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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

Greetings again to all! Important news! In the October member and co-worker letter that you will receive shortly after the Feast, I will announce the beginning of an important new phase of the work in Europe. The *World Tomorrow* television program has begun airing on a leading European satellite and cable channel!

Mr. Frank Brown, our regional director in Britain, phoned Mr. Larry Salyer here in Pasadena after viewing the first broadcast Sept. 21 and reported that it had come through "loud and clear." He called it "a historic occasion" because it was the first time *The World Tomorrow* had ever been electronically broadcast directly into Britain.

Shortly afterward, minutes in fact, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, who is currently visiting the churches in Europe, also phoned Mr. Salyer to let us know that he, too, had seen the program — in Switzerland!

Mr. Waterhouse felt it was especially significant that the very first TV program broadcast on this scale into Europe was on the subject of a coming *united Europe* and explaining why Russia would not attack America. I think I'll have to agree with him!

Well, brethren, I know we've all been praying that God would open this door, so we can certainly rejoice that He has answered our prayers. But let's not stop praying now! We are still negotiating for a better time slot, and we can pray that the cable channel itself will grow to reach more households.

Truly, this is an exciting new step forward for God's Work! Be sure to read the full details in the lead article in this issue of *The Worldwide News*.

Each year, it seems, we call the Feast of Tabernacles the "best Feast ever!" Yet, how is it possible year after year, in reality, to have the "best Feast ever"? Is such a statement an

idle, empty boast — just "the thing to say" when talking to other Church members about the Feast? Or do we indeed have the *best Feast ever* year after year?

Personally, I am convinced that we do! Now I realize that some few among us may not, every year, have the best Feast ever. But I think that the Church of God as a whole does indeed! Why?

With each passing year we should have learned more of God's precious truth. We should have a deeper understanding of the meaning and values of God's annual Holy Days and His Master Plan for mankind.

Therefore each Feast of Tabernacles — in fact, each annual Holy Day throughout the year — should have a greater impact upon us than the one a year earlier. Each successive Feast should impress upon our minds ever more fully the reality of the soon return of Jesus Christ to restore the Government of God to this dying earth.

As we draw closer to God, learning more about Him, His law and His way of life, thereby growing in *understanding* and in His grace and knowledge, even the weekly Sabbath will mean more to us.

The "best Feast ever" should be a reality for every one of us, not just empty words. And it will be, brethren — IF we are growing from one Feast to another. If this Feast doesn't rate as the best ever for you, you'll have to begin (See PERSONAL, page 3)

'Major door' opens for airing World Tomorrow in Europe

By Jeremy Rapson
BOREHAMWOOD, England — "I have good news to share with you! A new, major door has opened for television in Europe!" said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach in Pasadena. Sky Channel, Europe's largest satellite television station, began airing the *World Tomorrow* telecast in the English language Sunday, Sept. 21.

"Our advertising agency in Europe, BBDO Ltd., is negotiating to improve the late Saturday night time slot, so please continue praying in that regard," Mr. Tkach said. Mr. Tkach will announce this new open door to co-workers in his October member and co-worker letter.

Jeremy Rapson is a ministerial trainee in the Borehamwood and St. Albans, England, churches.

According to evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications and Public Affairs, Sky Channel, a British-based company, reaches more than six million households in 14 European countries and has a potential audience of more than 17 million.

Evangelist Frank Brown, British regional director, described the broadcasting first as "the break we have been waiting for since the work in Britain began." The station has 140,000 subscribers in Britain. For viewers there, the program aired at midnight, British Summer Time.

For the inaugural transmission, British Office staff, ministers and other invited guests gathered in the conference room of Elstre House where projection equipment provided big-screen pictures from a

dish antenna mounted on the roof, according to Mr. Brown.

A cake depicting a television set with the word *Sky* written in icing was served. The cake was baked by Northampton, England, Church member Margaret Harradine.

David Gunn, media coordinator for the British Office, said that Sky, owned by newspaper publisher Rupert Murdoch, is pioneering satellite and cable television in Europe.

The satellite used by the station is Eutelsat F1, in a geosynchronous orbit 23,000 miles above the equator. Reception is by either a dish antenna linked to a signal decoder for DBS (direct broadcast by satellite) viewers or by subscription to one of the cable networks in Europe.

Mr. Gunn said that three years of negotiations between Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborne (BBDO) Ltd., an advertising agency retained by the Church, and the television company, were successfully completed in June. Then, Mr. Hulme passed on Mr. Tkach's approval to begin broadcasting when the new season of *World Tomorrow* programs was available.

The Sept. 21 airing was of the

second telecast of the new season, titled "The Superpower Confrontation," presented by Mr. Hulme. Mr. Gunn pointed out that this was a particularly appropriate program, because it dealt with matters of concern to a European audience. A tag line and on-screen display invited viewers to request literature by writing to the British Office.

According to Mr. Gunn, the contract with Sky is for one year of weekly transmissions that for practical and logistical reasons will air programs one week after the U.S. station scheduling. Plans are for *The Plain Truth* in various European languages to be offered at the conclusion of programs.

"Sky is sympathetic to our scheduling needs," said Mr. Gunn, of the Church's desire for a better time slot.

Mr. Gunn believes that in addition to the DBS and cable viewers, the program's airing on Sky will also reach television program managers throughout Europe and could influence the acceptance of *The World Tomorrow* on other channels in Europe, where religious television is virtually unknown.

Auditorium P.M. gives special gift to Mr. Tkach

PASADENA — An old English sterling desk set was presented to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach on behalf of the Auditorium P.M. church after Sabbath services Sept. 27.

According to evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration: "We are of course especially privileged in this congregation to have with us the pastor general virtually every week. Except when he is on those trips he is here among us, someone we know well and appreciate."

Robin Webber, associate pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church, said: "We picked this time" because we are going into a very exciting, dynamic part of God's sacred calendar year... It's going to be a very important time for Mr. Tkach because this is going to be his first satellite transmission speaking to God's Family all around this earth, and we felt that all of us at this time could begin showing him this special encouragement and support, letting him know that we're behind him in this very, very important time of the year."

The inscription reads: "Far better to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checked by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much because they live in the twilight that knows neither victory or defeat." The quote is from Theodore Roosevelt (See GIFT, page 3)

God gives the growth

Spanish Department marks 30th

By Kerri Miles
PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach encouraged Spanish Department employees to "keep going forward, always forward" at a luncheon commemorating the 30th anniversary of the department Sept. 25.

"That's the motto of God's people. Don't forget: The people of God united shall never be defeated," he said.

"The Spanish Department began as a result of Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong speaking to Benjamin L. Rea at the end of the summer, 1956," said evangelist Leon Walker.

Mr. Walker, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas and director of the Spanish Department, was the first employee of the department under Dr. Rea. Mr. Walker welcomed 75 Spanish Department employees and guests to the luncheon and described the department's development.

Before 1956 "Mr. Armstrong certainly had written in the co-worker letters of his intent and desire to begin something in the Spanish language, but nothing beyond that had been

done," the regional director said.

God gives growth

"God has certainly given the growth, and we do acknowledge and give credit to God for the growth and for the increase, and we certainly recognize that we are merely a branch of this work... we are attached to the vine and are very dependent on that vine."

Mr. Walker introduced Mr. Tkach, who read from a prepared text in Spanish and then translated into English. He thanked the employees for their dedication and labor and wished them a happy anniversary.

"Dr. [Herman] Hoeh technically disagrees with our celebration," he said. "He says the Spanish work did not start 30 years ago. He said it started 1,900 and some years ago with Christ and the apostles, and I don't think anyone can argue with that," Mr. Tkach said.

'We are family'

Mr. Tkach introduced each employee with the length of his or her employment and related statistics of the department's work.

"Let's draw closer together... we are family," Mr. Tkach concluded.

An area musical group, Yatiri, performed Andean music on instruments native to that region during the luncheon. Keith Speaks, circulation manager for the Spanish *Plain Truth* or *La Pura Verdad*, gave background information on the group and their music and announced three selections.

After the speaking portion of the luncheon, Mr. Tkach greeted guests at each table.

The luncheon took place in the Pasadena Ambassador College Student Center club rooms. Champagne and sparkling cider were served before the meal, which included shish kebabs, rice, vegetables, rolls and fruit. An anniversary cake made by Timothy Greenwood of the Food Service Department was also served. The cake was decorated to look like a cover of *Pura Verdad*.

The U.S. flag and flags of the 22 other countries the department serves were set up. Displays included decorative items from Spanish-speaking countries, historical photographs, a chart of the department's key dates and events and a map with current statistics on membership, *Pura Verdad* circulation and other facts.

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Last Issue Before Feast

This is the final *Worldwide News* before the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles. *The Worldwide News* will resume its two-week publishing schedule with the Nov. 17 issue.

Trouble brews in the Southwest Pacific

PASADENA — "We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace... Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jeremiah 30:5,7). World events indicate that this time approaches inexorably.

The modern-day nations of Jacob, specifically the United States, Britain and the lands of the original Commonwealth are beset with international crises. And unlike World Wars I and II, when the American, British, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand and South African military forces fought side by side on far-flung battlefronts, today the countries of the English-speaking First World are as often as not pitted against one another.

For example, three end-time nations of Jacob have been linked in a cornerstone alliance that has preserved peace in the Southwest Pacific. Now the 35-year-old ANZUS pact — tying together Australia, New Zealand and the United States — is all but dead.

This comes at a time when the United States has tied its economic fortunes more than ever to Asia. America's trade with Asia, Australia and New Zealand more than tripled in the past decade, reaching \$202 billion in 1985. It also comes at a time when the Soviets — sensing a power vacuum developing — are determined to play a greater role in the Pacific.

First New Zealand, now Australia

The trouble came to a head in February, 1985, when New Zealand announced that it would no

longer permit U.S. nuclear-armed and powered ships to make port calls. This year, in August, New Zealand officials were not invited to the ANZUS conference in San Francisco, Calif.

"We part as friends," said U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, "but we part — on security matters."

And now what's left of ANZUS is under severe strain. The Australian government, reeling under a huge trade deficit and recessionary prices for its principal exports, is livid over U.S. efforts to sell subsidized surpluses of wheat to the Soviet Union and sugar to China.

At the same time, Australian authorities are considering a radical reorientation of their nation's defense strategy — much to the consternation of Washington.

While he was in San Francisco for the ANZUS conference, Bill Hayden, Australia's minister for foreign affairs, told a Commonwealth Club meeting that "Australia and the United States have reached a stage in their alliance of quite extraordinary significance... How firm is the friendship which underpins the alliance and gives it its strength? ...

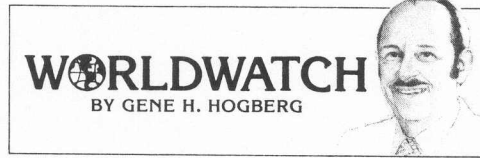
"The most pressing issue between Australia and the United States at the moment [is] the trade issue... Our ability to sell our agricultural products, that has produced our ability to buy your aircraft, is being undermined by the unashamed protectionism of the farm bill..."

"Ralph Hunt, deputy leader of our most conservative political

party, has said, 'There is a growing feeling of anger and bitterness developing in our country at a level that I cannot remember before amongst conservative-voting and conservative-thinking people that have always been pro-American in the past.' ..."

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WORLDWATCH
BY GENE H. HOGBERG

The souring of ties between Washington and Canberra is also reflected in the steadily diverging views on continued defense of the Southwest Pacific, which contains critical sea-gate passages linking the Pacific and Indian oceans.

"Little New Zealand is known in the U.S. as an errant ally," wrote Peter Samuel in the Aug. 25 *Wall Street Journal*. (Mr. Samuel is the Washington correspondent for *The Australian*, a national daily.)

"But there's a far more serious alliance problem developing with Australia... If the U.S. and New Zealand can be said to be having a fiery divorce, the U.S. and Australia are quietly drifting apart."

Australian defense policy has been based on the assumption that its fate is bound with the West. But now, Australia is moving toward a stripped-down "independent" defense mode.

Australia, noted Mr. Samuel, "is

deliberately forswearing a regional role, and is discarding long-established cooperative arrangements with nearby Southeast Asian countries (especially Singapore and Malaysia) and the South Pacific. "This change is reflected in a report to Parliament in June by Aus-

trian Defense Department consultant Paul Dibb. The report asserts a complacent view of Australia's defense needs in its statement that 'Australia is one of the most secure countries in the world... We would receive at least 10 years' warning of a substantial military threat' ...

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Could acid rain erode Britain's ties to Europe?

BOREHAMWOOD, England — "Pollution by acid rain and other airborne killers of life on earth is the biggest environmental issue facing the European Community today. And Britain, of all EEC countries is the worst offender." So reported Roy Stemman in the May issue of *Europa* '84.

Two years after his 1984 report, acid rain is still a nagging headache in Europe. And whether rightly or wrongly, the Continent still blames Britain for much of the problem. For several years now Norway in particular has demanded that the United Kingdom act to reduce acid rain pollution. In the past British governments disputed the extent of their responsibility by citing scientific information.

In his 1984 article, Mr. Stemman explained why the British Isles have come in for so much criticism: "Although British industry emits more sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides than any other country in Western Europe, the United Kingdom has been cushioned from the effects by its position.

"Clean air from the Atlantic blows in from the West, taking much of the U.K.-generated pollution and dumping it on Continental Europe. More than three-quarters of Britain's sulphur dioxide is exported across the North Sea by prevailing winds."

Mr. Stemman then went on to explain why Scandinavian countries have been so concerned: "Britain's neighbours receive some of this; but Norway and Sweden also get large doses. The Norwegian 'fallout' includes 14 percent from Britain. Sweden and West Germany take seven percent each, according to some studies."

Ninety-two percent of sulfur deposits falling on Norway come from outside of Norway. But, please don't misunderstand; Britain is not the only culprit.

Underestimated feelings

The British seriously underestimated the depth of Norwegian feeling. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher found this out on a trip to Norway. Normally Norwegians are rather friendly to Britons.

Furthermore, the report assumes that the U.S. alone will contain the Soviets and that Australia need not continue to shape its forces for joint operations with the U.S."

Already in effect are cutbacks reflecting this new strategy. "Modest but versatile aircraft carriers and amphibious units have been abandoned," continued Mr. Samuel, "and the... Australian army — the doughty 'diggers' of international fame at Gallipoli [and] Verdun... will be reduced to a light mobile militia trained to thwart terrorist or guerrilla skirmishes."

Yes, Australia too has lost the pride in its once considerable power (Leviticus 26:19). To the Dibb report assertion that Australia would have a 10-year warning of a military threat, one recalls that Darwin, Australia, was bombed only about two months after Pearl Harbor.

'Third World' economy

Australia's dropping out of the Western world defense network comes at a time when its economy is in serious trouble.

In a radio interview last May, (See PACIFIC, page 3)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Is your back to the wall?

Two boys were walking down a country road when they came to a small freight-loading platform. On the platform were two milk cans ready to be loaded for delivery to a nearby city.

The boys looked around and, seeing no one, lifted off the cover of can No. 1 and dropped in a big bullfrog. Then they lifted off the cover of can No. 2 and dropped in another bullfrog. The boys left, and the cans were picked up for delivery.

During the journey, the bullfrog in can No. 1 said: "This is terrible! I can't lift off the cover of the can because it's too heavy. I've never had a milk bath before, and I can't reach to the bottom of the can to get enough leverage to lift off the cover, so what's the use?" And he gave up trying and quit. When the cover on can No. 1 was taken off, there, belly up, was a big, dead bullfrog.

The same conditions existed in can No. 2, but this frog said to himself: "Well, I can't lift off the cover because it's too tight and heavy. I haven't got a brace and bit to drill a hole to save myself, but there is one thing I have learned to do in liquids, and that is to swim." So he swam and swam and swam, and churned a lump of butter and sat on it. When the cover was removed, out he jumped, hale and hearty.

This little anecdote illustrates an important point of determination.

When trials, tests and problems arise in our daily lives, the immediate human tendency is to think things have somehow gone wrong, that things aren't the way they ought to be.

Perhaps doubt begins to enter our minds. We begin to question God's

promises, His Word or His love and concern for us. And always when our trials really get close to home and really "hot," some begin to question: "Is God really concerned about me? Does He care about my problems? Or is He far off and uninvolved with my trials?"

Have you ever felt this way? Surely we all have, and every time this happens we need to remind ourselves of our real objective in God's big plan.

God's objective with His own people has never been primarily the rewards, riches, wealth, peace of mind, longevity or happiness of this physical life. God wants much more for us than these temporary blessings. He is far more concerned with what is being produced in our lives for the world tomorrow.

Endurance is the key

A central part of the meaning of the word *endurance* in the Bible is patience. Patience is a dual meaning for many of the words translated "endurance." Endurance means not being rattled by trials and problems. It means facing them with a large dose of calm. You don't overly worry because you know everything is going to come out all right. You've read the end of the book (the Bible) and you know how it comes out in the end: We win!

"Behold, we count them happy which endure" says James 5:11. Enjoy your Christian life — you have the abundant life Christ promised (John 10:10).

Eternal life and the Kingdom of God are worth sacrificing for now — worth all the effort, strain, struggle, suppressing the self, denying

the old flesh. The reward will be worth it!

God's kings and priests will have been through hard trials — situations that involved sadness, sacrifice, unknowns, discouragements, insecurity. They will be people who can relate to and understand and help people.

When trials, tests and troubles seem to take you right to the wall, realize that being there is proof that you are one of God's children, being prepared for the Kingdom of God.

Remember Peter's words: "For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye are buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps" (1 Peter 2:19-21).

Ask God for faith

If you doubt your ability to endure or overcome trials, ask God to give you more faith. I read a little poem on faith that says it all: Doubt sees the obstacle,

Faith sees the way; Doubt sees the long black night,

Faith sees the day; Doubt dreads to take a step,

Faith soars on high; Doubt thunders, "Who believes?"

Faith answers, "I."

God tests and corrects every son whom He dearly loves (Hebrews 12:6). Trials are necessary so we may become kings, priests and governors in God's Kingdom, and rule with godly justice, wisdom, compassion and patience.

Let's rededicate our lives as determined living sacrifices for God's work, and daily prepare to receive the future reward God wants to give us soon.

The next time you butter your toast, remember how that little bullfrog endured his trial and received life for his determination.

Bruneian dancers help 'bridge gap between nations, peoples'

By Thomas C. Hanson
PASADENA — A cultural dance troupe from Brunei Darussalam ended its first tour of the United States with a performance in the Ambassador Auditorium Sept. 23.

Ambassador Foundation Chairman Joseph W. Tkach said that such performances help "bridge the gap between nations and peoples."

"The purpose of the tour was to expose our culture to the people in the United States, since not very many people in the United States know Brunei," said Sumadi Sukaimi, director of the cultural troupe and one of the performers.

Brunei Darussalam, which means "Brunei, Abode of Peace," is a former British protectorate on the northwest coast of Borneo, south-

west of the Philippines. It gained its independence Jan. 1, 1984. The country is slightly larger than the state of Delaware and has a population of about 218,000.

Brunei is a sultanate with all secular, religious and military power in the hands of Sultan Muda Hassanah Bolkia Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah.

Its people are predominately Malay with about 20 percent Chinese, Sunni Muslims are the predominant religious group. In a minority are those who profess Buddhism or Christianity.

Traditional Malay songs and dances were performed by 21 dancers and musicians. Musical accompaniment featured the violin, accordion, percussion and the *gambas*, a traditional Bruneian guitar.

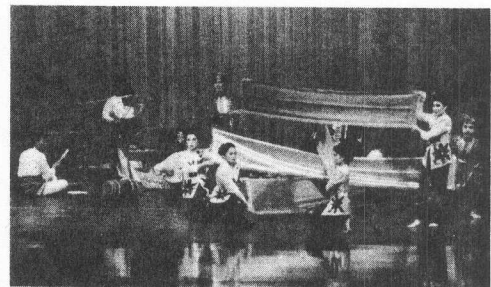
Dancers and musicians depicted

a traditional Bruneian wedding. The bride and groom wear gold jewelry and hand-woven garments inlaid with gold thread.



ISLAND OF BORNEO — Brunei is on the island of Borneo, southwest of the Philippines. [Map by Ronald Grove]

The bride, whose face is covered with a veil, is carried by a close relative and seated on the bridal dais. When the groom arrives at the dais he touches his bride's head and shoulder with his right hand, signifying that she is now in his care. He then sits with his bride on the dais in the presence of relatives and guests.



ART OF WEAVING — Four couples, each holding between them a cloth used for royal finery, portray the art of weaving, symbolic of Bruneian civilization and the existence of genuine love. [Photo by Warren Watson]

A little less than a month before the performance the Bruneian ambassador to the United States, Pengiran Haji Idriss, contacted Alfred Balitzer, a professor of political science at Claremont College in Claremont, Calif., and a former special ambassador to Brunei.

The ambassador asked Dr. Balitzer to coordinate arrangements for the group in Southern California.

Dr. Balitzer telephoned Bee Canterbury Lavery, chief of protocol in the office of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley.

Ms. Lavery said, "The best place to do it is at Ambassador College," according to Dr. Balitzer.

The Ambassador Auditorium was "very highly recommended by the City of Los Angeles," Dr. Balitzer said.

"I've never found a more dedicated group of people assisting us than at Ambassador College. The event was made successful by virtue of their assistance and participation," Dr. Balitzer said. "They took a genuine interest in making the event a success."

At a reception in the Hall of Administration after the performance, Pasadena Mayor John C. Crowley read a statement proclaiming Sept. 23 as Brunei Darussalam day in Pasadena.

Mayor Crowley told *The Worldwide News* that the performance "seemed to be a presentation reflective of a country that has preserved its native traditions."

Sept. 24 was made Brunei Darussalam day in Orange County, the county south of Los Angeles County.

Personal

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now to be sure that next year's Feast does!

After the Feast, we have about six months before the observance of the next Holy Day. Those six months between the Last Great Day and the Passover are the longest stretch without a Holy Day in God's sacred calendar. Let's make the absolute most of that time that we can.

The Feast of Tabernacles should be a time of earnest spiritual rededication and recommitment to see us through that six-month "dry spell." We need to begin immediately applying the principles and instruction obtained at the Feast so that by next Passover they have become a part of us.

God has called us to become like Him. Jesus told us to become perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:48). The apostle Peter told us to follow in Jesus' steps, to imitate His example. Indeed, our

lives are dedicated to patterning ourselves after His perfect example and to living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4).

As the apostle John explained, "Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God" (1 John 3:9, New King James).

When we become literal born sons of God in His Kingdom we will be like Him. We will have His attitude, His character, His viewpoint. We will be in total harmony, total agreement with Him. That is why it is so important for us to be striving, with God's help, toward perfection now.

Brethren, we are a family — the children of God. Not because we chose to be, but because God chose us to be. Let us make that wonderful calling and election sure. Make each day count. Pray for one another and for the work God is doing through us.

In deepest love,
Joseph W. Tkach

Acid rain

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power stations whose effluent washes neighbouring shores with promiscuous and bitter effect... [Norwegians] are worried to death about something we treat with bureaucratic blandness."

Just before Mrs. Thatcher's visit to Norway, the British government announced measures to be taken against industrial sulfur emissions.

And as *The Financial Times* commented Sept. 12, "It is no accident that this belated decision comes at the start of Mrs. Thatcher's visit to Norway."

Unfortunately, because of the timing, some Norwegians apparently understood the measure as little more than appeasement.

Previous British governments also found few friends in the print media. *The Financial Times* wrote in much the same vein as *The Daily Telegraph*. *The Times* said, "It is regrettable, therefore, that so little has been done over the decades to counter pollution and particularly unfortunate that those countries, such as Britain, which were at the forefront of industrial progress, became so unresponsive to the need to counter environmental pollution, particularly during the 1970s [before the onset of the Thatcher government] when the problem was at its worst."

Finally, positive steps

The British government is now in motion. Let *The Financial Times* editorial explain what steps have been taken: "However, in recent times the Thatcher Government has started to recognize the mounting political force behind environmental issues and has stopped sheltering behind the conflicts over scientific evidence about, for example, the constituents of acid rain and their differing effects."

"Mr. William Waldgrave, the Environment Minister, has finally admitted that British emissions were undoubtedly largely responsible for the acid rain which has devastated Norway's forests and sterilized a startling proportion of the country's lakes and rivers."

Now for the specifics as outlined by *The Financial Times* Sept. 12. "The Government has now fol-

lowed this by announcing yesterday a 600 million pound programme under which the Central Electricity Generating Board must fit equipment to filter sulphur from emissions at three of Britain's coal-fired stations. All future coal-fired stations will have to be fitted with equipment."

One thing that has sparked these British measures is the recognition that the United Kingdom itself is seriously suffering from pollution.

Sept. 12 *The Guardian's* John Ardill reported on enhanced acidity in mist and snow. He wrote: "Britain's misty mountains are soaking in acid pollution, according to the latest findings of scientists employed by the Natural Environment Research Council."

"New equipment for gathering mist droplets developed by the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology's research station near Edinburgh [Scotland] confirms that mist and low clouds are up to ten times as acidic as the rain falling in some ar-

reas. Snow has similarly enhanced acidity."

So we now have acid mist and acid snow. This increased acidity kills fish in British streams, rivers and lakes. Direct evidence linking snowmelt with deterioration of water quality in upland streams in Britain may reveal how air pollution is linked to the killing of fish.

Acid rain has been blamed for dying forests and poisoned lakes. But research by scientists of the British Natural Environment Research Council suggests that acid mist and acid snow may pose a greater threat than the rain to both trees and fish.

There seems to be no end to the ways our environment is being polluted. And wind, rain, mist and snow recognize no political borders. International cooperation and discipline are needed to stem the tide of environmental pollution. Like most global problems it all boils down to one of government. One can only repeat what Christ taught us to pray — "Thy Kingdom come!"

Pacific

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Australian Treasurer Paul Keating bemoaned that Australia was living beyond its means, that it is far too dependent upon imports for its manufactured goods and that the prices of the nation's chief exports — minerals and food and fiber products — "are as low [as] in any time since the Depression."

"In the 1970s," continued Mr. Keating, "we became a Third World economy, selling raw materials and food, and we let the sophisticated industrial side fall apart." Australia, said the treasurer, was in danger of becoming "a banana republic."

Mr. Keating took considerable flak for his "banana republic" remark. But an editorial in *The Australian* May 30 defended the treasurer: "Mr. Keating's comments about a banana republic were much too close to the mark."

Britain's *Financial Times* added June 5 that "it is worth remembering that Australia has now slipped out of the top ten in the world economic league."

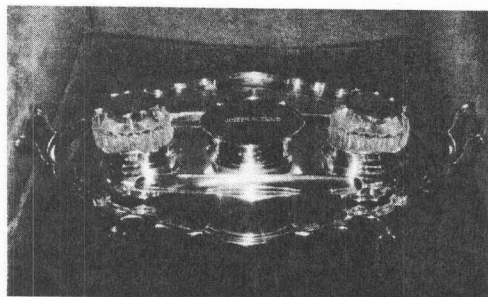
It might be argued that Australia is no longer in a position, economi-

cally, militarily and psychologically, to play a major role in its key corner of the world. But this is of little comfort to smaller nations in the region.

Singapore, a Commonwealth member astride one of the most strategic sea gates, is concerned over three developments: (1) the crumbling of the ANZUS alliance and the spread of nuclear-free zones fostered by the Soviet Union and embraced by some Pacific island nations; (2) the uncertainty of events in the Philippines, both as to the future of the U.S. bases and the rising strength of the Communist rebels; and (3) the growth of Soviet power in the Pacific, with its burgeoning Pacific fleet now numbering at least 410 vessels including 30 nuclear-armed submarines.

Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kwan-yew told a group of visiting New Zealanders that despite New Zealand's stand, regional security would not be harmed as long as Australia maintained its defense link with the United States.

It is the loosening of this link that is causing the biggest concern to Singapore. And it should be causing even more concern to the people of Joseph in the Southwest Pacific — Australia and New Zealand.



HEADQUARTERS GIFT — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach received this old English sterling desk set in Chippendale style with two crystal inkwells resting on scroll design feet from the Auditorium P.M. church Sept. 27. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Gift

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sevelt, President of the United States from 1901 to 1909.

The card accompanying the gift read: "Dear Mr. Tkach: Please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation for your leadership, friendship and service to the headquarters congregation. Hopefully this gift will always remind you that as it serves you we serve you; as it is near we are near; as it is always there to reach for, well so are we; and as it is an item of value, that hopefully as a congregation we are growing in value to God and His servant."

Thank you for serving God. Thank you for serving us, His Flock. With much love, Larry R. Salyer, Robin Webber, John Kennedy and the Auditorium P.M. congregation."

Mr. Tkach replied: "I'm overwhelmed by the generosity of all the members here in God's Church, but most of all I appreciate the kind of loyalty that has been displayed since I was appointed as the pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God. To me that is what I appreciate the most. Not that I want to sound ungrateful for this, this is beautiful, and as it said in the card, that as it is near, you are near, and vice versa. Thank you very much and God bless all of you."

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



ALL ABOARD — Children ride on a miniature train pulled by a steam locomotive during a barbecue given for about 20 congregations by the St. Albans, England, church.

Youth activities cap off summer events

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Church youths and parents rode the sternwheeler *Lady Margaret* to Blennerhassett Island, which is on the Ohio River between Ohio and West Virginia.

After a picnic lunch the group took carriage rides or walked to an excavated Indian village and the Blennerhassett Mansion, home of Harman and Margaret Blennerhassett, pioneers who purchased part of the island in 1798. *Kellie Swisher*.

Seventeen teens and five adults from the **BOSTON, Mass.**, church set out to climb Mt. Monadnock, the highest mountain in southern New Hampshire, Aug. 17.

They set up camp Saturday evening, Aug. 16, at Field 'n' Forest Campground in Hancock, N.H.

Douglas Winnail, associate pastor of the Providence, R.I., and Boston churches, his wife, Sherri; Gary McConaughy, a Boston deacon, his wife, Jane; and Pam Parisi; coordinated camp and meal preparation.

Sunday, after breakfast, the group went to Mt. Monadnock, where the men and youths began their climb at 10 a.m. They reached the summit after two hours of climbing. After a rest and a snack, they headed back down. *Gary McConaughy*.

EUGENE, Ore., Church youths left on a chartered bus for Vancouver, B.C., Saturday evening, Aug. 16. They spent three days touring Expo 86 there.

Chaperons were Norma Summey, Jack and Ruby Scruggs, Ken Blehm, Dell Hanson and Marilyn Skino. Rod Summey was group leader.

The youths raised money over an eight-month period to finance the trip. Fund raisers included paper drives, car washes and a contract to clean up the stadium after home games of the Eugene Emeralds baseball team. Mr. Scruggs coordinated the fund-raising efforts. *Tim and Lin Rhay*.

CHARLESTON, S.C., and **SAVANNAH, Ga.**, brethren attended their annual YOU athletic awards banquet Aug. 23 at the Holiday Inn in Walterboro, S.C.

After the meal Robert Persky, pastor of the two churches, spoke to the group about how concerned God is with the well-being of Church youths. Mr. Persky introduced the YOU coaches, and awards or certificates were presented to each player. Outstanding players received trophies.

Awards also went to a girl and boy from each area who were outstanding in YOU Bible studies and related activities. They were Kim Wilson and Ted Persky from the Charleston area and Jennie Topick and Cam Pierce from the Savannah area. *Ken Jackson*.

SYDNEY, Australia, brethren were hosts for a district family weekend Aug. 23 and 24. About 1,000 people from churches in New South Wales attended Sabbath services at the University of New South Wales Science Theatre in Sydney.

Saturday evening about 500 people attended a YOU district talent contest. Master of ceremonies was John McLean, associate pastor of the Sydney North church.

The junior award plaque went to Cynthia Ramirez of the Sydney South church, and the senior award went to Louise Kleinbergs of the Sydney North church. Louise will represent New South Wales in the national YOU contest in Sydney in November.

Sunday morning youths participated in the district track meet. Awards for the most outstanding athletes in each category went to Dean Thornton of Canberra, senior boys; Louise Kleinbergs, senior girls; John Dujmovic of Blaxland, junior boys; and Natalie Hutcheon of Newcastle, junior girls. The sportsmanship award went to Aldo Antolli of Canberra and Robyn Broomhan of Wollongong. The encouragement award went to Wilf Wiggins. *Terence Villiers*.

BONN, DUESSELDORF and **DARMSTADT, West Germany**, Church youths participated in their first track meet Aug. 31 at Troisdorf's Aggerstadion near Bonn.

Thirty youths took part in 50- and 100-meter sprints, 400- and 800-meter runs, long jump, triple jump, high jump and shot put.

Participants received achievement awards. The good sportsmanship award went to Petra Ludwig and Marcel Gonska-Bossert. Talitha Haendeler received an award for athletic courage. *Gary Hopkins*.

SAN JOSE and APTOS, Calif., brethren were hosts to Glendora, Calif., Church youths Aug. 21 to 25 when they made San Jose their first stop in a weeklong camping and water skiing trip.

The group from Glendora arrived Thursday evening, Aug. 21. They were met by the brethren with whom they stayed. Friday they joined Church youths from San Jose and Aptos for a day at Roaring Camp. Activities included a guided nature walk, a ride on a steam locomotive, a cookout, softball and volleyball.

After Sabbath services, Aug. 23, a YOU get-together with a Bible bowl and a game of Bible charades took place. A potluck meal was served and after sundown the group played bunco.

Sunday the group was joined by San Francisco and Oakland, Calif., Church youths for a beach party. The Glendora youths left Monday morning to water-ski at Lake Isabella. *W. Fred Crow*.

Brethren eat family style at church socials

The **VICTORIA, Tex.**, church's annual fish fry took place Aug. 31 at the Aransas Wildlife Refuge near Austwell, Tex. About 125 people, including guests from other areas, attended.

The refuge is the winter feeding area for the whooping crane. The activity featured a trip to an observation tower overlooking San Antonio Bay. From the tower some members and guests observed wildlife native to the reserve. *Bud Sanders*.

GALWAY, Irish Republic, brethren attended a beach party Aug. 24 at Ballyvaughan, in County Clare, Irish Republic. Twenty-four Church members and children attended.

Homemade soup and beefburgers, prepared by Linda Cargill, Edith Culbert and Gill McDonagh, were served by Gerry Folan and Marian Murray.

Activities included volleyball, horseshoes, canoeing and swimming. Weeks of cold and wet weather gave way to one day of clear and dry weather for the beach party. *Anthony Goudie*.

CAGAYAN DE ORO, Philippines, brethren attended a family day social Aug. 31 at the home of Jessup Bahinting, pastor of the Cagayan De Oro and Iligan, Philippines, churches.

The social included volleyball,

basketball, children's games and dance lessons.

A sale of used clothing and other items was conducted to raise money for singles and YOU activities during the Feast of Tabernacles. *Leonardo Buma-at*.

ST. ALBANS, England, brethren were hosts for a barbecue and sports afternoon Aug. 17 at the Bricklet Wood, England, Sports Complex, once part of the Bricklet Wood Ambassador College campus.

About 650 people from about 20 congregations participated in activities that included a soccer tournament, pony rides, basketball, badminton, volleyball and swimming. Rides were available for children on a miniature train pulled by a steam locomotive and a wagon built and operated by Paul Zehetmeyer.

Sadir Nadim, who organized much of the social, served barbecued lamb, beef sausages, salads, pita bread, ice cream and soft drinks. *Edward Smith*.

The **INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.**, church sponsored a picnic Aug. 31 for Yorktown, Richmond and Columbus, Ind., brethren. About 400 people attended.

Activities began with a father and son softball game. Other activities were volleyball, tennis, basketball and horseshoes.

After the group ate lunch, which was served to the older members by

Church youths, a husband and wife softball game took place.

The activity ended with a sing-along, which was led by Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches, and accompanied by a violin, a lute, a harmonica and five guitars. *Tom Peite*.

PETERBOROUGH, Ont., brethren attended the second of two annual picnics Aug. 31 near Orono, Ont. One hundred forty-three attended, including visiting brethren from the Kingston and Toronto, Ont., churches.

Activities included horseshoes, volleyball and children's games. In the evening corn on the cob and watermelon were served. *Scott Story*.

OZAMIZ, Philippines, brethren gathered for a Church picnic Aug. 3 at the ABC Beach Resort in Ozamiz.

Activities included fellowship, three baptisms and a potluck lunch of barbecued chicken and beef, broiled fish and native dishes. *Augusto C. Cernol*.

Churches mark 20th year

HAMBURG, West Germany, brethren celebrated the 20th anniversary of their congregation Aug. 9. One hundred thirty-five people from five countries attended Sabbath services commemorating the occasion.

Frank Schnee, regional director for the Church in German-speaking areas, gave the sermon. He and his wife, Esther, received a handmade quilt and a silk pillow on behalf of the Hamburg church.

After a buffet luncheon Paul Kieffer, pastor of the Hamburg, Hannover and West Berlin, West Germany, churches, presented a slide show on God's Church in Germany in the last 25 years. The group also heard taped greetings from former Hamburg ministers, John Karlson, pastor of the Bonn and Duesseldorf, West Germany, churches; Thomas Lapacka, pastor of the Basel and Zuerich, Switzerland, and Stuttgart, West Germany, churches; and Victor Root, associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church. *Paul Kieffer*.

The **CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.**, church celebrated its 20th anniversary Aug. 23 and 24. Attendance at Sabbath services was 494. About half were guests from other areas.

Ken Estes, who gave the opening and closing prayer for the congregation's first service Aug. 6, 1966, gave the opening prayer. John Cafourek, pastor of the Tupelo and Columbus, Miss., churches, gave the sermonette. Mr. Cafourek pastored the Cape Girardeau church

Brethren dine and dance

More than 200 **MIAMI, Fla.**, brethren attended the 22nd annual church dinner and dance Aug. 24 at the Miami Airport Hilton Hotel ballroom.

After a dinner of roast beef, new potatoes, vegetables and cheese cake, members danced the polka, the waltz, the conga and other dances. Music was provided by the Cool Change and Los Muchachos bands, both composed of Church members. *Louetta S. Okaya-Jones*.

Thirty-four singles from the **TACLOBAN, CATBALOGAN** and **LILOAN, Philippines**, churches attended a dinner and dance Saturday evening, Aug. 30, at the Red Cross Conference Hall in Tacloban.

Felipe Casing, pastor of the three churches, and his wife, Trinidad, were host and hostess for the evening's activities. Arturo Reyes, a Tacloban deacon, conducted a lecture on table etiquette and social graces. Gorgonio de Guia, a Catbalogan local church elder, was a special guest.

The meal was served by seven Church youths and young adults. The evening was capped off with an hour of ballroom dancing and parlor games.

Sunday, Aug. 31, the group attended a beach outing at MacArthur Landing at Palo, Philippines. Activities included a softball game and a lunch of fish, chili, rice, bananas and peanuts. *Sergio Molo Jr.*

Philippine singles meet for weekend

Twenty-eight **DAVAO, Philippines**, singles gathered for a weekend of activities Aug. 16 and 17.

Saturday evening, Aug. 16, the group watched a videotape of the 1982 Young Ambassadors film at the home of Church members Benjamin and Amelia Manalo.

Sunday morning after breakfast the group went to Gap Farms, an orchard and park. Activities there included a sing-along, volleyball, games and a park tour. Victor Lim, pastor of the Davao, Kidapaman and Nabunturan, churches, arrived at noon to conduct a Bible study. *Jing Concepcion*.



CONQUERING A MOUNTAIN — Teens from the Boston, Mass., church pause on New Hampshire's Mt. Monadnock during their climb Aug. 17.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Tina's story: A girl who keeps her blessings clearly in focus

By William Butler

A monk placed in a monastery was told he had to live an austere life. He could not have any visitors and he was permitted to speak only two words every 10 years.

William Butler, a local elder, assists evangelist Richard Rice in supervising the Church's telephone response section.

After the first 10 years he went to see the head abbot. The abbot asked him, "What are your two words?" Evidently the monk was having trouble sleeping, because he answered, "Bed's hard."

Ten years later he again went to see the abbot. This time his two words were, "Food's bad."

After 10 more years he came before the abbot. His two words were, "I quit."

The abbot replied: "Well, you might as well! You've been complaining ever since you got here!"

Most of us complain a lot more frequently than that, don't we? It is human to complain. Complaining comes from focusing on ourselves and thinking negatively instead of positively.

An example of optimism

Reprinted below with permission are excerpts from an article that appeared years ago in the Pasadena *Star-News* about a courageous girl who learned to be positive.

"Tina Michelle Carter Porter, 8th-grade student-body president at Altadena's [Calif.] Elliot Junior High School, tries hard to be like other 15-year-old girls.

"She waged a rigorous election campaign by recruiting a small army of friends to plaster the school corridors with posters proclaiming 'Small But Powerful' and 'Another Carter for President.'

"And when the vote came in, the plucky blue-eyed blonde was overwhelmed to learn she'd won by a landslide, but her victory is infinitesimal in contrast to other triumphs in her life.

"Because in one big way, Tina is different. 'My disease has to do with fragile bones,' Tina says, wheeling into the family room of her home on a fur-lined wooden crawler like those used by auto mechanics to creep under cars. Lying flat on her back, pushing her tiny feet across the floor, the 32-inch, 29-pound teen navigates the crawler around the floor with the skill of a veteran race-car driver.

"Born with osteogenesis imperfecta . . . a rare bone disease with only 200 reported cases in the U.S., Tina was abandoned in the first few weeks of life. In Downey [Calif.] Hospital where she spent the first year of her life, the sign at the foot of her bed warned, 'Do not touch, very fragile.'

"Only one specially trained nurse was allowed to handle the premature infant, yet even with the most delicate handling she suffered 30 broken bones and numerous other fractures before her first birthday."

Tina is the smallest child afflicted with the disease who has lived. "It's a remarkable thing," Tina said. "I could have died anytime between one and five years. It's a mira-

cle I've lived this long, but each year I get stronger."

It took an unselfish couple to adopt this girl. Tina was a four-pound, 15-inch, year-old baby in a half-body cast, and the new mother had to "carry her around on a pillow. She was so fragile, just the fold in a blanket could break a bone," Tina's adoptive mother said.

Tina experienced a lot of successes in life by the time she was 15 years old. And she has more to come. "My goal is to walk. I'm gonna learn. I'd love to dance and ice skate; ski, sky dive, run at the beach and do all the dangerous things that normal people can do," she said.

"Tina's brand of positive thinking and optimism," said the *Star-News* article, "is a gift to her way of thinking. 'I think since God didn't make me walk, He gave me other things to replace it. . . He gave me extra talents and sometimes I amaze myself. Like when I came home president.'"

Think positively

This young woman is not in God's Church, but she is cheerful, ambitious and positive about life. She has learned to accentuate the positive aspects of her life in spite of her handicap. She doesn't complain about her situation. Can we say the same about ourselves?

The main reason we complain is we focus on our troubles and problems instead of on our blessings.

One man in God's Church recently sat down and made a list of all his problems, troubles, woes and griefs. He filled 2½ pages with one problem on each line.

How sad! Because what we think upon grows, concentrating on our problems will only form harmful attitudes and a negative outlook on life. What this man should have done was to sit down with several sheets of paper and to list all his blessings.

Always content

The old song "Count Your Blessings" sounds sentimental, but some of the lyrics carry important advice: Count your blessings, name them one by one,

Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

Philippians 4:6-8 gives the same admonition. Paul tells us to think on good, uplifting, positive things. Then he shows that we need to learn to be content regardless of the state or circumstances we are in (verses 11-12).

Have you heard this saying: "Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of how much you already have?" Often we complain and are discontented because we don't fully appreciate our blessings. We compare ourselves with those who have more than we do, or with those who appear not to have the same problems in life.

A Persian proverb poignantly gives the perspective we need: "I murmured because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet." Even little Tina Carter Porter looks at life this way. She feels it is a miracle that she is alive. She is thankful for her talents and uses them. Her debilities haven't dampened her

spirits or stopped her from pursuing goals.

Pray for others

Instead of focusing on our own problems, we should recognize the needs of others and pray for them. We can be thankful that we don't have to endure heartrending trials like those of one man who wrote to the Mail Processing Center:

"I have many terrible afflictions . . . a heart ailment that could kill me at any time, leukemia and I'm recovering from a stroke. I had an operation on my arms not too long ago that left me with very little strength in them. I can barely lift them.

"The most tragic problem of all, my wife, who is also suffering from a painful heart problem, came out of the bathroom this morning. She was unsteady on her feet. I noticed that there were burn marks around her mouth. I said, 'Honey, you've committed suicide, haven't you?' She nodded 'Yes.'

"You see, she couldn't speak because she had just drunk ammonia and it had burned away her vocal cords. She stepped towards me and collapsed. . . But I couldn't hold her because of the recent operation on my arms, so she fell. Would you please pray for me?"

That's all he asked of us — "Pray for me."



A WINNER — Despite a crippling bone disease, Tina Carter Porter beat overwhelming odds on the way to some outstanding victories. [Illustration by Ken Tunell]

What do we find ourselves complaining about? Men, do you complain because your dinner is a little cold when you come home? Or your car isn't nice enough? Women, do you complain that your apartment or house isn't what you want? Are we thankful for our health?

When was the last time we thanked God for our eyesight?

Do we take for granted our ability to read and write? Many people can't. Are we thankful that we can be educated from the Bible, the written Word of God?

Do we spend much of our prayer time thanking our Creator for everything He has given us? If we remain in a thankful attitude, we won't be complaining.

Count your blessings

Of all people on earth, Christians

have the least reason to complain! God tells us, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us" (I Corinthians 2:9-10).

We have the privilege of understanding the meaning of life. We know the magnificent future that lies ahead. We know we can qualify to rule as kings and priests with Christ in the soon-coming Kingdom of God. Do we think on these things?

The next time you catch yourself complaining, remember little Tina Carter Porter and the man whose wife committed suicide. Remember the precious gift of your calling. Then sit down and count your blessings!

Teach your children to pray

You can make it a family affair

By Donald Hooser

What do you consider your most important family activity? For those who know God's truth, two are essential: family prayer and Bible study.

Family prayer and Bible study can be the most gratifying, inspiring and profitable of our day-to-day experiences. Even a husband and wife in the Church who have no children should have family prayer and Bible study, but God certainly holds those with children accountable for their children to build a relationship with God.

Donald Hooser pastors the Ada and Lawton, Okla., churches.

Some neglect it. How sad! We must "seek first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33) and teach our children to do likewise.

This article concentrates on family prayer. Through it we teach our children to talk to and rely on their Creator.

Set the example

The main way children learn is by imitating the examples of others, whether good or bad. Parents are their main role models. So, first, don't try to hide your personal prayer, Bible study and fasting from your children. Children learn what is important by seeing what is important to you. And your actions speak louder than words. They can soon see for themselves whether you are seeking God's Kingdom first.

Children will not automatically

know how to pray just because they get older. Even Jesus' disciples had to ask, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).

Jesus taught us not to use memorized prayers and vain repetition. The disciples learned to pray partly by occasionally hearing Jesus pray. Children should learn to pray by hearing their parents pray. Then they should get plenty of practice when their turns come.

There are so many things to teach by your example in prayer: concern for God's Church, thankfulness, humility and compassion for others among them.

Begin teaching how to pray as soon as a child is old enough to talk. At first, ask him or her to closely follow your lead as you pray together. Lead him or her a phrase at a time through a simple prayer.

As children get older, they will start thinking of things to add on their own. Soon, a child will learn to just talk with God, which is what prayer is. Always be respectful of a child's efforts.

You should, of course, pray at every meal when one person gives God thanks on behalf of the family. But besides this, you should also pray to God as a family, when all kneel down and usually everyone takes a turn praying, starting with the father. This should be a regular activity.

Before going to bed is a good time. What a great way to end the day! Family prayer includes those too young to pray on their own.

When you are tired at the end of the day, it is tempting to pray a

short, silent prayer alone. When praying together, you are motivated to set a good example for the rest by praying an audible, more heartfelt prayer. And others will think of what you forget.

In fact, the humble, refreshing prayers of your children will teach you more about how to pray. Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

Family prayer

Some feel embarrassed to pray in front of the family. But why should anyone be? Are you ashamed to let someone hear you talk to God? God will be ashamed of you! Pray to quickly overcome this.

You'll find that before or after prayer is a good time for family discussion, perhaps about some of the events of the day. With family prayer, you teach your children to pray and make sure they pray each day. Few family activities are as rewarding as prayer. You are drawing closer to each other and closer to God at the same time. Surely, as the old saying goes, the family that prays together stays together. And stays with God!

The prayers of children are sweet, touching and refreshing. They are a joy for parents to hear and surely a joy for God to hear. As a parent, you'll be continually inspired and think often of what Jesus said in Matthew 21:16: "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou has perfected praise."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALLEN, David and May (North), of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Jennifer Louise, Aug. 3, 11:32 a.m., 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 5 boys, 1 girl.

AVEND, Brad and Heather (Stankiewicz), of Tehachap, Calif., girl, Chelsea Rose, Aug. 17, 5:45 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

BLANKS, Randy and Debra (Lewis), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Byron Daniel, June 15, 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

CARLSON, Steve and Holly (Marcum), of Beach, N.D., girl, DiAnn LaRue, Sept. 3, 11:38 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

COOPER, Phillip and Susan (Fox), of Eastbourne, England, boy, John Frank, Aug. 27, 5:01 p.m., 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

ELLIOTT, Gerry and Rosemarie (Magee), of Glasgow, Scotland, Cheryl, Aug. 16, 11:16 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

FOUST, Douglas and Enola (Richardson), of Princeton, W.Va., boy, Nathan Douglas, July 18, 6:54 a.m., 3 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

GREENE, Kent L. and Vicki J. (Carran), of Federal Way, Wash., boy, Ryan Kent, Aug. 22, 9:43 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

HAWKINS, Ronnie and Lori (McCure), of Nashville, Tenn., girl, Samantha Danielle, July 14, 9:10 p.m., 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOLZ, Steve and Lynn (Erickson), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Lindsey Elise, June 12, 7:02 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

JUHAN, Allen and Rhonda (Harden), of Stone Mountain, Ga., girl, Brielle Hardin, July 23, 12:29 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

KEBFORD, David and Carolyn (Kasmerski), of Erie, Pa., boy, Benjamin David, March 25, 2:49 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

KINSELA, Owen and Gayle (Corney), of Lake Moogerah, Australia, boy, Nathan Gene, Aug. 25, 7:45 p.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LAPERRE, Joseph and Jacqueline (Mason), of Butler, Pa., girl, Anna Catherine, March 26, 11:26 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 5 boys, 1 girl.

MACLELLAN, Stephen and Dianne (Mullholland), of Toronto, Ont., boy, David Ian, Aug. 16, 11:10 a.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

MCMASTER, Timothy and Christina (Ullrick), of Denver, Colo., girl, Jessica Rae, Aug. 1, 4:35 a.m., 8 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

OCKERT, Walter and Frances (Herring), of John, Mo., twin boy and girl, John Franklin and Christina Ann, Aug. 23, 1:15 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces and 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

POWERS, Keith and Jerris (Oliver), of Greensboro, N.C., girl, Amber Nichol, Aug. 1, 11:38 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROGERS, Michael and Melody (Mendoza), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Michelle Christine, June 18, 5:29 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SCHUTZ, John and Annette (Branch), of Adelaide, Australia, girl, Janasa Maree, July 21, 1:47 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

SCAVANOS, Charles and Deborah (Gibbons), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Elise Beth, Aug. 15, 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

TIBSHIRANI, Anthony and Linda (Bernard), of Montreal, Que., girl, Alyssa Ashley, Aug. 9, 8:58 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

WILLIAMS, Evan and Kathy (Brunz), of Marion, N.C., girl, Ginger Katherine, Aug. 27, 4:53 a.m., 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin B. Wills of Columbus Ga. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Robin to John Mabry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott W. Mabry of Troy, N.C. A Nov. 30 wedding in Columbus is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN BONIELLO

Stephen P. Boniello and Theresa V. Dzadzio were united in marriage July 13 in Yorkers, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by David Pack, associate pastor of the Westchester, Manhattan, Nassau and Suffolk, N.Y., churches. The matron of honor was Irene Dzadzio, sister of the bride, and the best man was Edward Torzani. The couple reside in Peekskill, N.Y.



MR. AND MRS. HUGH CARTON

Hugh Carton, a local church elder in the Ballymena,

Northern Ireland, church, and Eleanor McCormick were united in marriage July 31 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. John Jewell, pastor of the Ballymena, Belfast and Craigavon, Northern Ireland, churches, performed the ceremony.



MR. AND MRS. KEITH OLSON

Congratulations to Keith and Valerie (Conrad) Olson of the Ottawa, Ont., church on their 15th wedding anniversary Sept. 5. May your future be as happy and exciting as your first 15 years together. Keith and Audrey Conrad.

Happy first anniversary, Mickey. This has been the most wonderful year of my life. I love you. With much love, Linda.

To my dearest Stephen. Thank you very much for the happy wonderful days we shared for four years of marriage. I appreciate you, Happy anniversary Oct. 24. From Steve and Beth.

To Edwin and Rose Fajardo of the Quezon City, Philippines, church. Happy fifth anniversary Oct. 4. From Steve and Beth.

To Awe and Neil Matranio — Happy fourth anniversary Oct. 9. From Steve and Beth.

Happy sixth anniversary, darling, Sept. 14. These have truly been the most wonderful and fulfilling years of my life. Thank you for sharing them with me and for making them possible. Let us keep on working together, and with God's help the next six years will be even more rewarding and joyful. Love is eternal. Yours every day, Marge. Hugs and kisses from your little Melissa too.

Happy 12th anniversary Sept. 17 to my husband, Jim. I thank God for sending you into my life to be shared through eternity. Love, your wife, Laura.

Happy anniversary, Sept. 21, to my beautiful wife, Cindy. Thank you for 10 wonderful years together and for our two precious little girls. Nothing can compare with the joy you and our daughters bring to me. Of all God's blessings I'm able to see you and our daughters are most precious to me. I'll love you forever, Charles.

Congratulations and best wishes to Ted and Edith Jones on your 40th anniversary Oct. 8 from the Gloucester congregation.

Happy 10th anniversary, Aug. 28 to Dave and Sharon Wilcraft of the Davenport, Iowa, church. From Robert.

MR. AND MRS. DERRICK SMITH

Derrick Keith Smith, son of Andrew D. Smith of Cocoa, Fla., and Sheila Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Price of Manchester, Ky., were united in marriage May 25. The ceremony, performed by Russell Duke, a preaching elder and Big Sandy Ambassador College faculty member, took place on the Big Sandy campus. Jan Holladay was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple reside in Merritt Island, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. MAURAY GANTER

Joanne Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Miller, and Mauray Ganter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ganter, both of Auckland, New Zealand, were united in marriage Jan. 26 in Auckland. The ceremony was performed by Peter Nathan, regional director for the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific. Michelle Miller, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Greg Ganter, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple attend the Auckland.



MR. AND MRS. LARRY CRITTENDEN

Bobbi Rousell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rousell of the Loyalistmear, Sask. church, and Larry Crittenden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Crittenden of Simpson, Sask., were united in marriage June 29. The ceremony was performed in Labadie Gardens in Saskatoon, Sask. by Maurice Yurkic, now pastor of the North Battleford, Sask., and Bonnyville, Alta., churches. The couple attend the Saskatoon church.

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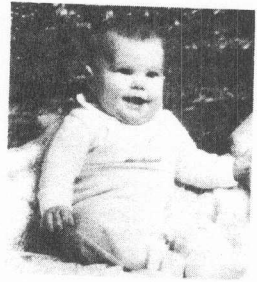
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senior brethren. Ice cream and watermelon were served after a potluck.

The Jacksons were married Aug. 22, 1922. Mrs. Jackson was baptized in 1961, and Mr. Jackson in 1963. The Jacksons have attended the Big Sandy and Longview, Tex., churches, and now attend the Shreveport church. Mr. Jackson is a retired carpenter, and Mrs. Jackson is a former schoolteacher.

The Jacksons have one daughter, Rhodeter Mitchell; four grandchildren, James Mitchell, Sherry Williams, and Kerregis Mitchell of Coshatta and Mary Collins of Baltimore, Md., all of whom are Church members, and seven great-grandchildren.

tumwa, Iowa, church. Funeral services were conducted by Robert Cloning, pastor of the Ottumwa and Des Moines, Iowa, churches.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Lula Rosie Golsom, 50, died in her sleep Aug. 19. She was baptized in June, 1984, and attended services in Montgomery.

Mrs. Golsom is survived by her husband, three sons and two daughters. Funeral services were conducted at the Mullard Chapel AME church by Ralph Orr, pastor of the Montgomery and Evergreen, Ala., churches.

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio — Homer L. Peoples Jr., 56, died Sept. 8 after an eight-month illness. He attended the Chillicothe church.

Mr. Peoples is survived by his mother, Irene Peoples; his wife, Joanne, a Church member; a daughter, Deborah, a Church member; two sons, Sonny and Jeffrey; a sister, Irene Lewis; two brothers, Virgil and Jerry; and twin grandsons.

Graveside services were conducted Sept. 10 in the Floral Hills Memory Gardens by Kenneth Christopher, a minister in the Chillicothe church.

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — Martin C. Miller, 98, died Aug. 23 after an almost 3 1/2-year stay at Humboldt General Hospital. Mr. Miller was baptized in 1969 and attended the Carlin, Nev., church until his admission to the hospital.

Mr. Miller was born in Blue Island, Ill., and lived in Winnemucca for the last 60 years. He was a retired telegrapher and agent for the Western Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Miller is survived by two sons, five daughters, six grandsons, one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were conducted in Sparks, Nev., by Randy Schreiber, pastor of the Reno and Battle Mountain, Nev., churches.

NEW BRAUNFELS, Tex. — Omar J. Crabill, 65, died July 25 of cancer. He was baptized in 1963 and attended the San Antonio, Tex., church.

Mr. Crabill is survived by his wife, Gladys, a Church member since 1970; two daughters, Esther Heath of Austin, Tex., and Anita Jennings of Houston, Tex., both Church members; three grandsons; his mother; three sisters; and one brother.

Funeral services were conducted July 28 by Gregory Sargent, pastor of the San Antonio East and West and Uvalde, Tex., churches.

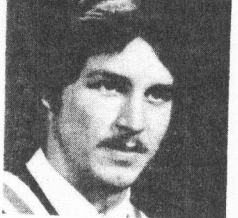
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Flora Dunkle, 46, died Aug. 28 after a long illness. She was baptized in 1983 and attended the Columbus A.M. church.

Mrs. Dunkle is survived by a son, Frank, a student at Big Sandy Ambassador College; a daughter, Tina Barrett; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by John Amos, associate pastor of the Columbus A.M. and P.M. churches.

Obituaries

EDMONTON, Alta. — Donald "Lonnie" Schafers, 24, died instantly Aug. 8 in a truck accident.



EDMONTON, ALTA. — DONALD SCHAFERS

Mr. Schafers is survived by his wife, Debbie, a Church member; one daughter, Lindsey; one son, Cody; his parents, Herman and Marian Schafers; and three brothers, Shane and his wife, Judy, Darren and his wife, Val, and Elben, all Church members.

Funeral services were conducted Aug. 13 by Robert Berendt, then pastor of the Edmonton South church.

SALEM, Ore. — Nathaniel W. Spinney, 15 1/2 months, died at home of unknown causes Sept. 1.

Nathaniel is survived by his parents, Bill and Susan Spinney; one sister, Heather; grandparents John and Julia Hall of Salem; and great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Wargnier and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hall, all of Salem. Nathaniel's mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs. Wargnier, are Church members.

LA PLATA, Mo. — Alden Wellington Buck, 87, died Aug. 18 at the Kirksville, Mo., Care Center. He was born Nov. 19, 1899, and lived all of his life on the farm where he was raised.

Mr. Buck, one of 12 children, is survived by one brother and two sisters. He was baptized by a minister of the Church of God (Seventh Day) and had the laying on of hands by the ministry of the Worldwide Church of God in 1962. He attended the Ot-

Department still has new ideas after three decades of growth

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA — In 1956 the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong "asked Dr. [Benjamin L.] Rea to form a Spanish Department with the intent of carrying, as Mr. Armstrong put it, Christ's Gospel to the Spanish-speaking world at that time," said evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas and director of the Spanish Department.

The department began in Pasadena with one full-time employee, Dr. Rea, and one part-time employee, Mr. Walker, who was an Ambassador College student.

The Spanish Department moved to Big Sandy in 1965. In the early years Ambassador College students and members in the Big Sandy congregation donated hours to help move the work in Spanish areas forward. Some volunteered as many as 25 hours a week. Today the department has 19 full-time employees and eight student employees.

"We had one manual typewriter with some sort of gadget on it to jus-

tify the right-hand margins, and that was the equipment that we had in those days," Mr. Walker said.

Today the Spanish Department uses modern equipment, including editing the Church's mainframe computer, typesetting system and personal computers.

Mr. Walker supervises the ministry and churches in Spanish-speaking areas. The Spanish Department's operation includes editing translated copy and circulation of the work's publications in Spanish, promotion and media, mail processing, personal correspondence and maintenance of the Spanish member and subscriber files on computer.

"It's like a mini-work," said Alec Surratt, mail processing supervisor and 17-year department employee.

Mr. Surratt's wife, Donna, who has worked in the office for seven years, is assistant mail processing supervisor.

Scattered members

Writing to the Spanish Department is the first contact some people have with the Church "especially in areas where there is no church. Sometimes brethren have no contact with other brethren except from Feast to Feast," Mr. Surratt said.

"We take so much for granted," Mr. Surratt said. "Some of the brethren live in remote areas and are very much alone.

"It's inspiring to see someone come along just through letters. It's almost like having a child and watching him grow. It's very much a hands-on experience," said Mr. Surratt.

Don Walls, managing editor for the Spanish *Plain Truth* or *La Pura Verdad* (PV), has worked for the department 15 years. He was hired as a typesetter his sophomore year at Big Sandy Ambassador College.

"Everything was done by hand then and there wasn't the luxury of specialization," Mr. Walls said. "Everyone worked in every area. Though we've acquired technology that camaraderie is still there."

Most of the full-time people have had personal contact with the Spanish-speaking brethren. Many of them have attended Spanish Feast sites, Mr. Walls said.

"Mr. Walker encourages us to go to the Spanish sites," said Keith Speaks, PV circulation manager. "There is a shortage of manpower because there are 10 Feast sites and only 21 ministers."

Mr. Speaks has worked in the department 13 years. "There were only about 100 members and two or three ministers then. Now there are 10 times that many. Looking back, though, the number of people working in the department is about the same. Technology helps us get so much more done, and better organization has made a difference, too," he said.

Mr. Speaks said: "Mr. Walker is open to ideas and to new technology. He has a good sense of humor



NOW AND THEN — Evangelist Leon Walker (left), pictured with his wife, Reba, is director of the Spanish Department; right: a photo from the late 1950s shows Mr. Walker and Benjamin Rea (seated), the first director of the Spanish Department. [Photos courtesy of Photo Files]

and is easy to work with. The department has really pulled together in the past few years."

"It is satisfying to work in an area that handles everything from start to finish, and it's very inspiring to meet the people God used you to help bring in," Mr. Speaks said. "It isn't hard to think of the people you've seen grow from someone you pass on the street to someone sitting next to you in church services."

Onward and upward

Mr. Walker said the department

has shown a pattern of upward growth over the years. "In one sense it's sad we don't have a lot of records and memorabilia from the early years of the department, but on the other hand, we shouldn't be focusing on looking back but on looking forward.

"We don't plan to just hold things where they are. We have new ideas, fresh ideas for continuing to carry the Gospel to the Spanish-speaking world as God directs Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach," Mr. Walker said.

Growth in Spanish areas

Countries served:	23
<i>La Pura Verdad</i> subscribers:	217,495
<i>Spanish Good News</i> subscribers:	19,902
Churches:	25
Bible studies:	9
Feast sites:	10
Members:	1,246
Ministers:	21
Ministerial trainees:	4
Co-workers:	2,397
Donors:	2,974
Correspondence Course students:	10,571

The Work in Spanish Areas

1956 — Benjamin Rea establishes the Spanish Department in Pasadena at Herbert W. Armstrong's request.

March 24 to 30, 1957 — The booklets, *The Plain Truth About Christmas* and *Does God Exist?* are published in Spanish.

December, 1958 — The first Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course lesson is translated into Spanish.

May, 1958 — *The World Tomorrow* (*El Mundo de Manana*) broadcast first airs in Spanish on Radio La Cronica in Lima, Peru, with Dr. Rea as broadcaster.

1959 — Generosa Lopez de Rios, the first Spanish member outside the United States, is baptized.

1960 — The Spanish Department moves to the Bricket Wood, England, campus of Ambassador College.

1965 — Dr. Rea dies at age 42 after suffering from acute high blood pressure and heart trouble. The department moves to the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus.

1967 — Pablo Gonzalez, now pastor of the San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Barquisimeto, Venezuela, churches, becomes the new voice of *El Mundo de Manana*. A Church office opens in Mexico City, Mexico.

February, 1968 — The first Spanish *Plain Truth* (*La Pura Verdad*) is published in Big Sandy. Advertising begins in *Reader's Digest* and continues until 1971.

1969 — The first church in South America is raised up in Santiago, Chile. The first Feast of Tabernacles in a Spanish-speaking country takes place in Chile.

August, 1972 — The Spanish Department moves to Pasadena.

November, 1973 — Walter Dickinson becomes director of the Spanish Department.

1976 — The first church in Central America is raised up in San Salvador, El Salvador.

January, 1976 — U.S. (including Puerto Rico) *Pura Verdad* newsstand program begins.

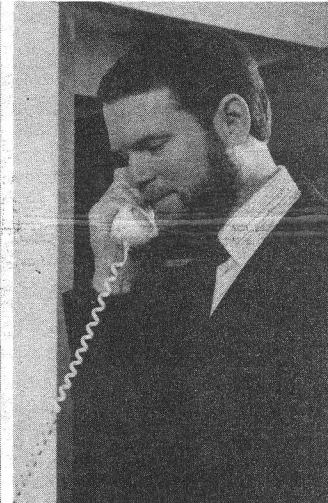
November, 1979 — Evangelist Leon Walker becomes director of the Spanish Department. Mr. Walker worked with Dr. Rea in the department from 1956, when he was a sophomore at Pasadena Ambassador College, until 1965.

January, 1981 — All ministers from Spanish-speaking areas attend the Ministerial Refreshing Program, the first time they assemble in one place.

March, 1982 — The first Spanish *Good News* is published.

April, 1984 — *Pura Verdad* circulation exceeds 200,000.

1985 — The department receives its 2,500,000th piece of mail.



LONGTIME EMPLOYEES — Left: Alec Surratt, assisted by his wife, Donna, is mail processing supervisor; above: Don Walls is managing editor of the Church's publications in Spanish; below: department employees gather for a photograph. [Photos by Hal Finch and courtesy of the Spanish Department]



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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Carlos Montoya returned to Ambassador Auditorium Sept. 28 to open Ambassador Foundation's Guitar subscription series. The 83-year-old flamenco guitarist shared the stage with an overflow crowd in his sold-out Sunday night performance.

Following the printed program except for two changes announced before his recital began, Mr. Montoya performed a variety of Spanish melodies and rhythms.

Flamenco music was originated by Spanish Gypsies to accompany a rhythmic dance style of the same name. Mr. Montoya is a Spanish Gypsy. Born in Madrid, Spain, in 1903, Mr. Montoya first began to play the guitar at age 8, encouraged and coached by his mother. He was also influenced by his uncle, Ramon Montoya, a flamenco guitarist of that time.

As is customary in his recitals, Mr. Montoya created as he went along Sunday evening, playing only his own arrangements and original compositions based on Spanish Gypsy tradition. Though he does not read music, the master guitarist has had many of his works published. His *Suite Flamenca* for guitar and symphony orchestra was first performed with the St. Louis, Mo., Symphony in 1966.

Amid a standing ovation and "bravos" shouted from the audience, Mr. Montoya returned to the stage to play one encore. After he finished, his audience stood again, applauding as he left the stage.

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PASADENA — The instrumental group Klezmerim returned to the Ambassador Auditorium Sept. 27 to inaugurate the Ambassador Foundation's Pops A Series, according to Wayne Shilkret, Performing Arts director.

"The group has made innumerable tours and achieved vast popularity, including sold-out appearances at Carnegie Hall [in New York City] and on previous visits to Ambassador," Mr. Shilkret said.

The group performed a blend of jazz, folk and classical music, peppered with antic humor before an appreciative Ambassador audience that filled the Auditorium to capacity, according to Mr. Shilkret.

The six-member ensemble, based in San Francisco, Calif., was founded in 1975 by its leader, Lev Liberman. Mr. Liberman, who plays soprano and alto saxophone, was joined by Kevin Linscott on trombone; Donald Thornton, tuba; Ken Bergmann, percussion; Christopher Leaf, trumpet; and Benjamin Goldberg, clarinet.

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PASADENA — To increase awareness of *The World Tomorrow*, call letters of stations airing the telecast are being printed on receipts sent out from Pasadena, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

The receipts show the airing times for the closest stations, based on the zip code of the subscriber's address, Mr. Wright said. Weekly updates of stations and airing times are sent to Publishing from Media Services.

"We are trying to increase awareness of the telecast wherever possible," said Mr. Wright. Many subscribers and contributors are not aware of the telecast, he added.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach approved the expansion of the program to include other Church literature, Mr. Wright said.

PASADENA — About 35 U.S. Festival business managers and assistants met here Sept. 23 and 24 to discuss procedures for the 1986 Feast, according to Fred Stevens, manager of the Accounting Department.

According to Allen Dance, assistant to Mr. Stevens, evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, spoke to the group and "exhorted us to support the coordinator, that we were there to serve the Church and to set a good example."

In addition to lecture sessions, workshops were conducted on petty cash, payment, deposit, general office procedures and sales at the Ambassador College student booths.

"This is the first year we've had workshops," said Mr. Dance. "We

have several new business managers, and the workshops gave them hands-on experience."

"We also went through a simulation run of a Holy Day offering," said Mr. Dance. "They observed the various steps in processing Festival offerings, from separating envelopes and tabulation to endorsing checks and checking for accuracy."

Michael Guidolin, an accounting supervisor in the Church's Vancouver, B.C., Regional Office and business manager for the Niagara Falls, N.Y., Feast site also attended.

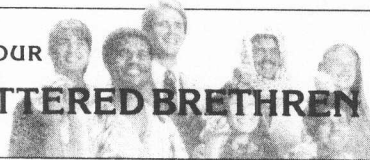
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PASADENA — Some Church members do not have access to the *World Tomorrow* telecast because they do not own a television set.

But the telecast can be heard over multiband radios that receive the audio portion of television broadcasts as well as regular radio broadcasts, according to Garland Snuffer, supervisor of Radio Production.

Brethren may also want to consider buying a less-expensive black and white or used television.

FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN



Beginning with this issue, The Worldwide News begins a new column, "From Our Scattered Brethren." This column will contain human-interest items reported by the ministry about churches and brethren around the world.

Growth and development, trials and adversities, all will be covered, in this new column you will find both things to thank God for and to ask His intervention in. You will see how your prayers are being answered around the world. "From Our Scattered Brethren" replaces "International Desk."

PASADENA — In the aftermath of severe strife in Uganda in the past few years, the Church's Borehamwood, England, Office hoped for a regular Feast of Tabernacles there.

"Unfortunately, there has been somewhat of a backlash in the area where most of our members live," according to David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa in the Borehamwood Office.

Mr. Stirk was speaking of the eastern region of Uganda, near the

cities of Tororo and Jinja, near the Kenyan border.

"It seems that those who are now in power are from the western region and there is a degree of revenge being exacted on those in the east," he continued.

Ministers have been cautioned about staying overnight there, and the British Office determined it unsafe to conduct the Festival in Uganda this year.

"Instead, our members have been invited to attend the Feast in Mombasa [Kenya], assistance being provided by the British Office to transport them there," Mr. Stirk said.

Members alive and well

During the years of trouble in Uganda, two Church members living in the west were unable to make contact with the Church, according to Mr. Stirk.

"We had no way of knowing whether they had been caught up in the strife that was troubling that part of the country or what trouble and duress they were facing," he said.

"Contact has now been made with them, and they are both well and safe and were delivered through all the troubles of their region," Mr. Stirk continued. "It is encouraging

to see how God does deliver His people," Mr. Stirk said and referred to Psalm 34:19 and Psalm 91:7.

Food poisoning

John Andrews, assistant to Owen Willis, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches, visited Tororo to conduct Sabbath services in July.

But he got food poisoning from a meal he ate Friday evening and was unable to speak. Mr. Andrews made contact with brethren the next day and delivered announcements.

"These kinds of difficulties are not at all uncommon in Africa, where standards of sanitation and hygiene leave much to be desired," said Mr. Stirk. "I am sure all our ministers in Africa would appreciate your prayers on their behalf in this area."

Groups contact Church

Mr. Stirk also reported that two organizations in Nigeria "have acknowledged that we are the Church of God and have requested that a minister of the Church be sent to teach them."

The groups basically use Church literature to direct them in their religious lives, he said.

"From time to time, our ministers in Africa come across groups like this who have taken their instruction from the work's literature," Mr. Stirk explained.

One of the Nigerian groups has more than 4,000 members.

"You can begin to imagine the work load if all of these people are truly being called by God," Mr. Stirk remarked. "This is probably not the case, however, but there will

undoubtedly be many who truly are seeking God and His way out of this number."

Nigerian minister

Adebayo Ogunlase, a local church elder in the Lagos, Nigeria, church, was named to the full-time ministry, according to Mr. Stirk. This change was made April 13 in the wake of the death of Elijah Chukwudi, associate pastor of the Lagos, Benin City and Owerri, Nigeria, churches.

Mr. Ogunlase was employed as office manager of the Lagos office, "but the needs of the Church now demand that his time is spent entirely with the members and prospective members," Mr. Stirk explained.

Mr. Ogunlase, 45, and his wife, Grace, have four children. Mr. Ogunlase was ordained in 1983.

Dapo Adebayo, a member who attends the Lagos church, was appointed the new Lagos office manager. Mr. Adebayo, an accountant, worked for a firm of chartered accountants in Nigeria and has industrial accounting experience as well, Mr. Stirk said.

Greek newsstands

The *Plain Truth* newsstand program in Greece distributes about 1,200 magazines a month. Michael Moschidis, who looks after the newsstand program in Greece, reports that the magazines are picked up by young people, by students or teachers at language institutions and other educated individuals.



1986 ENVOY — Ric McNair (left), art director for Academic Publications in Pasadena, and Aubrey Warren (center), editor of the 1986 *Envoy*, check color on the *Envoy* with Tom Imming, account executive, at Hunter Publishing Co. in Winston-Salem, N.C., Sept. 9. [Photo by Michael A. Snyder]

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