at setbacks and respond with a pleasant, understanding spirit. To remain calm while others around are uneasy. This is godly patience.

Try this next time you are kept waiting for an appointment. Maintain a gracious attitude and think of useful things to do. Pray, think

about plans, or read. (Which, of course isn't recommended in traffic. My wife saw a woman doing needlepoint and driving 60 miles an hour down a freeway!) This can keep you from getting angry and more impatient.

We can ask God to help us develop the patience He desires, and we can expect that He will answer. Remember, however, that this prayer may not be answered quickly.

A great biblical example of patience was Abraham.

Abraham believed that God would be true to His promise of giving him and his wife Sarah a son, but the couple got impatient.

When Abraham was 86 and Sarah was in her mid-70s — well beyond menopause — they took matters into their own hands. Well, you know the story (see Genesis 16).

At first this seemed like an effective way to hurry God along and get things done. But his taking of Sarah's handmaid, Hagar, was followed by marital friction and tension. The end result of Abraham's impatience was stress, signs of immaturity and intolerance.

God helped the family straighten things out, and He forgave Abraham for his impatience.

Then do you remember what happened?

Nothing! For 14 years Abraham and Sarah waited, still without children. They might have been in a hurry, but God was not. He showed the patience that Abraham lacked.

What about us when it comes to that long overdue healing, that job promotion or the calling of an unconverted mate? Or that husband or wife you so desperately need? Are we practicing godly patience?

Sometimes God gives us patience by making us wait. We cannot expect to have everything easy in this life. "In the world you will have tribulation" (John 16:33). Paul exhorted us that "we must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).

We must patiently endure hardships and heartaches until Christ returns. Whether they be small frustrations or large, we need to do as James exhorted: "You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand" (James 5:8).

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Spiritual example

Your well researched articles like "Soviet Changing of the Guard: What Now?" [Nov. 29], much detailed, exclusively documented and perfectly written without any typing mistakes are perfect examples of what we as a Church should strive for spiritually.

Why, you went so far as to research the new Soviet leader's birth date and curriculum vita. What an inspiration to us to always try to do the best possible and never settle for second best or anything less!

Like in other Church publications, names are rightly spelled, maps correctly drawn and artworks well put. We do not overlook such things and hence congratulations.

Articles under "Local Church News" are an inspiration to us who are isolated. I vicariously take part in different church activities and look forward to the world tomorrow — planning and preparing for it now.

Shadrack Shady Phaleng
Seshego Township, South Africa

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Marriage guidelines

I just received my *Worldwide News*, as I was reading over the titles one caught my eye and I began reading. I realized it was just the thing I need, so I got my Bible study notebook and began taking notes. It was Mr. [Dexter] Faulkner's article on solving marital problems [Dec. 13]. I hope to put it into practice using the Four Ps as my guidelines to improve my own marriage. I know with God's guidance and putting Him first in my life that my marriage will achieve all that I can hope for and more.

Name withheld

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Life of an Ambassador student

Thank you for writing the fine article

about the life of a student! Now I can understand better how busy all you as Ambassador must be! Now I can pray better too for you all at the college and ask God that you all may gladly keep this schedule, so that you may have very profitable years, so that you may learn to be shining lights to others and bring much gladness into this dark world!

Anna Koks
Papakura, New Zealand

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 systems was eased with the introduction of a new, less expensive international magazine distribution rate by the British postal system in 1982.

"That was a major blessing," Mr. Gunn said. "It brought down the rate of distributing *The Plain Truth* significantly."

He also pointed out some problems in building a newsstand circulation.

"We can't distribute newsstand copies like it is done in the United States," he said. "We have to pay our distributors for each copy to insure their commitment."

This was illustrated in a letter Mr. Gunn received Jan. 17.

"This was from a distributor in Birmingham. A person of a certain religious affiliation approached the newsstand owner and asked him to remove *The Plain Truth* from his stand."

"The religious individual was quoted by the owner as saying, 'God will reward you if you take that magazine off your stand.'

"The manager responded: 'When your God rewards me three pennies a copy like *The Plain Truth* does, then you come back and talk to me.'
 "In England," Mr. Gunn said, "nothing is for free."

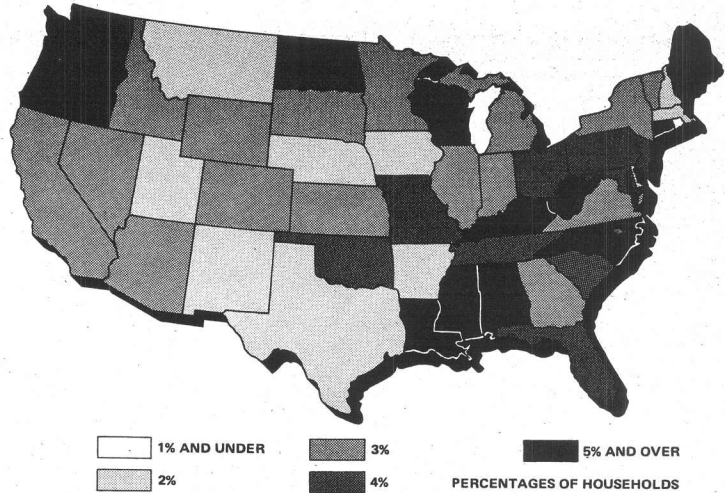
Solid response in Canada

In Canada, *Plain Truth* distribution rose by 30 percent, while *La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) subscriptions increased by 126.5 percent, according to George Patrickson, assistant to Canadian regional director Colin Adair.

"A major advertising campaign in a group of publications with a total of 7.2 million circulation and other ongoing circulation programs brought 111,574 *Plain Truth* subscriptions and 52,000 new *Pure Verite* responses," Mr. Patrickson said.

He said: "Overall, 1982 was an exceptional year for the Work in Canada." In addition to the *Plain Truth* increase, he cited a 33.8 percent increase in Church literature distribution, a 13.9 percent increase in mail income and a 79 percent increase in mail received over 1981.

U.S. PLAIN TRUTH PENETRATION



'PT' PENETRATION — The above map shows the percentage of households in the United States receiving *The Plain Truth*. According to Boyd Leeson, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager, one out of every 25 U.S. households receives *The Plain Truth*. Subscription response is received through *The World Tomorrow*, *Plain Truth* newsstand copies and other circulation programs, including *PT* cardholders and newspaper inserts. The newspaper insert at left was produced by Design Graphics of Publishing Services and is used in the United States and Canada. Its last use Nov. 7 in Boston, Mass., and New York, N.Y., brought 24,000 responses. [Map by Ron Grove]

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 the United States would cost him about an hour's wages.

"But he is a fine loyal member, and it was a privilege to meet him and his family," Mr. Halford said.

Jan. 4, Mr. Halford visited Auschwitz, a Nazi concentration camp in World War II. "That camp revealed something about the nature of rule Hitler had planned for the world after he conquered it," he said.

"Auschwitz was not the first concentration camp I've visited, but it was by far the most depressing," he continued.

"Somebody sat down and carefully planned an institution designed solely to exterminate human

life. To walk inside the gas chambers and view the scratch marks made as prisoners tried to claw their way out from death — the experience is beyond words.

"The institution was built to last. It's obvious Hitler planned to use it long after the war was over."

Mr. Halford and Mr. Kieffer planned to visit the East German members, but "were held up at the East German-Polish border for more than three hours and could only get a transit visa to West Berlin," he said.

Travel plans to Thailand did not leave him enough time to reenter East Germany, so Mr. Halford flew to Bangkok, Thailand, Jan. 5 from Copenhagen, Denmark.

"As approved by Mr. Armstrong, we are planning to assist in teaching English at Chiang Rai Teachers' College in northern Thailand," Mr.

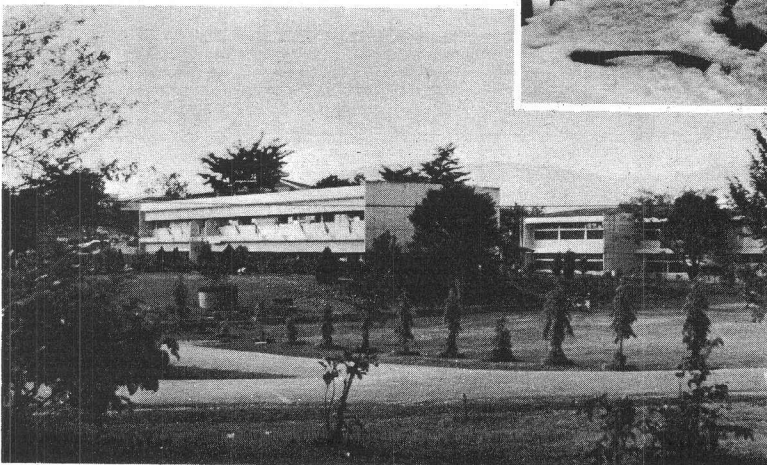
Halford said.

With Steve Pelfry, manager of the now-completed Ambassador College Educational Project in Thailand (ACEPT), Mr. Halford visited the Chiang Rai campus and met with administrative officials.

"They are very eager to have us," he said. "They associate Herbert W. Armstrong with good things for Thailand, based on Mr. Armstrong's and Ambassador College's involvement with that nation."

After a stopover in Hong Kong, Mr. Halford returned to Pasadena Jan. 8.

"An itinerary through Haiti, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Thailand is not typical tourist route," Mr. Halford said. "But it is one that graphically demonstrates the need for the reinstatement of God's government over all the earth."



WORLD TOUR — Clockwise from above: Chiang Rai Teachers' College in Thailand, where Ambassador College students will teach English beginning in June; the handwork of Youth Opportunities United members at the Church's winter camp in Radfeld, Austria; and Wiktor Przybyla, the Church's sole member in Poland, and his family. [Photos by John Halford]

Spanish director points to growth despite economic, political woes

By Tom Delamater

PASADENA — In 1982 inflation skyrocketed to more than 50 percent in Argentina, Mexico and Peru, causing massive devaluation of currency in those countries. Rebel groups terrorized the people of Guatemala and El Salvador throughout the year, and a government strengthened its grip in Nicaragua.

Tom Delamater is the managing editor of the Pasadena Ambassador Portfolio.

In the midst of such rising turmoil God's Work in Spanish-speaking areas experienced unprecedented growth in 1982, according to evangelist Leon Walker, regional director.

"In terms of growth 1982 has been our best year ever," says Mr. Walker. "No doubt about it." And in spite of the social conditions in those countries Mr. Walker feels that with God's blessing 1983 will be another year of growth for the Work there.

Mr. Walker was named regional director of the Work in Spanish-speaking areas by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in the fall of 1979, but his involvement with Spanish came early in his college career.

He enrolled in Pasadena Ambassador College in 1955 and began working in the Spanish Department for the late Benjamin Rea, then head of the Work in Spanish-speaking areas. In his senior year Mr. Walker began teaching first- and second-year Spanish classes.

Following his graduation in 1960 and marriage to the former Reba Roper of Wilmot, Ark., he and his bride moved to England, where he joined the faculty of the then newly opened Bricket Wood campus.

Mr. Walker taught additional classes in theology, speech and international relations, continuing to work with Dr. Rea, who also moved to England.

Mr. Walker recalled an incident that occurred during the early years of the Spanish Department: "A man of English descent who owned a coffee plantation in Colombia somehow came across the Correspondence Course and some literature. He requested that we put him on our mailing list, and soon after we began to notice a marked increase in literature requests from that area.

"We later discovered that he required all workers who signed up to work on his plantation sign up for the Correspondence Course. Of

course, our mailing list grew substantially at that time," said Mr. Walker with a laugh. "We later had to explain to the man that that wasn't exactly the thing to do."

During the mid-1960s Mr. Walker became less active in Spanish activities and more involved in the college. In 1972 he was appointed dean of students and served in that responsibility until the Bricket Wood campus was closed in 1974.

Mr. Walker, first ordained in 1963, was also active in ministerial responsibilities while in England. He pastored a number of churches and was ordained to the rank of pastor in 1967. Among the churches he pastored there were Bristol, Warrington and London.

At the closing of the Bricket Wood campus the Walkers moved to Big Sandy, where Mr. Walker became head of the Theology Department.

Three years later, however, the Big Sandy campus was also closed, and the Walkers moved back to Pasadena, where Mr. Walker taught theology classes.

He was named acting dean of faculty for the Pasadena campus in 1979 and served in the post until Mr. Armstrong named him regional director in November of that year.

But Mr. Walker's responsibilities with the college didn't end there. In February, 1981, Mr. Walker was named by Mr. Armstrong to serve as deputy chancellor at the Big Sandy campus, which was to reopen as a junior college that August and later that month was ordained an evangelist. Mr. Walker spent one year as deputy chancellor.

At the conclusion of the school year Mr. Walker was transferred back to Pasadena to work exclusively with the Spanish Department. Evangelist Leslie L. McCullough was appointed as the Big Sandy deputy chancellor by Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Walker feels that his experience in the Spanish Department, plus the experience of teaching and pastoring churches in England, prepared him well for his duties as regional director.

"Through my visiting and contacts [in England] I saw how the people there lived," he said. "When I came to the Spanish Department I was able to be sensitive to the people and their situation."

Mr. Walker said that it took him and his staff a while to learn the customs and conditions the people in Central and South America live under. He realized they were dealing with Third World countries, where many of the people live in

poverty.

"I don't feel that an individual can truly and deeply understand how people outside the United States live until he experiences it himself," he said. Mr. Walker frequently travels to Central and South America to maintain personal contact with the ministers and brethren there.

"The wages just don't rise as fast as the prices," he said, "and the members really suffer." He pointed out that this affects their ability to make contributions to the Work.

In El Salvador and Guatemala terrorism is still widespread, but Mr. Walker feels the overall situation for the brethren has improved. "It is certainly safer today, and our members are less preoccupied and disturbed by the situation," he said.

It is difficult for brethren scattered across the countryside in El Salvador and Guatemala to attend services, Mr. Walker said, because most don't have cars or access to public transportation. Even if they did, however, it would probably be too dangerous to travel any great distances.

In spite of these adverse circumstances God's Work in Spanish-speaking areas continues to grow. Circulation for *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish version of *The Plain Truth*) nearly doubled in 1982, from 100,000 copies to nearly 200,000 copies monthly.



HUSBAND-AND-WIFE TEAM — Evangelist Leon Walker and his wife Reba have served in the Spanish Department since 1979.

Of that number, 11,000 copies are now going each month into Spain and Portugal, also reflecting a 100 percent increase in circulation.

Mr. Walker and his Pasadena-based staff of 24 full- and part-time workers have had little opportunity to reach Spain itself.

"Our biggest problem is that we have no minister there," said Mr. Walker.

However, he said that the department is "trying to provide growth in Spain. We've been increasing it dramatically over the last few years."

Mr. Walker said that the dominant influence of the Catholic Church in Spain isn't really a major problem for the Work's efforts there.

"Where you have more affluence

[as in Spain], people don't tend to take the same interest in a Work of this type," he said, explaining that oppression would be more likely in the unstable Central American countries.

He is also looking forward to continued growth this year. "We hope and pray that the income of the Work will increase over the next year," he said.

Mr. Walker said: "I have grown really attached to the Spanish-speaking ministers and brethren in the past three years. My wife and I have visited all of the major congregations throughout Mexico, Central and South America. We loved being able to do it and have rejoiced in seeing the growth within that area of God's worldwide Work."

Member's clients include Colombian president

Translator interprets her life

By George Hague and Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — "I'm sort of a nonofficial member of the Spanish Department," said Margot Fischer, member of the Bogota, Colombia, congregation and translator for the Work's Spanish publications.

"She is a top-notch translator with an excellent grasp of both Spanish and English, including style and editorial ability," said evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of the Work in Spanish-speaking areas.

Mrs. Fischer was in Pasadena to translate the Jan. 10 to 20 Ministerial Refreshing Program for the Spanish-speaking ministers.

Most of her work, however, with the Spanish Department is done by mail, returning translated manuscripts to Pasadena for publication.

According to Mrs. Fischer, work as a translator is usually done on a free-lance basis in Colombia.

In addition to her responsibilities with the Spanish Department, she translates and interprets for governmental and international organizations. She interpreted for Colombian President Belisario Betancur when U.S. President Ronald Reagan visited Colombia Dec. 3.

"I was nervous about the whole thing," said Mrs. Fischer. In an effort not to make any diplomatic faux pas for the presidents, "I had to think and speak correctly and precisely," she said.

She has also provided simultaneous interpretations at conferences of the Organization of American States, the Food and Agricultural Organization, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the Pan American Health Organization.

Mrs. Fischer began translating for the Church in 1972. Her father, a writer, was originally asked to translate the material.

She said: "I was looking through his papers, and I found a letter that seemed pretty interesting. It asked my father if he would like to translate for *The Plain Truth*. Since he was too busy, he told me to answer and tell them that I would do it. That's how I started with the Church."

Mrs. Fischer added: "It was very intriguing. The Correspondence Course and the booklet on the Sabbath had the biggest impact on me."

She explained that as she translated the literature, she told her family about it. Eventually other members of her family also became interested.

Pablo Gonzalez, now pastor of the San Juan, Puerto Rico, congregation, was the first minister to visit her family. "We had him over for dinner," she said. "We would sit

around the table and ask him questions trying to pin him to the wall."

After translating for the Work for almost three years, Mrs. Fischer was baptized in 1975. Her sister Beatriz Noguera, a part-time translator for the Church, was baptized the same year.

"To be an interpreter the first thing you need to be is bilingual. That's the basis. I was taught both English and Spanish quite carefully by my father. Since he was an editor he was a stickler for language." Her father was once the associate editor of *Selecciones del Reader's Digest*, the *Spanish Reader's Digest*.

"But I wanted to be a pianist," Mrs. Fischer continued. "I told myself at age 18, if I couldn't be a top-notch pianist in Paris, then I wouldn't play another note."

A mark of excellence? "No, I think probably a mark of arrogance," she said. "Now I regret saying that. But I play the piano a little now — stumbling my way through various exercises and piano pieces." She continued: "I went to Colombia with my father in 1963 after graduating from high school in New York. I studied other languages at *Universidad Javeriana* in Bogota." Mrs. Fischer is fluent in English, Spanish and French.

Although Mrs. Fischer studied languages at school, her father had the largest impact on her training. She said, "What I really did was study translating under my father."

Mrs. Fischer was the last of a breed of interpreters who learned not at college but "the old way" — working to perfect linguistics.

"When I was translating for the American Embassy, they asked me if I wanted to interpret," she recalled. "Well," she said, "I don't know if I can. So they opened a book written in Spanish and asked me to read it in English and vice versa. They thought I did it well, so they

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SPANISH-SPEAKING MINISTRY — The 13th session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program included the above ministers and wives from Mexico, Argentina, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Chile, Colombia, Peru and the United States. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

Brethren combat 200% inflation as a family team in Argentina

PASADENA — Despite unemployment, inflation, half a decade of terrorism and war between Britain and Argentina, God's Church in Argentina continues to grow and be strengthened, reported Albert Sousa, a preaching elder coordinating Church activities in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

Mr. Sousa, 41, and his wife Elizabeth attended the 13th session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program and participated in administrative meetings conducted by evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of the Work in Spanish-speaking areas.

"The Church is poor there, but doing well," Mr. Sousa said in a Jan. 17 interview with *The Worldwide News*. "Most live together in the same neighborhood in Bahia Blanca and Ezezia [the two cities in Argentina where there are congregations], and they work together as a team to survive."

Most of the 175 brethren attending the two congregations in Argentina did not learn about the Church in what could be considered "the typical way," Mr. Sousa said.

The majority, he said, came from a Sabbath-keeping Sardis-era church called the Israelitish Church of the New Covenant.

"In Argentina and Uruguay [where another 35 brethren attend services when a minister visits], we had a Sardis and a Pentecostal minister being reading Church literature and preaching the truth from the booklets to the congregations."

"Eventually, under separate instances, the ministers came into the Worldwide Church of God. They told their congregations not to follow them unless they studied the literature and accepted it, but most eventually became members of the Worldwide Church of God," Mr. Sousa said.

Ministers Robert Flores and Luis E. Chavez counseled with each per-

son before he became part of the Church, he added. Mr. Chavez pastors the Bahia Blanca church.

Coping with inflation

Brethren living in Argentina try to conquer inflation with teamwork. "The husband, wife and children of each family work together as a team," he said.

"Most Church brethren live near each other, so they buy large quanti-



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ties of basic foodstuffs and other basic items to cut costs," Mr. Sousa continued.

"But because of their economic state and the terrible inflation, most have to cut down on a lot of food consumption."

"The big meal of the week comes at noon on the Sabbath. The evening meals during the week usually consist of very little, perhaps some soup."

"The Argentinean brethren faced a 400 percent increase in food and other prices during 1982 and at times a rate of inflation near 200 percent. They basically have very little money — just enough to survive," Mr. Sousa said.

Doors closed

"We are building the Work there mostly through the [Plain Truth] cardholder program," he continued.

"Most of the media doors are simply closed in Argentina. Catholicism is the official state religion, with, ironically, the Worldwide Church of God listed as a 'dissident'

religion with the Department of Non-Catholic and Dissident Religions.

"Freedom of religion is part of the law, but it actually works out that other religions are merely tolerated."

"We have had some very successful newspaper ads for *La Pura Verdad* [Spanish Plain Truth]. One in *El Clarin*, the newspaper from Argentina's capital city [Buenos Aires], brought over 6,500 subscriptions," he said.

"Because of the war with the British and the terrorism during the '70s, people are a little suspicious of



SOARING INFLATION — According to exchange rates printed in *The New York Times*, the above 500,000 Argentine peso note was worth US\$10,500 in January, 1977, but is today worth less than \$10. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

anything new like God's truth," Mr. Sousa said.

"But response is picking up — people are becoming very interested in the Church, but are still very careful because of past political

problems."

Despite economic problems, "God is blessing the Work," he said. "Our brethren may be suffering, but they're not complainers. They are faithful and strong."

Guatemalan member 'presumed dead'

Members deal with terrorism

PASADENA — "The situation has improved considerably in El Salvador and Guatemala," said Herbert Cisneros in a *Worldwide News* interview Jan. 18.

Don Walls, regional editor of La Pura Verdad (Spanish Plain Truth), translated Herbert Cisneros' comments for The Worldwide News.

"The running gun battles in the streets are very rare now. Most guerrilla activity in the larger cities is limited to isolated terrorist bombings. The larger battles take place in the remote areas."

Mr. Cisneros, 39, here for the Ministerial Refreshing Program, spoke of conditions faced by brethren living in El Salvador and Guatemala, two strife-torn Central American countries where he pastors churches.

Brethren living in those countries daily face prospects of injury, death and robbery from rampant terrorism. According to Mr. Cisneros, one member in Guatemala, Jose Luis Merida De la Rosa, is presumed dead.

"He lived in a village in rural Guatemala, where guerrilla activity is most intense," Mr. Cisneros said. "Plain Truths, literature and letters I have sent him have been re-

turned... He has not attended any Holy Day services for over a year, which is unusual, because he was a very strong person spiritually."

The danger from outbreaks of gun battles prevents Mr. Cisneros from visiting the area Mr. De la Rosa lived, to confirm his death.

"I went to a government agency and found that the village where he lived no longer exists. I hope that he has escaped somehow or that he is alive in captivity, but the odds are against it," Mr. Cisneros said.

"The rural areas are the most dangerous," he continued. "The guerrillas come into a village and proclaim it 'liberated,' that is, now part of their territory. The army of the government hears of the guerrilla activity and comes in to chase them out."

"Often, the village is destroyed in the battle. The army can't tell the difference between the guerrillas and the people of the village, so who knows who gets killed?"

Members living in the rural areas have been advised to move to the larger cities, where danger is not so great.

"Those living in villages are pressured by the army to collaborate and bear arms. If they do, they immediately become guerrilla targets. If they don't, they are considered traitors by the army and subject to

arrest or worse," Mr. Cisneros said.

Some brethren have been warned that they will be expected to collaborate with the army and bear arms, but so far none has had to face a crucial showdown over this matter.

"A number have moved to the city and are now prospering. But I'm afraid that the time of confrontation is coming," he said.

Mr. Cisneros has advised the brethren to offer to cooperate on nonmilitary items such as medical help if they are confronted, or to move to urban areas if there is no alternative.

"God must intervene nearly daily to spare our brethren there," he said. "There is a common saying among the El Salvadoran brethren: They say that if it is true that God assigns an angel to all brethren, then the angels in El Salvador have the hardest jobs."

Government efforts to stabilize the area are improving the situation, but peace is still far off, he noted. He mentioned several brethren for stress-related ailments two years ago, "but believe it or not, you can sort of get used to all the warfare."

Mr. Cisneros noted one time when God intervened. "It was the Passover-night of 1980. A couple of days earlier the archbishop of El Salvador was assassinated and the

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asked me to do an interpreting job.

"I liked interpreting. It kind of came naturally, so I joined a professional group of interpreters in Colombia. That was the only way to learn. We didn't go to college. We just developed our skills together."

Mrs. Fischer explained that translating is more than just substituting a Spanish word for an English word. Often a specific meaning must be conveyed, rather than individual words.

"A translator must be aware of differences of cultures," she pointed out. "For instance, one booklet I translated mentioned that some women go to bars or cafes by themselves. In Colombia women would never think of such a thing. So a translator has to be aware of certain customs."

Mr. Walker said: "She has two things going for her. Any professional translator can translate from one language to another. She is a professional, but she is also a Church member. Sometimes when we used nonmember translators, they had difficulty because they couldn't understand the material. Since she is a Church member, she can do a far more effective job."

Mrs. Fischer is married with two children. Her husband is a psychiatrist in Colombia.

Mrs. Fischer left for Colombia the evening of Jan. 22, two days after the Refreshing Program ended. "I've enjoyed every minute of it, and I hope it is not my last."



SPANISH SESSION — Spanish-speaking ministers and wives listen to a translation of the 13th session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program Jan. 13, above. Right, Margot Fischer, a Church member and professional translator from Colombia, translated. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]



Blind couple refuse to stumble in face of daily unseen obstacles

The following article appeared in the July 25, 1982, *Lompoc, Calif., Record*. It is excerpted by permission. Jack and Cindy Lenk are members of the San Luis Obispo, Calif., church. They have two daughters, one of whom is blind.

By Russ Spencer

LOMPOC, Calif. — For most people, being blind may seem like an almost insurmountable obstacle to leading a normal life.

But to Lompoc residents Jack and Cindy Lenk, who do cooking, cleaning, shopping and virtually everything else for themselves, it seems hardly an inconvenience.

Of course, there are some drawbacks.

Like . . . the times their daughters [Linda and Jackie] try to get away with something because they know Jack and Cindy can't see them.

"I can tell when they're doing something wrong, though," said Cindy. "Girls get sneaky and quiet when they're doing something they shouldn't be."

Or wearing clothes that their

sighted daughter Jackie has picked out for them.

"Jackie's color combinations get kinda wild," Jack said.

Or trying to find groceries after Jackie has sorted through them.

She likes to put our groceries away," Cindy said, "but I don't let her, because she puts them in different and I can't find them."

Drawbacks aside, Jack and Cindy are amazingly self-sufficient. Their independence is now so complete that Cindy said the only thing they cannot do for themselves is drive a car.

And next to their independence, their most striking quality is a warm sense of humor, which seemed to come naturally last week as they talked of their life together, and their way of life as a blind couple.

They met when Jack was 7 years old and Cindy was 6 and they were both miles from home at the Missouri School for the Blind in St. Louis.

"In the boarding school, you really got to know each other," Jack said. "You didn't always get the chance to put your best foot forward . . . and not everybody has two good feet."

They both spent nine months out of every year from kindergarten through high school at the boarding school. For Cindy, it was 300 miles from home.

"I felt a lot of resentment about that," Cindy said, but agreed with Jack that the school was beneficial for both of them from an educational standpoint.

After Cindy's graduation, the couple married and moved to various places until settling in Pasadena [Calif.], where Jack earned his associate of arts degree at Pasadena City College and worked for the Social Security Department.

On the advice of church friends, they moved to Lompoc a year ago and have found it to be "the best area we've ever lived in."

"The people are friendly and helpful" and Lompoc is "not so big that you're lost in a crowd of people," Cindy said.

Sitting in twin rockers in their Lupine Street home, they said they work as a team, doing all their own shopping, cleaning and other house chores.

They walk to and from stores, and have memorized the street patterns and names well enough to be able to

walk from their home to the post office.

They don't walk alone, however. Always accompanying them are their guide dogs Ilka and Sammy, who stop for curbs, doors and other obstructions.

Like everyone else, they stop for red lights and go on green lights, but instead of looking at the colors, they listen to traffic patterns to tell them when to walk.

Reaching down to pet his dog Sammy, Jack said he has never been hit by a car, but jokingly added he has "lost the tip of a cane a couple times."

Jack reads the family mail on his "Octacon," a device which when run over any print sends impulses to a movable reader in Jack's right hand to a pickup which sends vibrations in the shape of each letter to Jack's left hand.

Jack pays all of the family bills, using raised-line checks provided by his bank.

They have a clock, but instead of showing the time with hands or numbers, it uses a prerecorded voice to give the time out loud whenever a button is pushed.

They have a typewriter which spits out notes written not in standard letters, but in braille.

To buy food, they walk or take the city transit to the store, and have clerks help them pick out food.

"I've never lost the kids in a store," Cindy said, "But maybe that's because we're more careful."

"Yeah, we're working on it,

though," Jack slipped in, grinning and leaning back in his rocker.

The family even watches — or rather, listens to — the television. "We still say we watch it," Cindy said with a smile.

And the one thing they do unaided which takes most of their time is the raising of their two children, Linda and Jackie.

Linda, 8, is in and out of the house continually, talking to her parents, playing with the dogs or showing off her latest bump or bruise — seemingly unhampered by her blindness.

She rollerskates down the sidewalk in front of the Lenk home, yelling, "Look how fast I can go!"

And one of her favorite pastimes is climbing trees.

"She doesn't stop," Jack said, "not even for walls."

Jackie, 10, is sighted and a quiet contrast to her sister. While Linda screams down the sidewalk, Jackie quietly tends to the tomatoes growing in the front yard.

"If Jackie gets the slightest little bump or sore, she's on her last breath," Cindy said, "whereas Linda might just say, 'Ow.'"

Cindy said she has not "sheltered" Linda too much. "I go overboard the other way sometimes, to make sure she gets to do everything."

And, undoubtedly following the example of her parents, Linda does seem to do everything — everything which the absence of sight would seem to prohibit, but which the Lenk family has found a way to accomplish.

PLAIN TRUTH CIRCULATION WORLDWIDE

PASADENA — Is *The Plain Truth* truly an international magazine? Look at the following list and see for yourself.

First the bad news. A statistical analysis of the worldwide mailing list shows there are no *Plain Truth* subscribers in Cape Verde, Chad, Kampuchea, Laos, Mongolia, Tibet and such island groups as Tokelau, Madeira, Pitcairn, Ocean and Ascension.

Now the good news: 3,324,723 copies of *The Plain Truth* are mailed to the areas listed below. Another 2,002,000 are placed on the newsstands.

This list represents countries and territories with resident *Plain Truth* subscribers at the end of 1982. Some dependencies are listed separately. Newsstand copies are not included.

Country	Circulation
Afghanistan	8
Albania	1
Algeria	925
American Samoa	9
Andorra	18
Angola	20
Anguilla (Britain)	1
Antigua	211
Argentina	16,566
Australia	63,786
Austria	9,594
Azores Island (Portugal)	3
Bahamas	698
Bahrain	370
Bangladesh	334
Barbados	1,262
Belgium	19,823
Belize	388
Benin	147
Bermuda (Britain)	315
Bhutan	3
Bolivia	1,704
Bophuthatswana	1,409
Botswana	763
Brazil	2,548
Brunei	288
Bulgaria	17
Burma	221
Burundi	21
Cameroon	240
Canada	276,695

Canary Islands (Spain)	23
Cape Verde	0
Caroline Islands	8
Cayman Islands	36
Central African Republic	23
Chad	0
Chile	11,232
China (Peoples Republic of)	49
Ciskei	6
Colombia	22,897
Comoro Islands	2
Congo	99
Cook Islands	37
Costa Rica	3,951
Cuba	15
Cyprus	275
Czechoslovakia	30
Denmark	1,614
Djibouti	5
Dominica	600
Dominican Republic	3,622
Ecuador	3,662
Egypt	331
El Salvador	4,319
Equatorial Guinea	6
Ethiopia	134
Faeroe Islands (Denmark)	8
Falkland Islands (Britain)	2
Fiji	6,076
Finland	3,699
France	27,909
French Guiana	38
French Polynesia	169
Gabon	38
Gambia	11
Germany, East	7
Germany, West	90,721
Ghana	6,251
Gibraltar (Britain)	114
Greece	1,567
Greenland	4
Grenada	796
Guadeloupe (France)	1,821
Guam (U.S.)	146
Guatemala	5,628
Guinea-Bissau	2
Guinea	11
Guyana	7,299
Haiti	2,422
Honduras	2,169
Hong Kong (Britain)	930
Hungary	153
Iceland	240
India	10,283
Indonesia	2,651
Iran	868
Iraq	63
Irish Republic	4,139
Israel	701

Italy	11,155
Ivory Coast	27
Jamaica	5,503
Japan	335
Jordan	141
Kampuchea (Cambodia)	0
Kenya	7,800
Kiribati	31
Korea, North	1
Korea, South	87
Kuwait	463
Laos	0
Lebanon	133
Lesotho	751
Liberia	110
Libya	127
Liechtenstein	58
Luxembourg	597
Macao (Portugal)	13
Madagascar Republic	200
Malawi	3,004
Malaysia (total)	15,481
(Sabah, 1,116)	
(Sarawak, 2,719)	
Maldives Islands	4
Mali	16
Malta	3,419
Martinique (France)	2,067
Mauritania	8
Mauritius	3,621
Mexico	32,806
Monaco	34
Mongolia	0
Montserrat (Britain)	32
Morocco	390
Mozambique	24
Namibia (South-West Africa)	1,061
Nauru	13
Nepal	52
Netherlands	38,110
Netherlands Antilles	172
New Caledonia (France)	243
New Zealand	34,495
Nicaragua	737
Niger	15
Nigeria	9,300
Niue Island (New Zealand)	20
Norway	2,447
Oman	258
Pakistan	430
Panama	739
Papua New Guinea	1,706
Paraguay	412
Peru	10,171
Philippines	71,049
Poland	272
Portugal	2,650
Puerto Rico	13,679
Qatar	146

Reunion (France)	40
Rumania	134
Rwanda	21
St. Helena (Britain)	1
St. Kitts-Nevis (Britain)	198
St. Lucia	1,249
St. Martin (France and Netherlands)	7
St. Pierre and Miquelon (to France)	4
St. Vincent	377
San Marino	1
Sao Tome and Principe	2
Saudi Arabia	820
Senegal	62
Seychelles	24
Sierra Leone	92
Singapore	4,674
Solomon Islands	811
Somalia	22
South Africa	74,948
Spain	11,040
Sri Lanka	3,239
Sudan	235
Suriname	225
Swaziland	665
Sweden	3,524
Switzerland	21,660
Syria	36
Taiwan	227
Tanzania	978
Thailand	369
Tibet	0
Togo	28
Tonga	349
Transkei	1,064
Trinidad and Tobago	9,360
Tunisia	154
Turkey	2,522
Turks and Caicos Islands (Britain)	32
Tuvalu	13
Uganda	1,937
United Arab Emirates	681
United Kingdom	88,696
Upper Volta	15
Uruguay	1,775
U.S.A.	2,163,224
U.S.S.R.	26
Vanuatu (formerly New Hebrides)	424
Venda	641
Venezuela	3,866
Vietnam	7
Virgin Islands (Britain)	40
Virgin Islands (U.S.)	404
Western Samoa	272
Yemen Arab Republic	41
Yemen, Democratic Republic of	14
Yugoslavia	503
Zaire	122
Zambia	2,872
Zimbabwe	15,043

CHURCH CONGREGATIONS WORLDWIDE

United States

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Alabama — Anniston, Birmingham AM, Birmingham PM, Florence, Gadsden, Geneva, Huntsville, Jasper, Mobile, Montgomery.

Arkansas — El Dorado, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Harrison, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Mena, Mountain View, Russellville, Searcy.

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Idaho — Blackfoot, Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Twin Falls.

Illinois — Belleville, Champaign, Chicago North, Chicago North-West, Chicago Southeast, Chicago West, Chicago Southside, Macomb, Mount Vernon, Peoria, Rockford, Springfield.

Indiana — Columbus, Elkhart, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Michigan City, Muncie, Richmond, Terre Haute.

Kansas — Hays, Independence, Kansas City South, Liberal, Salina, Scott City, Topeka, Wichita.

Kentucky — Bowling Green, Hazard, Lexington, London, Louisville, Madisonville, Middlesboro,

Morehead, Paducah, Pikeville, Somerset.

Louisiana — Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, New Orleans, Shreveport, Slidell.

Massachusetts — Boston, Springfield.

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Maine — Bangor, Portland.

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Montana — Billings, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell, Missoula.

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Oklahoma — Ada, Enid, Lawton, Oklahoma City, Tulsa.

Oregon — Albany, Baker, Bend, Coos Bay, Eugene, Hood River, Klamath Falls, Medford, Ontario, Portland East, Portland South,

Portland West, Roseburg, Salem.

Pennsylvania — Beaver Valley, Belle Vernon, Bethlehem, Erie, Harrisburg, Huntingdon, Johnstown, McKeesport, Mercer, Mount Pocono, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington.

Rhode Island — Providence.

South Carolina — Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greenville.

South Dakota — Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown, Yankton.

Tennessee — Chattanooga, Clarksville, Cookeville, Jackson, Kingsport, Knoxville, Memphis, Murfreesboro, Nashville.

Texas — Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Big Sandy, Corpus Christi, Dallas East, Dallas West, Denison, El Paso, Fort Worth AM, Fort Worth PM, Harlingen, Houston East, Houston North, Houston West, Longview, Lubbock, Lufkin, Midland, Paris, San Angelo, San Antonio, Texarkana, Tyler, Uvalde, Victoria, Waco.

Utah — Salt Lake City.

Virginia — Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, Winchester.

Vermont — Montpelier.

Washington — Bremerton, Everett, Kent, Kettle Falls, Olympia, Pasco, Quincy, Seattle, Sedro-Woolley, Spokane, Tacoma, Tonasket, Vancouver, Yakima.

Wisconsin — Appleton, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kenosha, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Wausau, West Bend, Wisconsin Dells.

West Virginia — Beckley, Bluefield, Charleston, Clarksburg, Huntington, Lewisburg, Parkersburg, Summersville, Wheeling.

Wyoming — Casper, Sheridan, Wheatland.

International churches

Argentina — Bahia Blanca, Ezeiza.

Australia — Adelaide, Ballarat, Bathurst, Bendigo, Blaxland, Brisbane North, Brisbane South, Bunbury, Bundaberg, Caboolture, Cairns, Canberra, Clermont, Darwin, Devonport, Emerald, Geelong, Geraldton, Gippsland, Gold Coast, Grafton, Gympie, Hobart, Ipswich, Kingaroy, Launceston, Mackay, Maryborough, Melbourne North, Melbourne South, Melbourne West, Newcastle, Penola, Perth, Rockhampton, Sydney North, Sydney South, Temora, Toowoomba, Townsville, Warwick, Wodonga, Wollongong.

Austria — Salzburg, Vienna.

Bahamas — Freeport, Nassau.

Barbados — Bridgetown.

Belgium — Antwerp, Brussels,

Liege.

Bermuda — Hamilton.

Burma — Sa Khan Gyi.

Cameroon — Yaounde.

Canada

Alberta — Atmore, Bonnyville, Calgary North, Calgary South, Edmonton North, Edmonton South, Evansburg, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Rycroft, Westlock, Wetaskiwin.

British Columbia — Abbotsford, Castlegar, Cumberland, Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, Prince George, Salmon Arm, Vancouver, Victoria.

Manitoba — Brandon, Dauphin, Morden, Winnipeg East, Winnipeg West.

New Brunswick — Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John.

Newfoundland — St. John's.

Nova Scotia — Digby, Halifax.

Ontario — Barrie, Cornwall, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, North Bay, Ottawa, Peterborough, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Smiths Falls, St. Catharines, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Toronto East, Toronto West, Windsor.

Quebec — Magog (English), Montreal (English), Montreal North (French), Montreal South (French), Quebec City, Sherbrooke (French), Trois-Rivieres, Val D'Or (French).

Saskatchewan — Big River, Lloydminster, Maple Creek, Moodomin, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, Tisdale, Yorkton.

Chile — Santiago, Temuco.

Colombia — Bogota.

Costa Rica — San Jose.

Denmark — Aarhus.

Dominica — Roseau.

El Salvador — San Salvador.

Fiji — Suva.

France — Angers, Bordeaux, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Narbonne, Paris, Strasbourg.

Ghana — Accra, Kumasi.

Grenada — St. Georges.

Guadeloupe — Basse Terre, Pointe-a-Pitre.

Guatemala — Quezaltenango.

Guyana — Berbice, Georgetown.

Haiti — Port-au-Prince.

India — Bombay, Madras.

Irish Republic — Dublin, Galway.

Jamaica — Kingston.

Kenya — Kibichia, Nairobi.

Malawi — Blantyre.

Malaysia — Johore Bahru, Kuala Lumpur.

Martinique — Fort-de-France.

Mauritius — Curepipe.

Mexico — Mexico City, Juarez, Chihuahua, Guadalajara, Jalpa de Mendez, Mexicali, Monterrey, Tepic, Tijuana.

Netherlands — Tilburg, Utrecht, Zwolle.

New Zealand — Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Napier, Nelson, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Rotorua, Taunanga, Wellington, Whangarei.

Nigeria — Lagos, Oguta.

Norway — Oslo.

Peru — Lima.

Philippines — Bacolod City, Baguio City, Bauang, Butuan City, Cagayan De Oro, Cauayan, Cebu City, Daet, Dagupan City, Davao City, Don Carlos, Dumaguete City, Higan City, Iloilo City, Kiara, Laoag City, Legaspi, Lupon.

Manila, Monkayo, Naga City, Ozamiz City, Pagadian City, Roxas, San Carlos City, San Fernando, Sindangan, Sogod, Sorsogon, Tacloban City, Tagbilaran City, Tagum, Tarlac, Toledo City, Tuguegarao, Zamboanga City.

Puerto Rico — San Juan.

St. Lucia — Castries.

South Africa — Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Durban, East London, Johannesburg, Klerksdorp, Mitchell's Plain, Pietermaritzburg, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria North, Pretoria, Retreat, Soweto.

Sri Lanka — Anuradhapura, Colombo, Nuwara Elyia.

Sweden — Stockholm.

Switzerland — Basel, Geneva, Neuchatel, Zurich.

Tonga — Tonga.

Trinidad — Port-of-Spain, Scarborough.

United Kingdom

England — Basildon, Birmingham, Borehamwood, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Cambridge, Channel Isles, Croydon, Gloucester, Godalming, Hull, Ipswich, Lancaster, Liverpool, London, Luton, Maidstone, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Reading, Sheffield, Southampton, St. Albans, Stoke-on-Trent.

Northern Ireland — Ballymena, Belfast.

Scotland — Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Irvine.

Wales — Cardiff, Carmarthen.

Uruguay — Salto.

West Germany — Berlin, Bonn, Darmstadt, Dueseldorf, Hamburg, Hannover, Munich, Nuremberg, Stuttgart.

Zambia — Lusaka.

Zimbabwe — Bulawayo, Harare.



SABBATH SINGING — Brethren at the winter camp in Radfeld, Austria, sing at Sabbath services Dec. 25, conducted by John Halford, visiting from Pasadena. [Photo by John Halford]

120 ski, skate, toboggan in Austrian winter camp

By Ingrid Svensson
RADFELD, Austria — At the foot of the Bavarian Alps in the Tirol region of western Austria lies the village of Radfeld, halfway between Kufstein and Innsbruck, site of the 1976 Winter Olympics.

Ingrid Svensson is a member in Haegersten, Sweden.

Here 120 youths, singles, families, ministers and wives converged Dec. 22 for a 10-day winter camp of cross-country and downhill skiing, tobogganing and ice-skating.

Countries represented at the camp were West Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, France, Norway, Sweden, Great Britain, the United States and Canada.

The group slept and dined at the Jugendheim Sonnenhof, a lodge in Radfeld.

After breakfast Dec. 23, partici-

pants loaded up with sandwiches, sweet cakes and fruit for lunch and set out for either cross-country skiing or ice-skating.

Although the ground held little snow for the first few days, by Dec. 28 newly fallen snow provided skiers with an ideal skiing surface.

Dec. 24 many tried tobogganing, under the instruction of an Austrian Church member. Following a two-hour hike to Alpbach village, tobogganers maneuvered sledges along a two-minute downhill run.

Sabbath services the next day were conducted in the Sonnenhof by John Halford, a pastor-rank minister from Pasadena. Mr. Halford told the youths that God's way offered eternal life while the best Satan can do is to offer another few years or so on earth.

Winfried Fritz, a local elder serving the Bonn, Darmstadt, Dueseldorf and Stuttgart, West Germany, (See **CAMP**, page 11)

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Mark Ellis gave his last sermon as pastor of the BELFAST, Northern Ireland, church Dec. 18 before leaving to serve in the Sydney, Australia, South church. After the Sabbath the members had a barn dance to show their appreciation for the Ellis family's efforts for the past 5½ years. May Adair presented a check token to the Ellises on behalf of the church. Spokesman Club President William Houston presented a plaque on behalf of the club. A golden pen was given by Will Linton on behalf of the YOU. The members also took the opportunity to welcome the new pastor, John Jewell, and his family. *Godfrey Herst.*

Frank Schnee, regional director of the Work in German-speaking areas, was guest speaker at the BRUSSELS, Belgium, church services Dec. 11. He returned to Germany the same day, as he had to leave for Czechoslovakia the following day. *Jean J. Carion.*

A combination chili dinner-come party-variety show for the BUFFALO, N.Y., brethren took place Dec. 11. Following sundown after services the members changed into their various costumes. Chili was served along with fruit, crackers, pies, popcorn and drinks. After dinner the costume parades began in four groups: children, YOU teens, adults and family theme. Steve and Kathleen Kurmik won the best couple award, while the Fishburn-Lasch family took the best family theme award.

The variety show featured Ivan Raycoff on piano, Peter Nomn with a trumpet solo and pianist Dennis Rey. Vocalists included Cindy Schmitt, Jim Bondgren and Henry Marek, a barbershop quartet and the Buffalo chorale. Dance skits were performed by the Ed Kowalczyk family, Bert and Phil Oakley and Rick and Cindy Schmitt with Ron and Cheryl Wlodzyska. A high point of the show was the unveiling of the newly formed church band under the direction of Dennis Hussak. The show's finale featured the Sucharski family. *Gail Ann Biegalski and Val Matuszkiewicz.*

The COLUMBUS, Ga., church had its first family follies Dec. 11. The evening included a chili supper and a fun show featuring performances by the young and not as young. Pastor Otto Lochner had instructed that the emphasis should be on fun, and the consensus of the audience was that his instructions were followed. *Bob Spurlin.*

Combined services of the COOKEVILLE and MURFREESBORO, Tenn., churches Dec. 18 were followed by a children's musical play entitled *Around the World*. The audience was led on a voyage to countries where the Church has offices or Feast sites. Each country was represented by folk dances or songs, all done in native costumes. The featured soloists were Darlene Jared and Johnny Broyles. The play was arranged and directed by Barbara Tinkham and Debbie McNeely. *Sally Walker.*

The Plain Truth waiting room program was launched in the CORPUS CHRISTI and VICTORIA, Tex., church areas Dec. 5. Fifty-seven members volunteered their time to call various businesses in their areas. Others volunteered to maintain Plain Truth cardholders. After the two-hour training and practice session conducted by pastor Dennis Van Deventer and his assistant David Gray, the brethren enjoyed a potluck lunch. A series of meetings was conducted throughout the afternoon for the purpose of training songleaders and instructing sermonette men. The final meeting served to update the communications network. *Dennis Van Deventer.*

Dec. 11 was the date of the DICKINSON, N.D., church's nationality night. Brethren dressed in costumes representing their respective national origins, and the potluck consisted of food representing nations around the world. A variety show, with Tim Love as master of ceremonies, topped off the evening's activities. Brethren performed skits, dances and songs from native lands. High points included a Ukrainian violin solo by Sam Garvlov and a piano selection by pastor Dan Creed. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Prociw organized the evening's social. *Timothy G. Love.*

Women of the DULUTH, Minn., church enjoyed a luncheon and fashion show Dec. 5. Several of the girls in the church served lunch while the women watched the show, which stressed how to

buy wisely and make the most of your wardrobe. Handmade crafts were given away as door prizes. The women were invited to participate in a clothing exchange set up at the rear of the room. *Carol J. Morken.*

Members of the EVANSVILLE, Ind., church attended a Western dance and chili supper the evening of Dec. 18. Under the direction of Sandra Pentress, YOU members served the meal. Nancy Miller made a 40-pound cake in the shape of and decorated as a covered wagon, which was served with punch and coffee for dessert. Country and western music, pre-recorded by blind member Tom Bozikis, was played and danced to throughout the evening. Minister David Pentress and Bob Daniels were masters of ceremonies for a half hour of entertainment that featured vocalist Lisa Cantrell, a duet by Charles and Brenda Eades and a solo by blind member Rhonda Bozikis. In keeping with the theme many brethren appeared in Western style clothing. Henrietta Kissel directed the decorations committee. *Dorothy Webb.*

Pastor Earl Roemer made his monthly visit to the FAIRBANKS, Alaska, church Dec. 18. The 15 adults and 15 children met for morning services at the insulated energy-efficient building at the fairgrounds. Afterward the group drove to the home of Jerry Crow for a sandwich lunch organized by Ralph Dow and a Bible study. Kristina Ahlnaes ended the get-together by showing slides and movies from her expedition to Antarctica. *Kristina Ahlnaes.*

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., brethren took part in the third of a series of square dances Dec. 18. The square dance lessons began Nov. 20 at a YOU activity at the country home of Jim Northup. The evening also included a Bible study conducted by YOU assistant Charles May, a barbecue chicken dinner and the showing of two movies. Pastor John Elliott decided to begin the square dance lessons in the Fort Smith, Ark., church, which he also pastors, so Dec. 25 some of the Fayetteville brethren journeyed south to help kick off the square dancing in Fort Smith. *Dora Brack.*

Members of the FLINT, Mich., church sponsored their second annual winter ball Dec. 11. Brethren enjoyed a catered buffet dinner and danced to the Jim Stanley Trio, featuring music from the '50s and '60s. The entertainment portion of the evening featured a country and western theme, including a square dance by the Flint Square Dancers. Comical commercials added spice to the program. *Kathleen Rennert and Joann Whitehead.*

A potluck dinner and a carnival followed the Dec. 18 services of the GREAT FALLS, Mont., church. Games and activities included bobbing for apples, a cakewalk, dart throw, basketball toss, fish pond and a bingo game for the adults. Micki Lalum and Bonnie Wolverson dressed up as clowns and handed out balloons to the children. Popcorn, hot apple cider and homemade ice cream were served during the evening. *Linda Stump.*

Bristol Oaks Country Club was the setting of the KENOSHA, Wis., church's fifth anniversary social Dec. 12. The celebration began in the afternoon as the brethren watched the three cheerleading squads demonstrate one of their cheers. An hour of entertainment included a flute solo, poetry reading, the men's choir and a skit. After hors d'oeuvres were served the dance began. When the floor was filled with dancers, minister Mike Greider began a broom dance in which the males took turns dancing with a broom in exchange for their partners. Dorothy Kent made the anniversary cake. *Conni McClure.*

The first social of the winter season for the KINGSTON, Ont., brethren took place Dec. 4 with a potluck supper and the Walt Disney film *The Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again*. Ramona Juozapaitis. LAFAYETTE, La., members had a semiannual garage sale Dec. 12 as a fund raiser to benefit the church. *Glenda Crawford.*

The evening of Dec. 19 the LOS ANGELES, Calif., church had a family fun night. The decorations, food and dress reflected the international theme of the evening. Many wore costumes depicting their national heritage, and a potluck specialized in dishes from around the world. The high point of the social was a fashion show by the YOU. The models, who made most of their outfits, with some help from their parents, were Aaron Douglas, Frank and Stephen Burks, Alward and Aljoshua Johnson, Deana Henderson, Derrick Brown, Terri Waters, Mark and Karen Cato, Shtara

Oliver, Robelyn Jabel, Nathan Kirksey and Nicole Smith.

The evening ended with dancing to the music of the church band. Coordinators of the event were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Berg and Mr. and Mrs. Alward Johnson. Masters of ceremonies were Carl Johnson and Amy Smith. Pastor Abner Washington complimented everyone on a job well done. *Geoffrey S. Berg, Deana Henderson and Alward Johnson.*

MACOMB, Ill., brethren enjoyed a nostalgia dance Dec. 18. The featured dance from the turn of the century was the waltz, demonstrated by Larry and Elaine Ford. Barry and Carolyn Brown introduced the Charleston from the '20s, and the Stroll was the dance of the '50s, performed by Ron Wroblewski and Linda Barker. After each demonstration the brethren were invited to the dance floor to learn the dance.

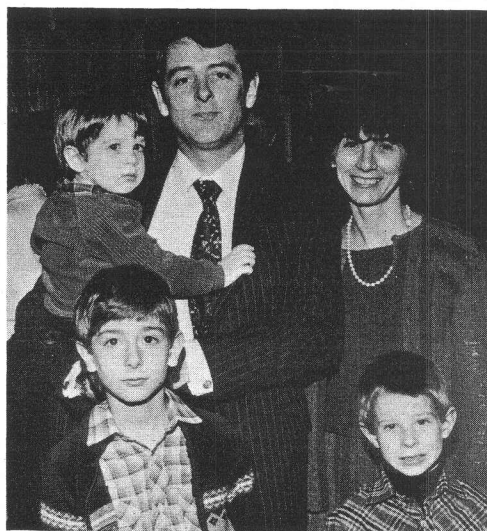
The entertainment segment included a soft-show tap dance by Gina Parrick, a piano solo by John Druien, a baton twirling routine by Becca Still, the barbershop quartet The Unaccounted Four (Judith Bush, Herb Corse, Joe Kreiter, Lowell Timberlake) and a version of the Mouseketeers. The children were entertained with cartoons, games and activity dances. *Betty Druen.*

The first services of the MADISON, Wis., church were conducted Dec. 4 as 137 people were present to initiate the beginning of the church. An official registry of those present was made to help remember the original members. Pastor Greg Johnson spoke on how the growth in God's Church glorifies God. *Greg Johnson.*

Dec. 18 was movie night for the MELBOURNE, Fla., church, with cartoons and the movie *Herbie Rides Again*. It was also the deadline for a cheese sale fund-raising project that netted \$472. A combined picnic for the Melbourne and Fort Pierce, Fla., churches took place Dec. 26 at Wabasso, Fla., with activities for every age. Drop ins, where members bring their own refreshments and games to a member's home for an evening of fellowship after the Sabbath, take place each month. *Robert G. Lehman.*

Brethren of the MERIDEN, Conn., church gathered after services Dec. 18 for a family social. Activities included a potluck supper, pie baking contest and cabaret acts. *Karen George.*

The MONTVALE, N.J., church had a penny-ruff social Dec. 18. Members donated their saved pennies, which were displayed in jars for all to guess the total number. Winner of the \$10 first prize was Mary Gebhardt for her guess of 56,500 (the actual number was 56,116). Second place winner of the \$5 prize was Tillie Illyen. Besides a potluck the evening



BOUND FOR DOWN UNDER—Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ellis and sons David, Benny and Charles, pause during a Belfast, Northern Ireland, church social in their honor Dec. 18. Mr. Ellis now serves the Sydney, Australia, South church. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

included a clothing and miscellaneous items boutique exchange. *Mike Bedford.*

The annual winter dance of the ORLANDO, Fla., church Dec. 18 featured band music for dancing and plenty of refreshments. Much of the expense for the dance was provided for by a rummage sale Dec. 12 organized by Gordon Schmidt that raised \$750. *Edward Strickland.*

Tito Mina and Ruben Apelo played hosts to the SANTIAGO, Philippines, brethren who remained in Cabulay after the Sabbath services and Bible study Nov. 27 so they could attend the church's fun night. Pastor Felipe Casing started a sing-along by singing his family piece "Everlasting," which his children joined in. Twenty-five YES children led by Oscar Mina enjoyed parlor games and a talent show. Ruela Martin got the highest score in a Bible quiz. The following morning Mr. and Mrs. Cipriano Galinas invited the brethren to a picnic beside their fish pond. The YES children learned how to catch fish with a net, cook them and how to eat them carefully to avoid the fish bones. *Perfecto L. Doljan.*

The three deacons serving in the SPRINGFIELD, Mass., and ALBANY, N.Y., churches were honored Dec. 4 by their brethren and pastor Lyle Welty. Donald Cole, David Lengieza and Michael Nelson, who were ordained the same day in 1975, were presented with

commemorative plaques to honor their first seven years of service. *David J. Myers.*

THE SYDNEY, Australia, SOUTH church played host to the second combined district weekend Dec. 10 through 12. Brethren assembled Friday evening to hear a Bible study by visiting evangelist Gerald Waterhouse, who also gave the sermon Sabbath afternoon. In the evening an audiovisual presentation on the 26 years of God's Work in Australia was screened. Afterward a crew set up and decorated the hall for an international sock hop, where participants wore socks depicting the nation from which they originated. Brethren provided international dishes for refreshments. The children were treated to movies and cartoons. Prizes were awarded for the best pair of socks and the most creative food dish.

The next day the brethren enjoyed a fun day at the Sydney Park sports field. A variety of rides, swings and fun stalls were available. Teenagers played sporting games, and the not-so-energetic relaxed in the sun and socialized.

Dec. 19 the church conducted a roadside sale as a fund-raising venture for the SEP and future church activities. Merchandise was arrayed across the property of Ron Osborne, and passersby were enticed by well-placed signs to purchase honey, homemade jams and cakes, hand-crafted items and pottered plants, as well as an assortment of secondhand goods such as books, toys, kitchenware and furniture. Particular commendations went to salesladies Linda Haanstra and Cathy Adamson. At the end of the day members relaxed and enjoyed a barbecue. *Barry Hatfield and Andrew Marcaros.*

WAUSAU, Wis., members bid farewell to pastor Dave Fiedler and his family Dec. 11. Mr. Fiedler will pastor the Appleton, Wis., congregation and the new Green Bay, Wis., church. Associate pastor Norman Strayer will now pastor the Wausau and Wisconsin Dells, Wis., churches. A potluck supper was served after services, and a program was presented in honor of the Fiedlers. Master of ceremonies was Don Mathie. Poems were written and presented by Jerry Wendt, Jerry Stevens, Chris Westberg and Patti Zimmerman. The Fiedlers were presented with a food processor from the Women's and Spokesman clubs, a copper teakettle from the YOU and a food dehydrator and a set of Bible encyclopedia from the church. *Louise Doescher.*

More than 300 YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, and MERCER, Pa., brethren attended a movie social Dec. 25 and viewed the film *Charlots of Fire*. Refreshments were provided. *Bill White.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The first meeting of the year of the ASHEVILLE, N.C., Women's Club took place Dec. 11 at the home of Lee Packer. The meeting began with opening comments from hostess Judy Groce. Table-topics were led by Kathy Williams. Director Charles Groce introduced the guest speakers: Bertie Doty, Glenn Vinson and (See CHURCH NEWS, page 9)



FORMAL FASHIONS—YOU members model formal wear in a fashion show at the Los Angeles, Calif., church's family fun night Dec. 19. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by George Rideout)

CHURCH NEWS

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Harry Valentine, all from the Spokesman Club. Afterward the speakers formed a discussion panel to answer various questions about femininity. After the meeting the group enjoyed wine and cheese refreshments. *Kathy Williams.*

The **BECKLEY** and **SUMMERSVILLE**, W. Va., Women's and Spokesman clubs had a banquet Dec. 25. After opening comments and dinner, the topics session was presented by Tim Zick-afoose. Following intermission toastmaster Beauford Slaughter introduced speakers Albert Logar, Donna Maxwell, Ray York, Nellie Slaughter and Dale Gunnoe. Music was provided by Tim Phillips, and YOU members presented entertainment after the overall evaluation. YOU girls provided a baby-sitting service for the evening. *Helen A. Woodcock.*

The **BOONE** and **LENOIR**, N.C., Ladies' Club met Dec. 12. Leila Craig led vocal exercises, and Gloria Walters presented tabletopics. The Miss Manners portion was given by Ethel Baker on introductions. Icebreakers were given by Susan Miller, Vera Eller, Stephanie Bauman, Nancy Crowell and Sarah Kirkpatrick. Closing comments were made by director Ken Smylie. *Ethel Baker.*

Pastor Rod King directed the **CANBERRA**, Australia, Spokesman Club's ladies' night Nov. 11 at the Ambassador Room of the Embassy Motel, where a three-course meal was served. President of the club was Dennis Parkes. Graduating members Roland Sernig and Gregg Thorn were presented with certificates. At the conclusion of the evening Mr. King was presented with a gift of crystal glasses in appreciation of his leadership of the club. *Graeme Ainsworth.*

On Dec. 12 the **CHICAGO**, Ill., **SOUTHSIDE** Ladies' Club met at the home of pastor Allan Barr. After the topic session conducted by Pearl Reed, the women had refreshments made with whole wheat flour baked by members of the club. Edna Barr conducted the second half of the meeting. She explained the different parts of a grain of wheat and gave a demonstration on how to make whole wheat rolls. At the end of the meeting recipes for whole wheat bread were passed out. Thelma Bruton was the hostess for the evening. *Barbara Williamson.*

Members of the **CHICAGO**, Ill., **WEST** Ladies' Club met for their monthly meeting Dec. 5. Tabletopics were given by Theresa Walker, and Sue Cecala gave her icebreaker. Doug Metz gave the second part of his presentation on nutrition. *Dolores Coco.*

The **EDMONTON**, Alta., Spokesman Club had a movie night Dec. 5 at the home of Ozzie Sonnenberg. The members and guests sampled a selection of 15 beers from around the world. The first movie was shown, after which codirector Gordon Graham led the club in a joke contest. Prizes were awarded to Ken McLaren for the best joke and to Jim Bos for the worst joke. After the second movie was shown, Mr. Graham conducted an auction of the leftover beer. *Gerry Sinker.*

More than 45 women attended the **FLINT**, Mich., Women's Club monthly meeting Dec. 9. Mary Lou Cooper was hostess for the evening. The club year is designed to foster a study of women of the Bible. The subjects for the December study were Priscilla and Dorcas, with the theme of service. Linnea Haas presented an update on the brethren in India and Sri Lanka. Cathy Weir gave an icebreaker. Marie Kudjiej reported on the customs and life-style of a housewife in biblical times. Joy Moody handled tabletopics, and Betty Horchak spoke on "What Can I Do?" Decorations were fashioned by Mary Ann Ewald. The program ended with a talk by pastor Nelson Haas. *Joann Whitehead.*

The **GRAND RAPIDS**, Mich., Ladies' Club had its first meeting of the club year Dec. 18. Pastor Bill Miller directed the meeting, with Barbara Welch serving as hostess. Theme for the year is "Fundamentals of Feminine Leadership." The topics presentation was given by Sue Matz. Four members spoke on submissiveness, nutrition and thrift. Senior citizen Bertha Griffith encouraged the wives to yield to the authority of their husbands as the Church does to Christ. *Audrey Reynolds.*

The **HOUSTON**, Tex., **EAST** Women's Club met at the home of Ruth Fischer Dec. 14. The format of the club was expounded to the members and instructions given for conducting future meetings. Speakers were assigned for the next meeting. Pastor Hal Baird gave a Bible study on Martha and Mary. The meeting concluded with a potluck lun-

cheon. *Martha Cook.*

About 75 women attended the first meeting of the **HUNTSVILLE** and **FLORENCE**, Ala., Women's Club Dec. 5. Tabletopics were led by Carole Grinnell. Hostesses for the meeting was Cathy Cole. Speeches pertaining to leadership were given by Shirley Holladay and Peggy Montano. Director Lawson J. Tuck evaluated the meeting and lectured on developing feminine leadership. Club officers for the year are Judy Patrick, president; Carole Grinnell, vice president; Catherine Cole, secretary; and Mary Campbell, treasurer. *Gay Chaney.*

The Ladies' Club of **KENOSHA**, Wis., met Dec. 19. Minister Mike Greider opened the meeting with prayer and some instructive comments. After the business part Anne Sullivan served as meeting hostess and presented Ilarae Schultz, who gave the topics session. After Mr. Greider's evaluation and a break, Mrs. Sullivan introduced the guest speaker, Charlene Glover, who gave a lecture on weight control. Mrs. Glover is the mother of Dana Greider, wife of Mr. Greider. A luncheon was organized by Marilyn Pam, luncheon hostess. *Lorraine Sorrentino.*

The **LAWTON**, Okla., Women's Club met Dec. 19. The meeting was called to order by director David Carley, who made a few remarks and then turned the meeting over to President Virginia McNeely. Betty Puckett led the tabletopics session. Toastmistress Judy Burt introduced the speakers. Ersaline Bailey and Lana King gave their icebreakers. Beth Graff spoke on being a homemaker, Nancy Dickersen gave information on letter writing and Ruth DeClerke gave a book report on *Exodus*. Mr. Carley evaluated the meeting, and Lana King was chosen as having the Most Effective Speech. After the secretary gave the assignments for the next meeting, the meeting was adjourned and a potluck was served. *Arla Berggren.*

The final combined meeting of the year for the **MELBOURNE**, Australia, **SOUTH** Spokesman and Ladies' clubs was Dec. 13 at Quat Quatta Receptions. Spokesman Club President Terry Kelliher welcomed the group. The main meal was served before the topics session, which was jointly handled by Rod Puls and Joan Alter. Following dessert toastmaster John George introduced speakers Colin Power, Vicky Grishin, Graham Gleich and Ruth Matthews. Mr. Kelliher presented director Ken Lewis and his wife Carole with a hand-embroidered tablecloth and serviettes in appreciation of their direction during the past year.

Mr. Lewis introduced the graduates for the year, Geoff Simmonds and Vladimir Grishin, and announced the officers for the new clubs. Those serving in the Graduate Club will be Mr. Puls, president; Ian Wheelodon, vice president; Kevin Seaman, secretary; Angus McIntosh, treasurer; and John Symonds, sergeant at arms. Spokesman Club officers will be Zvonimir Potocki, president; Karl Leiminger, vice president; Jim Kelliher, secretary; Ian Clare, treasurer; and David Thomas, sergeant at arms. Ladies' Club will have two assigned officers with Ros Symonds as secretary and Sophie Banham as treasurer. *Ruth Garratt.*

The **MIDLAND**, Tex., Ladies' Club had its second meeting Dec. 19. A buffet of smoked turkey, fruit, vegetables and



COMBINED MEETING — Doug Lewis (right) answers a question during tabletopics led by Rod Puls and Joan Alter at a combined meeting of the Melbourne, Australia, South Spokesman and Ladies' clubs Dec. 13. (See "Club Meetings," this page.) [Photo by Lorraine Alter]

rolls was served. Mona Coggan, Ruth Ann Cleveland, Celia Gillham and Ehelene Whitehead spoke on different aspects of the theme of hostessing. *Nancy J. Chilton.*

PADUCAH, Ky., Women's Club members met at the home of Loyd and Jeane Gibson Dec. 18. Topics were given by Teresa Hopkins, with an icebreaker by Leona Walker. Speeches on etiquette were given by Elwanda Culp, Debbie Blagg and Mary Smith. Pastor John Cafourek gave an overall evaluation. *Teresa Hopkins.*

The Dec. 11 meeting of the **PALMER**, Alaska, Women's Club took place at the home of Jean Emery, acting hostess. Tabletopics were given by Helen Erickson, followed by an icebreaker by Brenda Bauer. Doris Registe spoke on nutrition, and Sharon Dillon told of the many uses for grains. Closing comments were made by pastor Earl Roemer, after which snacks were served. *Dean Wilcox.*

The Spokesman Club of **PEORIA**, Ill., had a ladies' night Dec. 16 at the Continental Regency Hotel. The theme of the night was humor, with Russ Mulvaney giving the topics session and Paul Lawson serving as toastmaster. Refreshments included vegetables and fruits, with beer and soft drinks. Pastor Jess Ernest directed the meeting, assisted by ministers Gary Smith and Gerald Knochel. *Mark A. Gauf.*

The **PHOENIX**, Ariz., Women's Club (Eastside) sponsored an international tea Dec. 12. The lands of Ireland, Germany, Australia, Mexico, England and French Canada were represented with the type of foods served at their native teatimes. Diane Bickford, a professional colorist, gave a presentation on the art of color-draping and wardrobe coordination. *Nanette Lyons.*

The **ST. PAUL**, Minn., Women's Club met Dec. 8. The topics session was presented by Nita Schmidt. Icebreakers were delivered by Lora Lee Om, Cindy Nelson and Nita Schmidt. Pastor Bill Jahns spoke on improving marriage relationships, after which a question-and-answer period took place. Minister Bill Om assisted with the answers. *Michell*

Regeth served as hostess. *Beth Linehan.*

The first activity of the year sponsored by the **VICTORIA**, B.C., Spokesman Club took place Dec. 12 when about 50 members attended a production of Handel's *Messiah* performed by the Victoria Symphony Orchestra and the Victoria Choral Society at the Royal Theatre. *Laurel E. McCrea.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

DULUTH, Minn., senior citizens enjoyed an evening out Dec. 18. The Greenwood Building at Proctor, Minn., was rented, and a candlelight dinner of homemade food was served to the group, while soft music played in the background. After dinner, bingo was played, and caller Dan Saarela handed out to the winners prizes of silver dollars, homemade bread, cookies, honey and other delicacies. *Carol Morken.*

The Silver Ambassadors of **GARDEN GROVE**, Calif., enjoyed a brunch and cruise outing Dec. 19. Thirty members and pastor Terry Mattson assembled at the B.J. Chicago Pizzeria for an early lunch before boarding the *Pavilion Queen* for a 90-minute narrated cruise of the Newport Harbor. *Jane Stanwood.*

Members of the **NEW ORLEANS**, La., Over-50 Group had an outing in the French Quarter Dec. 19. Louise Wantlin, Rose Esteve, Juanita Thomas, Helen Thurton, Rita Louviere, Peter Harris, Diane Bickford, a professional colorist, gave a presentation on the art of color-draping and wardrobe coordination. *Nanette Lyons.*

The December meeting of the

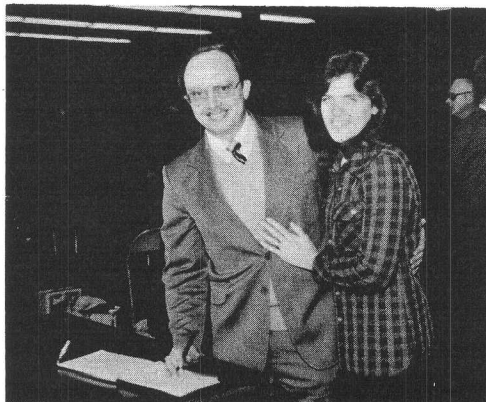
SPRINGFIELD, Mo., 60-Plus Club was the 19th of the month at Nixa, Mo. A potluck was served at midday, followed by a business meeting led by director Jess McClain and a Bible study by pastor George Meeker. Jackie Meeker, who is in charge of the sale of candy for the YOU fund-raising effort, reported the sale of 102 candy bars. *Polly Rose.*

The second annual **UNION**, N.J., senior citizens' luncheon occurred Dec. 18. Thirty-seven members, aged 60 and over, attended the affair, which was organized by Pat Klink. Mamie Hill, 89, was the oldest person attending. Marthe Amend, baptized in 1958, had been in the Church the longest. Gertrude Lashley, mother of Hazel Harry, wife of associate pastor Gordon Harry, had the most grandchildren, 19. Women of the congregation prepared a meal of chicken breasts, and YOU members served the meal. Minister Henry Sturcke conducted a Bible study. *Henry Sturcke.*

SINGLES SCENE

Singles of the **EVANSVILLE**, Ind., church met at the home of Verma and Bonnie Coultas Dec. 25 for a potluck dinner and an evening of renewing old and making new acquaintances. *Bonnie Coultas.*

A **JOPLIN**, Mo., and **INDEPENDENCE**, Kan., singles' activity Dec. 18 began with Sabbath services at Joplin, followed by a potluck luncheon at the home of pastor Vince Szymkowiak. An afternoon Bible study was conducted by Mr. Szymkowiak. In the evening a five-course, Japanese-style banquet was served at the home of Frances Webb at Neosho, Mo. Each course was accompanied by a thunderous gong, with an explanation. (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 10)



FIRST-SERVICE REGISTRY — Pastor Greg Johnson and his wife Kathy sign the official registry at the first services of the new Madison, Wis., church Dec. 4. (See "Church Activities," page 8.)

CHECKLIST FOR CHURCH NEWS WRITERS

Since "Local Church News" is such a great way for you to let others know what's happening in your area, here are a few helpful suggestions in telling your story. You can use this as a checklist whenever you are the reporter for a big happening in your area.

1. Include your complete name, address and phone number on the article itself (not just on the envelope or accompanying letter).
2. Include date and location of the event in the article. Reports lacking the date of the event cannot be run.
3. Give complete, accurately spelled names of all people mentioned. Include first and last names.
4. Label pictures. Identify people in the photo, tell what's happening and give the photographer's name.
5. Write in the third person; use *he, she, they, not we or I*.
6. Type article or print legibly. Always double-space.
7. Reports must be postmarked no later than 14 days after the event takes place.
8. Be creative, but brief! Tell the story in 250 words or less.
9. Ask a minister to sign your article.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ARELL, John and Debi (Smith), of Oklahoma City, Okla., girl, Jocelyn Amber, Dec. 14, 5:15 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

ALLEN, George Jr. and Rhonda (Reed), of Baton Rouge, La., boy, George Tarter III, Dec. 9, 11:34 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BESSETTE, Michael and Theresa (Merkle), of Vancouver, B.C., girl, Vivienne Marlene, Nov. 29, 8:38 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

BURLESON, Doug and Debra (Dinger), of Hill City, S.D., girl, Gina Ann, Dec. 18, 12:13 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CHRNSIDE, John and Roslyn (Lainq), of Temora, Australia, boy, Dean James, Dec. 12, 5:20 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DESHONG, Morris and Marcella (Blackwell), of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Beth Anne, Dec. 23, 3:58 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

GERFEN, Brian and Meg (Drake), of Arlington Heights, Ill., boy, Neil Andrew, Dec. 10, 5:46 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

HALL, Randy and Roberta (Brunz), of Salt Lake City, Utah, boy, Phillip Gregory, Dec. 15, 2:16 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

KIRBY, Jimmy and Wilma (McNeil), of Greensboro, N.C., boy, David Isaac, Dec. 8, 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

LABERGE, Leo and Sylvia (Yurkiw), of Winnipeg, Man., girl, Janice Jacqueline, Dec. 8, 5:02 p.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

LANG, Larry and Nancy (Grawes), of Kent, Wash., girl, Valerie Aurlene, Sept. 9, 3:19 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

LIVERMORE, Edward and Jean (Butler), of Mercer, Pa., girl, Mary Ann, Oct. 11, 11:36 p.m., 10 pounds, now 3 girls.

LUCKA, Curtis and Sheryl (Sarfert), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Breaune Lorraine, Dec. 28, 10:29 a.m., 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, first child.

McMELLON MONCEBAIZ, Noel Wayne and Fonda (Curran), of Houston, Tex., boy, Noel Wayne III, Dec. 18, 6:45 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

MIKULASKO, Edward and Joyce (Fletcher), of Brooklyn, N.Y., girl, Sarah Ann Martha, Nov. 13, 6:20 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

MORELOCK, Michael and Holly (Huston), of Peham, Tenn., boy, Brandon Kyle, Dec. 15, 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

MUEHLMAN, John and Lynnette (Franz), of Columbia, Mo., boy, Patrick Alan, Dec. 5, 7:11 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

O'BRYAN, Lawrence and Deborah (Coffey), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Lawrence Matthew, Dec. 21, 12:23 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PERRY, Gordon and Cheryl (Schmucker), of Kamigato, B.C., girl, Wendy Dawn, Dec. 6, 2:18 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

SCHAB, Terry and Roseann (Ryba), of Winnipeg, Man., girl, Jessica Elisha Sadie, Dec. 4, 11:30 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SHAMUS, Larry and Leslie (Ray), of San Jose, Calif., girl, Kimberly Diane, Dec. 29, 2:29 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

SMITKER, Larry and Linda (Lisson), of Prescott, Ariz., boy, Joshua David, Dec. 20, 5:10 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ST. CERE, Robert and Becky (Corley), of St. Petersburg, Fla., girl, Rachel Rebecca, Nov. 10, 12:30 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

STRICKLAND, Edward and Mary (Cox), of Orlando, Fla., boy, Edward Lee III, Nov. 19, 11:46 p.m., 6 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

THOMPSON, Timothy and Tanya (Long), of Chicago, Ill., boy, Clayton James, Nov. 9, 3:20 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

TORCHIA, Mark and Barbara (Baton), of Winnipeg, Man., girl, Muriel Alexandra, Nov. 2, 12:56 p.m., 8 pounds 16 ounces, first child.

USELTON, Doyle and Ann (Sanda), of Detroit, Mich., girl, Caroline Kay, Dec. 22, 2:30 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Pittman of Dallas, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Marileen Evelyn to Norman S. Edwards, both of Pasadena. A Feb. 20 wedding is planned.

Jeffery M. Daniel and Ann B. Manning is happy to announce their engagement. A Feb. 12 wedding is planned in Columbus, Miss.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. KEN RICHARDSON
 Gaye N. Noble and Kenneth B. Richardson are happy to announce their marriage covenant Oct. 17 in Perth, Australia. Rose Beath, minister in the Perth and Bunbury, Australia, churches, performed the outdoor ceremony. The couple live in Pasadena and both work at the Mail Processing Center.



MR. AND MRS. STEVEN URQUHART
 Steven Urquhart and Janine Kennedy were united in marriage Dec. 12 in Concord, N.H. Kenneth Williams, pastor of the Montpelier, Vt., and Concord churches, performed the ceremony. The bride's sister, Linda Pratzner, was the matron of honor. Tony Limanti, a deacon in the Concord church, was best man. The couple reside in Dover, N.H.



MR. AND MRS. DOUG BURKES
 Doug Burkes of San Jose, Calif., and Cindi Fogla were united in marriage May 15 in Auburn, Calif. The outdoor wedding was performed by Leroy Cole, pastor of the San Jose congregation. The couple reside at 353 Kieley Blvd. No. E213, San Jose, Calif., 95129.



MR. AND MRS. JERALD JAROS
 Jerald Jaros and Karin Seaver were united in marriage Sept. 25 by Roy Holladay, pastor of the Chicago, Ill., West and Northwest churches. Arnold Jaros and Dawn McMicken were best man and maid of honor. The happy couple are members of the Chicago West church and reside in Willowbrook, Ill.



MR. AND MRS. CLIFF CROSS
 Dec. 18 the Whangarei, New Zealand, church surprised Cliff and Marion Cross with a wedding anniversary function. After presenting the Crosses with a card signed by the members, and a corsage for Mrs. Cross, cake was out and served.

Mom and Dad, Michael and Barbara Joseph: Happy 17th anniversary. Thanks for everything you've done for us through the years. With much love, Amy, Tod and Jason.

Happy 38th anniversary Jan. 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Casull of Big Sandy. Love and hugs from Georgia, Ben, Michael and Lewis Adam.

I'd like to wish my parents, Ira and Melina Barnett, a happy 24th anniversary Dec. 31. I wish that I could be home to celebrate with you, but I'll be thinking of you from Ambassador College in Big Sandy. I love you both very much and deeply appreciate all of the love and guidance that you've given me. With much love, Barbara.

Happy fourth wedding anniversary Tony. I look

forward to many more wonderful years with you. Much love to you, Jaime.



MR. AND MRS. ROGER OLSON
 Roger and Betty Olson of Markleeville, Calif., were honored by the Reno, Nev., church with a dinner celebrating their 25th anniversary Dec. 11. Pastor Jim Chapman presented them with a gift. The Olsons have a daughter, LeAnn, and a son, Matthew. Mr. Olson is a deacon.



MR. AND MRS. LARRY MARSHALL
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Marshall, deacon and deaconess in the Mesa, Ariz., church, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary Dec. 18. They have three children: Gary, 33, Dave, 27, and Bonnie, 15.

Happy 30th anniversary Feb. 8 to Mom and Dad Yale, with all of our love and appreciation Marty, Jane and Brenda.

To our beloved parents, Dick and Rose Marr: Happy 22nd anniversary Jan. 7. We cannot thank you enough for everything you've done for us. We love you very much, Georgina, Carl and Lawrence.

Obituaries

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Anabel Curphey, 64, of the St. Joseph church, died Nov. 8. A member for 18 years, Mrs. Curphey previously attended the Omaha, Neb., church.

Funeral services were conducted in Lenox, Iowa, by James Wells, pastor of the Topeka, Kan., and St. Joseph churches.

ELK RIVER, Minn. — Lucy E. Ford, 83, died Dec. 4 at home. She was baptized in 1960.

Funeral services were conducted by Larry Walker, pastor of the Minneapolis, Minn., North church, in Elk River. Burial was at Longville, Minn.

Mrs. Ford is survived by 11 children, 27 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

BATON ROUGE, La. — Mary Elizabeth May, 66, died Dec. 15. She was a member of God's Church since March, 1964, and was a charter member of the Baton Rouge church.

Mrs. May is survived by her husband

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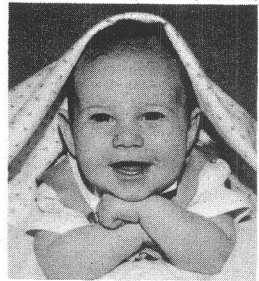
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 tion of the coming delicacy. The evening concluded with card games, a sing-along, dancing and charades. *Kyle Allen.*

The monthly educational night for the **SAN JOSE, Calif.**, singles was Dec. 8. A topics session was conducted by Ray Davidson, followed by Charlie Davidson giving a presentation on leather craft. The evening concluded with the showing of the film *The Making of Ambassador Auditorium*. The singles attended a Bible study Dec. 11 conducted by pastor Camilo Reyes. Topicsmaster was Manuel Macias.

Dec. 18 the singles enjoyed an Italian potluck, followed by a night in San Francisco, Calif., to see a performance of *The Messiah* by the San Francisco Symphony and Choral. John Jester obtained the

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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



Our coupon baby this issue is Justin Michael Norrod Glasgow, son of Richard and Teeka Glasgow of Garland, Tex.

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Talmadge K., four grandchildren of Baton Rouge and two sons, Willis and Wilson Grice, deacons in Baton Rouge.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 17 by Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La., churches.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Joann Henrietta Jager, 43, a member for 19 years, died Dec. 20 at her home here following a three-month illness.

The Jager family had attended the Spokane, Wash., church until they moved to the San Diego area five years ago. Mrs. Jager had been baptized 19 years ago by James Friddle, now pastor of the Nashville, Tenn., church.

She is survived by her husband Adam; son Dan; two daughters, Crystal Roff and Anita; and a grandson, Andrew.

Graveside memorial services were conducted by evangelist Norman Smith at El Cajon, Calif., cemetery.

brother, Alex Hatchigian of Elizaville, N.Y.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Ben Silvers, 90, a member of God's Church since 1964, died Dec. 21 of cancer.

Charles Groce, pastor of the Asheville and Marion, N.C., churches, conducted funeral services.

Survivors are his wife Kathleen, son Bill and grandchildren to the fifth generation.

ODESSA, Tex. — Henry J. Cunningham, 80, and his wife Leila L., 75, died Dec. 28 when their home exploded in fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham were married in Spur, Tex., July 19, 1926. Mrs. Cunningham was baptized in 1965 and was a member of the Midland Tex., congregation.

They are survived by their son, Leon of Odessa, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Cunningham is survived by her sister, Ruby Stanley of Lubbock, Tex., and Mr. Cunningham is survived by his brother Earl of San Angelo, Tex.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 30 by Dave Hammond, a minister in the Midland church.

OMAHA, Neb. — Glen Irwin, 83, a member of God's Church since 1959, died Dec. 10.

Keith Hudson, a minister in the Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., churches, conducted the funeral service.

Mr. Irwin is survived by a sister, Francis, of Dayton, Ore., and numerous nephews and nieces.

FRESNO, Calif. — Annabell Elizabeth Saylor, 85, died Dec. 27. She had been a member since 1964, and was a charter member of the Fresno congregation.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 30 by Herman L. Hoeh, evangelist in the Pasadena area.

Mrs. Saylor is survived by her husband John, daughter Loraine Morris, niece Evelyn Basford, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

JONESBORO, Ill. — Ernest Cerney, 74, died Dec. 9 when a shed he was tearing down collapsed on him.

Mr. Cerney had been attending services in God's Church for several years with his wife Mae, a baptized member. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Donald and Robert; four grandchildren; and several brothers and sisters.

Mr. Cerney is interred in a cemetery across the road from his farm home near Jonesboro. Funeral services were conducted Dec. 11 by John Cafourek, pastor of the Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Paducah, Ky., churches.

SPORTS

The season's first basketball games for the **BUFFALO, N.Y.**, teams took place Dec. 12 as they played host to the Wheeling, W. Va., teams. In the first game Eric Lasch and Mark Regoord combined for (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 11)

Terrorism

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people were gathered that Sunday [March 30] for the funeral mass.

"About 150,000 people were gathered in a park in the center of the city. Just as the casket was being taken into the church, bombs started going off in the perimeter of the park.

"As the throngs would run into one area, another bomb would go off. Then suddenly, guerrillas appeared and started firing into the crowd. It is said, however, that more died from being trampled than from being shot or blown up."

On that day, near anarchy prevailed, he said. Mr. Cisneros wanted to cancel Passover services, but it was impossible for him to contact the brethren on such short notice. So he decided to go to the hall and see if anybody showed up.

At considerable personal risk, 42 brethren came.

Immediately after sunset, Mr. Cisneros began the service, concluding as quickly as possible. Now the problem was to get everyone home safely, no easy task. "Because of the violence, no buses or taxis were running. It was far too dangerous to walk anywhere.

"We had a few members with cars, so we filled them as full as possible and sent them off.

"As we were wondering what to do with the rest of the brethren, a bus pulled up unexpectedly. This was amazing, considering that no regular buses were running.

"Now all we had left were two ladies and my wife and me. Again, in what appears to be a miracle, a taxi came up. This was incredible.

"We got in, and I gave the taxi driver careful instructions to avoid the central part of the city where the violence had been centered earlier that day.

"As it turned out, he ignored my

instructions and drove through the central city with terrible risk.

"Yet, God protected His brethren. All were able to attend the Passover service and return home without incident."

Mr. Cisneros lives in San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador, with his wife and their four children.

Japan

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he considered attempts to rewrite history textbooks in Japan covering the nation's role in World War II "a bad omen."

(He was referring to the textbook controversy that erupted last summer and disturbed Japan's neighbors. One suggested revision would have the Japanese Imperial army "advancing into" China instead of "invading," as in earlier texts. The Japanese have promised to take another look at proposed changes.)

Mr. Romulo also termed "very dangerous" reports that some Japanese want to amend their constitution to delete the clause banning the use of war as an instrument of national policy. "The handwriting is on the wall for us to read," said Mr. Romulo.

The Philippine diplomat said he conveyed his reservations concerning Japan to U.S. President Ronald Reagan in Washington and that the American leader "said he understood our fears but then said nothing further on the subject."

Revelations of grisly Japanese disease and human endurance experiments with Chinese prisoners of war during Japan's occupation of Manchuria in the 1930s have caused Asian nations to hoist yet additional warning signals to Washington.

Proceed with utmost caution, Japan's neighbors seem to be saying. But Washington isn't paying much attention.

Land, sea, air activities comprise three-week camp in Australia

By John Curry

LAKE MOOGERAH, Australia — The second annual Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Australia, took place at Church-owned property at Lake Moogerah in southeast Queensland, a two-hour drive from the Church's regional office at Burleigh Heads.

John Curry, an assistant to regional director Robert Morton, was a counselor at the Australian Summer Educational Program.

During the Dec. 28 to Jan. 13 camp, 260 teens from all over Australia (including one camper from Malaysia) participated in more than 20 activities that varied from horseback riding, water sports, leather craft and riflery to rockclimbing, archery, lapidary and orienteering.

"This year's camp was a great success," said camp director, David Noller, pastor of the Ipswich, Australia, church. "We tried to pattern it as closely as we could after the

example set at the SEP camp at Orr, Minn."

Mr. Noller said several activities were added to the program this year to expose the campers to a wide range of experiences in both sports and arts and crafts. These new activities included photography, basketball, volleyball and dancing.

Also, all the 17- and 18-year-old campers participated in a three-day wilderness hike, appreciating the beauty of the Australian bush, as well as learning various outdoor survival skills.

Kevin Dean, Youth Opportunities United director, traveled from Pasadena to attend the camp as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's representative. He gave direction and guidance in implementing Mr. Armstrong's policies for the youths in the Church, said Mr. Noller.

Also assisting at the camp from the Church's headquarters in Pasadena were Mr. Dean's assistant in the YOU Office, Job Egbert and his wife Barbara, Ross Jutsum of Music Services and six Ambassador Col-

lege students.

Robert Morton, Australian regional director, emphasized that the primary purpose of SEP camp is to educate the teens in God's Church in the right way to live.

Campers were instructed in the seven laws of success, the proper attitude to playing sports and were given a forum on music appreciation by Mr. Dean and Mr. Jutsum.

As part of their camp experience they also assisted in the kitchen preparing meals and cleaning dishes and worked on improving the campsite for future years.

The staff for the camp was made up of Church members from all over Australia, most of whom contributed their services and skills during their annual vacations.

Mr. Noller said that the dedication and example set by the staff were most praiseworthy, and without their voluntary help the Church could not afford to have SEP for its teens.

Additional SEP Coverage

Additional coverage of the Church's Summer Educational Programs (SEP) in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa will appear in the Feb. 7 edition of *The Worldwide News*.

Austrian winter camp

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churches, spoke on the Sabbath as well.

Sunday some of the skiers attended a beginner's ski course in Kramsach. Afternoon activities included more cross-country skiing and volleyball in the sport hall.

On Monday, Dec. 27, bright sunshine in the Tyrolean sky brought

favorable downhill skiing weather. That night Mr. Fritz gave a singles' Bible study in German, with Wolfgang Thomsen translating into English.

That night the much-awaited snow came, cloaking the ski trails in brilliant white. The next day after skiing the group enjoyed lunch by the fire.

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26 points in the second half to give Buffalo a 74-63 win over the Wheeling men's team, led by the playing of Mike Thornberry and Ron Smith. In the YOU B game Buffalo beat Wheeling 33-18. Mike Buczek, Eugene Perry and Larry Elbert set the pace for the victory. Matt Fish provided the spark for Wheeling as the YOU A team vaulted past Buffalo 55-52. Eric Walker and Brent Felock netted 16 of Wheeling's 27 points in the fourth quarter. Dan Rego scored 28 points for Buffalo. Val Manuskiewicz.

A southeastern basketball tournament was played at COLUMBIA, S.C., Dec. 19. The B teams had their event in the Dent Middle School gym. After a morning of games by teams representing Fayetteville, Greensboro and Raleigh, N.C., and Columbia, the Raleigh team emerged victorious. Charles B. Edwards.

The FORT MYERS church was host for the fourth annual Florida softball tournament for seven men's and five women's teams Dec. 11 and 12. A spaghetti dinner was served to the players and their fans Saturday night before the first game began. As the tournament continued on Sunday, coffee, rolls and hamburgers were served for refreshments. The St. Petersburg women won the first place trophy, with Miami in second place and Lakeland in third. Lakeland took the first place trophy in the men's games, followed by St. Petersburg and Miami in second and third places. Bonnie L. Frielel.

The MONTVALE, N.J., church played host to part of the YOU District 12 basketball games and cheerleading Dec. 19. Participating teams were from Montvale and Trenton, N.J., and Long Island and Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y. The food crew served hot dogs, chili, juice, coffee and desserts. Mike Bedford.

The YOU of SAN DIEGO, Calif., was host for the District 72 annual girls' volleyball tournament Dec. 19. The Long Beach, Calif., girls captured first honors, with the San Diego team placing second and the Riverside, Calif., A team third. Preceding the final play-off games YOU district coordinator Jim Peoples introduced Jim Petty, athletic director at Pasadena Ambassador College, who de-

livered a seminar on the real purpose of sports. The evening before, the San Diego A team outscored all opponents in a Bible baseball game. Susan Karoska.

Eight churches participated in a YOU invitational girls' volleyball meet Dec. 25 and 26, with the WASHINGTON, D.C., church as host. Sixteen matches were played at the Montgomery College campus in Germantown, Md. The Long Island, N.Y., team won the honors in the A league, with their final game score against Hagerstown, Md., 16-14. In the B league Washington and Harrisburg, Pa., played the final game, with Washington winning 16-14. Concessions were sold as a fund raiser by the Ladies' Club members for their winter and spring activities. John P. Egbert.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Twelve members of the ALBANY, Ore., YOU took part in two fund-raising projects Dec. 23. Pam Penrod supervised many of the youths at a car wash, while at the same time nearby a bake sale was going on with mothers and youths. Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Wheeler.

Some 100 CALGARY, Alta., NORTH and SOUTH YOU members and parents enjoyed an evening of bowling Dec. 11, after which they had a snack at Shakey's Pizza Parlor. The women's high single scorer was Karen Brauer. Richard Goodfellow took the honors for the men. The evening was arranged by Jim and Sylvia Baldwin. James S. Baldwin.

At the YOU District 25 family weekend Dec. 18 and 19 the CINCINNATI, Ohio, NORTH church sponsored a turkey dinner for the members attending from 11 churches. Sabbath activities included a sermonette by Steve Nutzman, a sermon by Al Dennis and Bible baseball. A variety olympics Saturday evening gave participants of all ages a chance to help their team. Sunday was filled with an eight-team, double-elimination vol-

leyball tournament, in which Dayton, Ohio, II placed first, Cincinnati North second and Cincinnati West third. Indianapolis, Ind., won the best sportsmanship award. Garvin L. Greene.

The HUNTSVILLE, Ala., church served as host to nine churches gathered at Hartselle, Ala., Dec. 12 and 13 for the YOU District 13 family weekend. According to district coordinator Ken Martin 914 brethren attended the Sabbath services, where following a sermonette by Ralph Orr, pastor of the Montgomery, Ala., church, pastor Lawson J. Tuck delivered the main message. The Huntsville church took first place in the Bible bowl that followed services, with the Birmingham, Ala., P.M. team second and Montgomery third. After a break for the evening meal a family dance took place in Decatur, Ala.

In the volleyball tournament the next day the Birmingham team took first place, with second place going to the Gadsden, Ala., Green team, which was awarded the best sportsmanship award, and third place going to Huntsville. The all-tournament players were Julie Holladay, Tammy Winner, Candy Skipper, Amy Braun, Kim Blalock and Jennifer Montano, who was also chosen the Most Valuable Player. Joan Tuck and Jim Valeks.

PALMER, Alaska, YOU members and their families attended a winter party Dec. 12 at Susan Blake's home, which is situated on a lake. The group enjoyed skating, snowmobiling, football and cross-country skiing. Chili, hot dogs, cider and cake were served. When darkness fell the group gathered inside for a movie. The day was planned by Mrs. Blake and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClure. Linda Orchard.

The PEORIA, Ill., YOU had a costume dance Dec. 18 with each member dressed as a famous person. Prizes for best costumes went to Todd Herridge, Dan Ackley and Jill Woelfel. The following day the teens went roller-skating, followed by a chili lunch and charades. Barbara Davison.

The PORTLAND, Ore., and VANCOUVER, Wash., YOU played host to the annual Northwest dance and basketball jamboree Dec. 25 and 26. Following combined services in Portland, the formal dance, with the theme "New York, New York," took place that evening in Vancouver. Special guest Ross Jutsum, from Pasadena, was the disc jockey. The next

day 18 basketball teams participated in a day of games, as the rally squads and fans supported their teams. Harry E. Sluder.

A festival atmosphere prevailed as about 500 brethren gathered for Sabbath services Dec. 18 at ROCHESTER, N.Y., for the YOU District 13 family weekend. Associate pastor Tom Melear gave the sermonette, and special music was provided by Norma McCullough singing a vocal solo, accompanied by Norma Foote on piano. Britton Taylor, pastor of the Binghamton and Corning, N.Y., churches, gave the sermon. Services were followed by a potluck, after which a Bible bowl took place. The team from Erie, Pa., finished first, with Buffalo, N.Y., second. A family dance followed.

The next day at the YOU girls' volleyball tournament the teams from Binghamton-Corning took first place in the A and B divisions. Rochester finished second in the A division, and Syracuse, N.Y., came in second in the B division. In the women's division the Buffalo women placed first and the Erie team came in second. Jake Hannold.

The last activity of the year for the ROCKHAMPTON, Australia, YOU took place Dec. 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cauley. Pastor Bruce Dean gave a Bible study on the book of Proverbs. After sundown the YOU members helped prepare a barbecue dinner for their parents and guests. Following dinner some teens played tennis by floodlight, while others stayed indoors to fellowship. The evening culminated with a surprise presentation of a cake to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harvard for their 25th wedding anniversary. Katherine Jones.

ROLLA, Mo., YOU members enjoyed a pizza party at Godfather's Pizza parlor the evening of Dec. 18. They then went bowling at the Colonial Lanes, where the high scorer was Steve Marshall. Linda Loveland and Joan Luechfeld.

The YOU District 75 volleyball family weekend took place in SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 11 and 12. After a youth-oriented Sabbath service, a Bible bowl was conducted on the Youth 82 Bible studies. Following a coffee hour the evening of games began. The tournament concluded on Sunday, with San Jose as the overall winner and all teams receiving the best sportsmanship award. Jack Hendren.

YOU members and families met in SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 11 and 12 for a YOU district family weekend and

girls' volleyball tournament. The Sabbath sermon was given by Ken Williams, pastor of the Concord, N.H., and Montpelier, Vt., churches. Evening activities included a Bible bowl won by the Montpelier YOU members, a meal and a family dance featuring music by Gary Densmore's band. The volleyball tournament Sunday was won by the Concord team, with the Boston, Mass.-Providence, R.I., team placing second and the Albany, N.Y., team third. The Concord team also received the best sportsmanship award, and Debbie Caswell was judged to be the Most Valuable Player. Margie Welby.

The YOU of VISALIA, Calif., was host for a costume family dance Dec. 18. The youths organized the dancing, entertainment, food and baby-sitting for the evening. Matt Townsend and Erik Herlison were the masters of ceremonies for the hour-long entertainment program, which consisted of a variety of skits and music. David Ezelle announced the winners of the costume judging: Roger and Kathy Mayfield, Tom and Linda Byars and Ernie and Carol Garcia, adult category; Allen Shaw, Paul Ezelle and Antonietta Crane, YOU; and Earl VanWert, Chisean Crane and James Langford, YES. Kimberly Justice.

An invitational YOU volleyball family weekend took place in WEST BEND, Wis., Dec. 4 and 5. Teens and their parents participated in a potluck luncheon and Bible baseball Sabbath morning. The West Bend YOU team placed first, Milwaukee, Wis., was second and Wausau, Wis., was third. A potluck dinner after Sabbath services was followed by a dance and sing-along. The youths and parents spent the night at the church's meeting hall and were served breakfast the next morning by women of the congregation. In the volleyball tournament the Wausau team won first place, with West Bend No. 1 in second and Milwaukee No. 1 in third. Laurie Morstatter.

A trip to Point Pelee National Park Dec. 19 for the WINDSOR, Ont., YES and their families was arranged by Jim Paterson. First stop was a tour of the visitors' center to see samples of the native wildlife in the form of pictures, stories and stuffed animals, and to view two films. The group next took a 1½-mile nature hike, at the end of which they ate lunch and drank hot cider under a shelter only a few yards from Lake Erie. Nancy Tait.

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UPDATE

PASADENA — Viewer response to the *World Tomorrow* telecast for 1982 set an all-time record for the United States, according to **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

Breaking the previous record set in 1975, 484,526 people responded to the telecast. About 80 percent of the viewers responded by phone and the other 20 percent by mail.

National Football League play-off games reduced response to a possible record-breaking weekend for the *World Tomorrow* telecast, according to **Bill Butler**, supervisor for the Wide Area Telephone Response (WATS) area.

Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** telecast, "Our Economic Woes," which aired Jan. 15 and 16, brought in 10,557 literature requests. This fell 391 responses short of the record of 10,948 telephone responses for a weekend telecast.

"Big nationwide games hit us from different angles," said Mr. Butler. He mentioned that reduced response came from regular telecast viewers watching the games and other reasons.

Mr. Butler added that despite the NFL games, Mr. Armstrong's telecast brought in enough calls to be the third highest weekend response ever. On the telecast Mr. Armstrong offered *The United States and Britain in Prophecy and The Plain Truth*.

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PASADENA — Potential applicants for Pasadena Ambassador College have requested 1,622 applications to date, according to **David Albert**, acting director of admissions, Jan. 17.

Potential applicants for Big Sandy have requested 650 applications to date, according to the Registrar's Office there.

According to Dr. Albert, about half the applications requested are completed and returned to the college.

In Pasadena an estimated 100 to 120 single students will be accepted

for the fall semester, he said. In Big Sandy about 120 to 160 single students will be accepted, according to the Registrar's Office.

Applications for Pasadena and Big Sandy must be returned by March 1.

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PASADENA — Annual receipts for donations and tithes for 1982 for the United States were mailed Jan. 20 and 21, according to **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

Members in the United States should receive their receipts by the first week in February.

All donations postmarked by Dec. 21, 1982, were credited on the annual receipts for that year. Because year-end delays in mail delivery are common, it may take

until the second week of January to receive all such contributions.

Another few days are then required to record them in the computer files. This extra time helps ensure that all individuals' donation records are as complete and accurate as possible before the annual receipts are mailed, Mr. Rice said.

All receipts for international members will be handled by the regional offices of that area, according to **Ron Urwiller** of the International Mail section of the Mail Processing Center.

Mr. Rice mentioned that the U.S. receipts are for the contributor's personal records. Tax returns can be filed before receiving receipts.

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PASADENA — Ten Pasadena Ambassador College students were named Jan. 18 to participate in the training program in preparation for teaching English to teachers in Thailand.

The program, which begins in June, stems from the Ambassador College Educational Project in Thailand (ACEPT), which ended in December. In that program Amba-



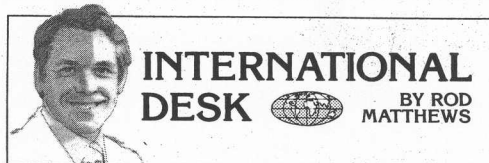
ENSEMBLE ASSEMBLY — The New England Youth Ensemble performs for the Pasadena Ambassador College student body during assembly in the Ambassador Auditorium Jan. 13. The ensemble has performed for the President of the United States and in the Soviet Union.

sador students taught English to Laotian refugees.

The students named are senior **Michael Limani** and juniors **Lex Baer**, **Chris Crawford**, **George Hague**, **Sherri Means**, **Kim Meyer-**

dierks, **Joel Rissing**, **Kathy Sarfert**, **Becki Suboski** and **Karen Wallbridge**.

The announcement was made by **Raymond F. McNair**, deputy chancellor, in a student forum.



PASADENA — Another year of exciting activity in God's Work has passed, as evidenced by a review of events of 1982.

The Bonn, West Germany, Office summarized events in God's Work in German-language areas in 1982.

Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** visited Eltville, West Germany, the day before Pentecost. Only 10 months before he spoke to the German-speaking brethren in Bonn-Bad Godesberg.

The Feast of Tabernacles in Bonndorf, West Germany, and Brno, Czechoslovakia, was attended by more than 950.

Helmut Kohl became chancellor in October, replacing **Helmut Schmidt**. Quick and positive steps toward expanding media are occurring, such as cable and satellite tele-

vision as well as private television and radio. This could be a new open door for the Work here.

The Work received an average of 2.87 percent response from flyers in 1982.

For the third year the German Office achieved its goal of adding the same number of subscribers to the *Plain Truth* subscription list as the entirety of the list at the beginning of the year.

The year 1980 started with 35,000, in 1981, 50,000 and in 1982, 78,000. This year 79,328 were added.

A total of 73,813 requested *The Plain Truth* in response to advertising in such nationally known newspapers and magazines as *Die Welt*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (FAZ), *Sueddeutsche Zeitung*, and *Hoerzu* in West Germany; *Der*

Schweizer Beobachter in Switzerland; and *Die Presse, Profil* and *Trend* in Austria.

A total of 1,775 million flyers were distributed last year in these magazines and newspapers. The average cost per response for all advertising in 1982 totaled about DM 6.78 or \$2.83 for each new subscriber added.

In January, 1983, the Work placed 842,000 flyers in *Die Welt*, *FAZ* and *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* and received more than 3.3 percent response or 28,168 requests for subscriptions.

An additional dividend included a request from the people of *Hoerzu*, Europe's largest circulation TV magazine (four million), to advertise in their magazine. The response to the first ad in March totaled 16,435.

The German-language *Plain Truth, Klar & Wahr* is sent to 100 nations including countries of Eastern Europe, China and even Vatican City. The subscription list stands at 115,000.

Because of advertising and an increasing subscription list, 1982 incoming mail (184,195 items) was up 54 percent.

During 1982, 142,861 pieces of literature were sent out — up 73 percent over 1981. A total of 14,803 Bible Correspondence Course lessons were sent out, up 53 percent from 1981.

German-language *Good News* circulation increased more than 100 percent from 3,045 to 6,218. In January it was projected to reach about 8,000 because of the offer of the magazine to former and active Correspondence Course students. Thus far 45 percent have responded.

West Africa

Malcolm and Judy Tofts have arrived in Accra, Ghana. They formerly served in Montreal, Que. They will overlap in Ghana for several months with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rhodes, before assuming responsibility for the Accra and Kumasi churches and visiting members in Liberia and Cameroon. This arduous assignment has been well fulfilled by Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes for nearly five years.

In December, Geneva, Switzerland, office manager **Bernard Andrist** visited several French-speaking West African nations and conducted Bible studies for brethren scattered through those areas.

In Zaire, 45 people met to hear Mr. Andrist, and two more members were baptized. There are 17 members in Zaire, one each in Ivory Coast and Upper Volta, three in Rwanda and 59 in Cameroon.



REFRESHING COURSE — Ministers and wives participating in the Jan. 10 to 20 Ministerial Refreshing Program pause on the steps of the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center in Pasadena Jan. 13. This session, the 13th, included ministers and wives from God's Work in Spanish-speaking areas. They are pictured on page 4. The above ministers are from Canada, Fiji and the United States. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

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