

Sky Channel viewers respond: Europe 'hungry for the Gospel'

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA — The first nine programs aired on Sky Channel, Europe's largest satellite television station, brought in 651 responses, according to evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs. Sky Channel began airing the English-language *World Tomorrow* telecast Sept. 21.

Mr. Hulme, speaking to regional directors, department heads and other personnel in Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's conference room Nov. 26, said that Sky Channel has the greatest impact in the Netherlands, "and that's purely because they have the largest number of cable connections at the moment."

According to Bram de Bree, Dutch regional director, the Netherlands is "the most densely

cabled country in Europe."

At the same meeting, Nov. 26, evangelist Frank Brown, British regional director, said, "Sky Channel is the first that's really taken hold on a widespread basis in Europe, and the satellite footprint covers all of Europe."

"These people are writing letters," said Mr. Hulme. "They're not using phone lines."

"The kinds of letters that we're getting are also very interesting," he continued. "Positive things are coming back from all over Europe."

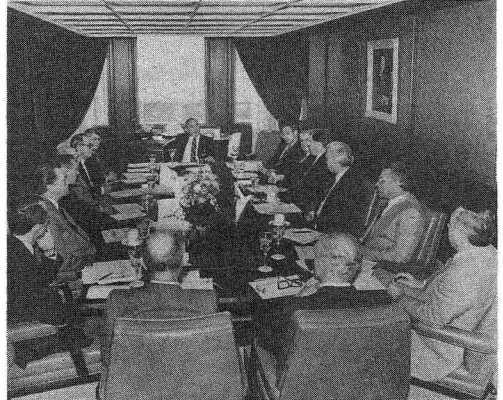
One letter read: "We've seen that Europe is very hungry for the message of the gospel. Please take this into consideration as you plan further programs."

"The advent of satellite- and cable-distributed television is dramatically changing Europe," ac-

ording to Mr. Hulme. "We know Europe is a target for us. We know we have something to say there. It's about to happen. The doors are opening."

"We're in a building process here. The next thing we will do is negotiate with Sky Channel for a better time." The telecast airs at midnight in Britain and at 1 a.m. Sunday mornings in most European countries.

"A lot of other opportunities in Europe will develop between now and 1989," said Mr. Hulme, indicating that 1987 will be "a year of strategy... deciding how we're going to go ahead."



ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach presides at a media meeting analyzing growth through 1990 with regional directors, department heads and other personnel in Mr. Tkach's conference room Nov. 26. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Authorization and certification

Campuses get states' approvals

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA — Since the Feast of Tabernacles, the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses of Ambassador College each received authorization and certification to continue operating as degree-granting institutions.

The Pasadena campus was authorized to operate as a California degree-granting school of theology, according to evangelist Raymond F. McNair, deputy chancellor.

The authorization came after representatives of the California State Department of Education visited the campus Nov. 13 to verify Ambassador College's application for authorization by the state.

Mr. McNair said that the State of California has updated its Education Code.

"Under the new regulations all authorized institutions in the state must be visited by a team impaneled by the superintendent of Public Instruction," said William Stenger, registrar for the Pasadena campus.

Education Department officials looked at institutional objectives, administrative methods, the curriculum, faculty, physical facilities, administrative personnel, tuition, admission standards, scholastic regulations, degrees offered and financial stability, Mr. McNair said.

Their purpose was "to see if the college conformed with our representation," said Ralph Helge, the Church's legal counsel. "They were checking to see if all was as we said."

"Several times during our discussions the officials made statements to the effect that it was obvious we were amply qualified to be authorized by the state," Mr. McNair said.

New classification

Mr. McNair explained that in the past the Department of Education used three sections to categorize colleges and universities. Section A is accreditation; section B applies when the superintendent has approved the institution; and section C is authorization to operate. This year a fourth section, section D, was added. Section D is authorization to operate as a school of theology. Am-

bassador College has operated under what was section C, but the college is now authorized under section D.

"The election was made to operate under section D because it provides for the least intrusion by the state in the academic policies and administration of the college," Mr. Helge said.

"As the requirements under the new section D are very much like the old section C, the status of Ambassador College degrees remains essentially the same, as do the degree requirements. The degrees of-

ferred by the college include associate of arts, associate of science and bachelor of arts in theology," said Dr. Stenger.

Big Sandy

Big Sandy's application for recertification under the Coordinating Board Texas College and University System was approved Oct. 31, according to evangelist Roderick C. Meredith, deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus.

Three men from the coordinating board visited the college. Dr. (See APPROVALS, page 6)

Evangelist surveys media in Australia, New Zealand

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA — Evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, returned here Nov. 20 after meeting with television representatives in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji (see "Update," Nov. 17 for details of the Japan and Hong Kong portions of the trip).

"It gives you a different perspective on things" to view the telecast in another country, Mr. Hulme said. "When you sit down in Australia and turn the TV on and watch our program, it gives you a different feel for what we do and the way we say it."

After speaking to brethren at Feast sites in Malacca, Malaysia, and Perth, Australia, Mr. Hulme visited major television stations in Australia that air *The World Tomorrow*. Changes made since contracts were signed in 1981 moved the program to less-effective airing times, and Mr. Hulme sought to upgrade them. He also sought additional stations to air the program.

Accompanying Mr. Hulme on the trip were Peter Shelton, senior vice president of BBDO/West (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn), an advertising agency retained by the Church; and Donald

C. Mitchum, president of BBDO/West, who was with Mr. Hulme in Australia.

"When we took *The World Tomorrow* to channel 10 in Sydney, one of the station executives said, "This is better than our news set."

During the trip Mr. Hulme spoke at Sabbath services or Bible studies in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, Australia, Christchurch, New Zealand, and Suva, Fiji.

While in Fiji Mr. Hulme was interviewed on radio about the Church and its message. Fiji plans to begin television broadcasting in 1987, according to Mr. Hulme, and the station discussed using *The World Tomorrow* as a test program even before regular broadcasting begins.

In New Zealand the BBDO affiliate there gave Mr. Hulme an update on the 1987 media plan for that nation in print advertising, direct mail and increased use of radio for *The World Tomorrow*.

Response to *The World Tomorrow* on radio (the audio portion of the television program) in New Zealand tripled this year — "even though you don't see all the graphics and film clips, but radio is a very different medium from television. It's 'theater of the mind,'" Mr. Hulme said.

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

I received recently a memo outlining the tremendous growth God has granted His Work since the death of Mr. Herbert Armstrong.

The figures were encouraging, showing strong increases over 1985 in number of baptisms, ministerial visit requests, *World Tomorrow* telecast responses and number of new co-workers.

But one sentence in the report caused me great concern. It said, "The major downturn in the Work some expected in the wake of Mr. Armstrong's death did not materialize."

Brethren, that really disappointed me! WHY should any of God's own ELECT, personally called of Him and given His Holy Spirit, have expected a downturn after the death of Mr. Armstrong? Is this the Work of God or isn't it? Did some think it was the Work of Herbert W. Armstrong? Do some now think this is

the Work of Joseph W. Tkach? My dear brethren, it is no wonder that Jesus Christ asked, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8).

It concerns me that some of us seem to put our faith in how things appear more than in the POWER and PROMISES of God! When the way things look can make some afraid, their faith is seriously weak.

Remember the experience of the apostle Peter? You can read the story in Matthew 14. As long as he kept his eyes on Christ, Peter was able to do something that was humanly impossible. It was Jesus who had the power to keep him on top of the stormy water.

It was not until Peter began to look at the reality of his physical circumstances that he began to sink. He saw the very real waves. He felt the very real wind and spray. Only then did he become AFRAID.

That very real fear caused his faith in the One who made it possible for him to do the impossible to wane!

But the story doesn't end there. When he began to sink, Peter cried out to his Source of strength, "Lord, save me!" Peter did not just go ahead and sink. He didn't try to start swimming or otherwise rely on his own strength. No, he knew where to go for help.

Sure, his faith wavered. But before he went under the waves he cried out to Christ for help — a good example for us to follow. "And IMMEDIATELY Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

Brethren, if this Work is merely the work of men, then we have good reason to be fearful (See PERSONAL, page 6)

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Leaders look to pope as unifying force

PASADENA — Pope John Paul II has emerged as this world's premier nonpolitical spokesman for world peace. More than ever he is seeking the support of those outside the Roman Catholic and even Christian-professing world.

Leaders of many faiths gathered Oct. 27 in historic Assisi, Italy, at the invitation of John Paul. He asked them to celebrate with him what he called the Ecumenical and Interfaith Prayer for Peace.

The pope, furthermore, appealed to governments and guerrilla groups engaged in battle to lay down their arms for the day.

The pontiff's appeal was only partially respected by the world's warring factions, but the observance may have set a precedent for the pope making future appeals, and for even longer truce periods.

Three weeks after the Assisi octave the pope embarked on one of his most ambitious international trips — his 32nd one — this time to Bangladesh, Singapore, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and the Seychelles Islands. Significantly, in only the Seychelles is the majority of the population Catholic.

The pope's first stop was in Dhaka, the capital of teeming Bangladesh, a nation whose 100 million people are overwhelmingly Muslim. Before Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and Protestant leaders John Paul pleaded for religious reconciliation in the service of peace and human survival.

The Roman Catholic pontiff noted that a primary reason for his undertaking arduous trips is to

"carry forth the church's commitment to sincere and loyal dialogue with other religious traditions concerning the common spiritual and human destiny which we all share."

According to the Nov. 20 New York Times, accompanying Vatican officials said that John Paul II was "increasingly preoccupied with the idea that the world's religions must make a common effort to forestall apocalyptic dangers."

'Universal primate'

John Paul II is being increasingly viewed by other Christian bodies, and leaders of a number of other faiths as well, as the ecumenical spokesman of the religious world.

The Nov. 14 *International Herald Tribune* reported that "the ruling body of the Church of England took a further step [Nov. 13], ... toward reunification with the Roman Catholic Church by overwhelmingly approving a motion that envisages some kind of papal authority in a reunited church ...

"The General Synod had before it two reports from the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission that suggested the pope should act as 'universal primate' in any union between the two churches.

"The Archbishop of Canterbury ... Robert Runcie ... said that Anglicans could no longer ignore the reality of the papal scene. ... Archbishop Runcie added, 'The other great communities of faith regard the pope as somehow the main spokesman for

Christianity whether we like it or not."

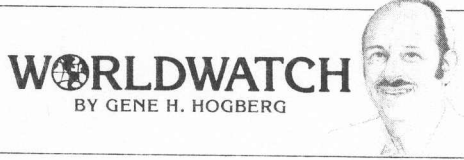
Appalled at Western Catholics

While emphasizing ecumenism in non-Christian Bangladesh, the pope reemphasized traditional Catholic doctrine on his journeys in

States from the Holy See."

In an unusually frank "welcoming" letter, John Paul admonished the clerics that "you are, and must always be, in full communion with the successor of Peter."

While the bishops expressed support of the pope this time, there is



WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

New Zealand and Australia.

The pope is appalled at the state of the Catholic Church throughout most of the Western world. In Lyon, France, in early October, the pontiff chided the French people for what he called "a massive indifference" to the church.

According to a survey, 80 percent of Frenchmen call themselves Catholics, but most attend church only on special occasions.

The pope is further dismayed at the status of his flock in the United States. American Catholics are increasingly liberal, no longer as submissive to the pope and traditional church teachings.

In November U.S. Roman Catholic bishops had their annual conference in Washington, D.C. The bishops' president, James W. Malone, admitted to "a growing and dangerous disaffection of elements of the church in the United

States from the Vatican-American Catholic rift will widen.

On one side stand traditionalists, while on the other, church progressives push liberal views on divorce, abortion and homosexuality.

"Somewhere in the middle range," reported the Nov. 17 *U.S. News & World Report*, "are the vast majority of America's 52 mil-



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Labor Party's policies impractical in this age

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Britain's Labor Party wound up its annual conference, which took place just before the Feast, in a wave of unity. Party leader Neil Kinnock is now firmly entrenched at the helm. Most party policies passed with big majorities.

Here is what the Labor Party says it would do should it win a majority of seats in the next national Parliamentary election:

(1) American nuclear weapons would be banned from Britain.

(2) England's own nuclear deterrent would be scrapped.

(3) Nuclear power plants would be phased out over a 10-year period.

(4) The national government would act to take massive numbers off the street and put them back to work again.

(5) Selected national industries privatized by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government would eventually be renationalized.

A massive media protest

Points one and two of this platform elicited an outpouring of cynical criticism in Britain's printed media. Right, center and left all heaped up their share of scorn. Top defense officials in America even joined the fray. Almost every angle of Labor Party defense policy was examined — and found wanting.

Critics felt the Atlantic Alliance would be in serious jeopardy, putting NATO in danger of collapse, with Britain practically defenseless and subject to Soviet blackmail. (One or two journalists even suggested a Soviet base in Britain — of course, the Soviets would say, to guarantee British security. This appears unlikely!) Presumably the American military presence in Britain would be at an end — along with a rebirth of serious isolationism in the United States.

Should Labor win the next election, then its platform could become policy. But we should remember the Suez Canal. When Britain, France and Israel were on the brink of retaking the Suez Canal in 1956, the

lion Catholics. Educated in anti-authoritarian U.S. schoolrooms, exposed to myriad viewpoints, they are quite unlike the Catholics of a half-century ago, who in general gave docile obedience to their church's paternalistic guidance ...

"This is not the first time that American Catholicism has run afoul of the Vatican. At the turn of the century, Rome was very disturbed by a phenomenon it called 'Americanism,' which embraced such concepts as the separation of church and state. In 1899, Pope Leo XIII condemned the trend."

The Vatican's crackdown has so far focused on moral and sexual issues, but some scholars, continued *U.S. News*, "think the split between America and Rome runs far deeper. 'There is a latent kind of anti-Americanism,' says David O'Brien, who teaches American religious history at Holy Cross College in Massachusetts. 'The Pope and a lot of European church leaders feel that we are a libertarian, hedonistic, loose kind of society.'

"Historian [Martin E.] Marty, a Lutheran ... puts it another way. 'This Pope is very good at being

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Don't lose your balance

It was a beautiful day at our home in Southern California, and we didn't have a care in the world. Great day for a drive, my wife said, so off we went in our car.

All was well until the speedometer reached 50 or 55 miles an hour. Then the car came down with a classic case of the shakes. It felt like our tires had suddenly gone square. If we had continued, the tires would have worn unevenly and we might have ended up with a flat.

There was only one way to remedy the situation: Take the car to the garage and have the tires balanced and rechecked and the car's front end realigned.

Life's bumpy rides

The abundant life Christ promised in John 10:10 is a balanced life, both physically and spiritually.

Yet it's a life full of ups and downs, curves and straight stretches, rough roads and smooth ones. Life is made up of sleeping, eating, working — and interruptions. As one cartoonist put it, "Every time I get it all together, somebody moves it." But just as my car runs more smoothly now, the difficult times in life are easier to bear when our life is aligned and balanced with God's Holy Spirit and His ways. To be truly balanced, our will must be aligned with God's will. Let me give you some simple tools for realigning and balancing your life.

Be faithful in little things. First, check to see if your standards are set high enough. "Little things," said Michelangelo, "make perfection, and perfection is no trifles." And God inspired, in Matthew 5:48, "Be

you therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." We must grow into complete maturity of godliness of mind and character, reaching to the heights of virtue and integrity. We need to practice being absolutely faithful over our few things now if we are to rule over many things in God's Kingdom (Matthew 25:21).

When given a job, do it well. When you are given a responsibility do you fulfill it with all your heart and without expecting public recognition? When praised, do you accept it gratefully and humbly? We are to be obedient with fear and trembling, not as menpleasers but as servants of the living God (Ephesians 6:5-6).

Honor others above yourself (Romans 12:10). That includes parents, the elderly, the young, the weak, the strong, bosses, government officials and especially God the Father and Jesus Christ.

Don't put yourself down, but don't be a self-promoter either. Insecurity is often at the root of both self-deprecation and self-promotion, and can cause you to be unbalanced in your approach to life.

Be balanced in personal conduct. Hold your appetites in check. In 1 Timothy 3, instruction is given for bishops and deacons, but we all can learn from the examples. We are not to be "given to much wine" (verses 2, 8) for instance. Also condemned are quarreling (verse 3), false and reckless speech (verse 8), conceit (verse 6), greed of filthy lucre (verse 8) and many forms of intemperance by which we "fall into reproach and the snare of the devil" (verse 7).

Guard against extreme attitudes

and actions. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13). To be balanced we need to bring our lives under control through self-discipline, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, as an honor to God. To accomplish this, we must start small and master one area before we move on to another.

Change takes time

Many times we program ourselves for failure by not realizing that change takes time, and that there are some things about each of us that cannot be changed. I cannot make myself taller or narrower (thinner, yes; narrower, no). There is no way for me to go back and change things I have already done. Except repent!

We need to constantly strive to grow and change, to become more like God, to be balanced in everything we do. We must also recognize that what cannot be changed immediately (being single, suffering from money needs or health problems) must be accepted and placed in God's hands. We must simply go on living, exercising God's Spirit and relying on God for help and encouragement.

As we seek to build self-discipline into our lives, we need to think about this: We are progressing toward balanced character development, striving to become perfect. Paul told us we are called to a life of change when he said, in Philippians 1:6, that he was "confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Have you checked your spiritual tires lately? Are they a little out of round, a little worn and rough around the edges? How is your alignment and balance? Do you need some adjustments in your life?

If you find you're unbalanced in some area of your Christian life, then plan to change what needs changing, and aggressively pursue your plan. Time is short and we have a big calling — to overcome and to rule in God's Kingdom in the not-too-distant future!

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Member proves it's easy to communicate with deaf

By Lois Szukala

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Locked in silence, he lives in a world of sound. Dave Barnett, instructor in manual communication at RCC [Riverside City College], neither speaks nor hears.

This article is excerpted by permission from the May 9 issue of Viewpoints, a publication of Riverside, Calif., City College (RCC). Dave Barnett, a member who attends the San Bernardino, Calif., church, also teaches a sign-language class in his home for brethren. According to Jan Fagerstedt, wife of Wallace Fagerstedt, a local church elder in the San Bernardino church: "Mr. Barnett is a very enthusiastic person. He brings a closeness between people who generally would not communicate that much."

He strides into the room with quick easy steps, head high and shoulders square. A smile flashes across his face as he signs good morning to his students. He sets a briefcase on the table, takes out the roll book, fingerspells each name, marks them present or absent, moves to the light switch, flips it on and off a couple of times, which tells his students to pay attention, and is ready to begin teaching hearing students to communicate using sign language.

Barnett was born in Dodge City, Kansas 47 years ago. He grew up there with 10 sisters and three brothers. Barnett and one brother are the only deaf members of the family. He says [in writing], "Most deaf families have a round table so they can see to talk to each other in sign language. Our table wasn't round so everybody talked while my brother and I ate."

He attended Kansas School for the Deaf near Kansas City, then went on to Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., and Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He has both a bachelor's and a master's de-

gree in physical education.

Barnett and his wife, Sally Ann, who were childhood sweethearts, have been married for 20 years. They have two children, Cara, 15, and Chad, 12. His wife and daughter are deaf, but his son can hear. Cara is currently a student at Riverside School for the Deaf.

The Barnetts attend the Worldwide Church of God. He says, "I am grateful for being deaf in spite of missing many things in the hearing world — especially good music — as long as I am happy with what I have."

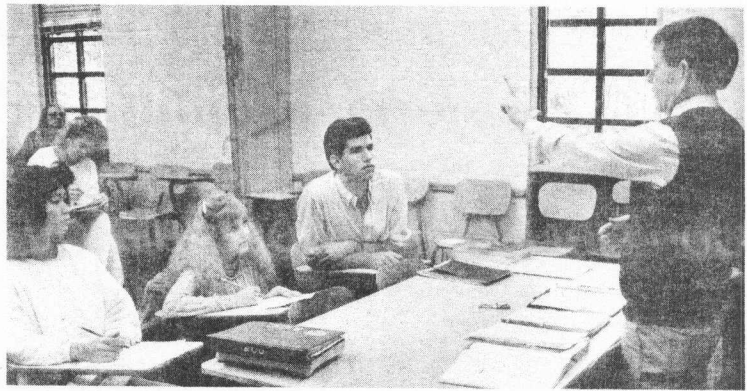
Since he began teaching in 1964, he has taught physical education, hygiene, driver's education and math and has coached sports. Four months ago he came to RCC. He says, "I'm still looking for a position teaching physical education, but nothing seems to be available now."

On the first day of class he wrote on the blackboard, Rule: "No talking in class, this is not a speech class, I can't teach speech; if you want to talk you must sign. Maybe write a little, if it's important." Students watched in surprise as he poured the contents of a small paper bag out on the table. One by one he held each item up and made the sign for it. Their journey into the world of silence had begun and his students learned quickly the frustration of that silence.

Barnett wants not only to teach sign language, but to instill an understanding of "deaf culture" in his students. They are learning that facial expression and body language have a great deal to do with communication. Barnett tells them, "If you are telling someone that it's a nice day, show them a nice look on your face; don't just sign while looking blah!"

Barnett's class is a lively place, though silent most of the time. He expects a lot from his students, but his eagerness to help them learn seems to make the class easy and enjoyable.

Kevin E. Curtin, the only man in the class (Barnett calls him brave), says, "I'm really amazed, I had



DEAF TEACHER — Dave Barnett, a member who attends the San Bernardino, Calif., church, gives a test to students in a sign-language class at Riverside, Calif., City College, where Mr. Barnett is an instructor in manual communication. [Photo by Mike Leone, reprinted with permission]

serious doubts at first. I had no experience with deaf people at all before coming to this class, I've learned more in here than almost any other class. He is an excellent teacher."

When asked what difference, if

any, he finds in teaching deaf and hearing students he says, "Communication! With deaf students, it is easy to communicate with them. For hearing students the communication is limited. I often wish I could teach

more and more to them . . ."

Barnett teaches with patience, understanding, and much enthusiasm. He is one of those unique people who has found his inner peace, is sure of himself, what he knows and of his abilities.

YOU essay winners announced

By Kerri Miles

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Winners in the 1986 New Zealand Youth Opportunities United (YOU) essay contest were announced Oct. 21 during the Feast of Tabernacles in Rotorua, New Zealand, at a YOU dinner and dance.

Rollin Kennedy of Auckland placed first in the senior division. Second place went to Joy Robertson of Wellington, and Fleur Brown of Auckland placed third.

Sandy Richardson of Christchurch placed first in the junior division. Joanne Lynch of Auckland placed second, and Emiel Logan of Auckland was third.

"The Most Valuable Lesson I Have Ever Been Taught" was the theme of the contest.

Rollin, age 16, wrote about his move from New Zealand to Malaysia, where he lived for 11

months. "I believe the most valuable lesson taught me was that the world is an unimaginably large place populated by multiple millions of diversified people, living separate parallel lives, that these numerous inhabitants live in their own little 'worlds,' generally unaware of the greater worlds and environments other than their own."

He went on to say that "traveling abroad for a holiday is not the same as going to live in another country. The living experience goes beneath the superficiality of tourism."

"I believe that having now seen a greater cross section of humanity, I can better appreciate the immensity and grandeur of God's plan."

Sandy, who is 14, wrote about how he missed a soccer match and

family skiing because of an injury he received while disobeying his parents. "Ouch! I yelled, as I fell to the floor with a throbbing ankle and big toe."

"It was Friday night. My brother and I had been playing soccer down the hall when the accident happened . . .

"Who had I hurt the most? Myself or Mum and Dad?"

"They have told us . . . that we are sanctified children because our parents are in the Church, so we can be directed in the way that we should live. However, we have to put effort into doing our lessons and using our Bibles, listening to tapes of sermons and taking notes so we can learn God's way of life . . .

"If only I had been obedient."

Policies

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world, that is. Full and fulfilling employment is arguably a fervent goal of every nation on earth. Disarmament is also highly desirable. This is what scriptures in Isaiah 2 and 11 are all about. Even public ownership is not necessarily an evil.

Hard practicality is another kettle of fish. The Labor platform is heavily ideological. Making some of these things work in a deceived and divided world would be highly unlikely.

Unilateral disarmament is highly impractical. If Western Europe is armed to the nuclear teeth, does British disarmament help all that much? Chernobyl should teach Britain that it may not be unilaterally spared from the consequences of nuclear fallout.

Without nuclear weapons, security in this world is possible only if a nation possesses faith. Without good faith it seems utter foolishness.

Has the Labor Party learned nothing from the 1930s? Aggressor nations only understand one language — that of greater force. Jesus Christ Himself said, "What king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?" (Luke 14:31, New King James).

What Christ said was in the context of counting the cost of spiritual salvation. Have Labor leaders really counted the cost of unilateral disarmament? Have they considered facing a nuclear Soviet Union with conventional weaponry?

Outsiders take Labor seriously

I was astonished to discover that some foreign observers were actually taking Neil Kinnock and the Labor Party not only seriously, but as a potentially positive example for other nations to follow.

A senior editor of the American magazine *The Atlantic* wrote in the Oct. 13 edition of the American newspaper *The Christian Science Monitor*: "[Neil] Kinnock proposes that Britain, in the words of a recent writer, 'lay down its nuclear arms.' That renunciation would make history; changing the course of history would depend on reactions of Kinnock's galvanic act."

"The novel spectacle of a major country like Britain giving up its nuclear weapons might, for instance, rouse the American public into demanding something comparably historic from its own government. Thus far the abolition of nuclear weapons has been an elite cause . . . Britain's example could make it truly popular and powerful."

Make no mistake. It is certainly possible that the Labor Party could be elected with a large enough majority to make British nuclear disarmament a reality.

Business Week is a no-nonsense

international magazine. In its Oct. 6 issue, it said of the Labor Party: "United and increasingly pragmatic, it is a real threat to Thatcher . . . The international attention is one more sign that Labor's bid to win office again is no longer farfetched. Although current projections show the party would be hard-pressed to gain a controlling majority in Parliament, it certainly has new vigor."

Some American liberals now regard Mr. Kinnock as a potential champion of their idealistic causes. One called him "a Welshman who may change European history."

Mr. Kinnock's bold designs for disarmament would show America the way.

We in the Church take no part in this world's politics. But we are watchmen. We are observers of the world scene. We are observers of the national scene. And we may occasionally point out certain follies in some of man's governments — and their would-be successors. But we do understand one thing clearly: man will never solve his own problems.

Some would try to hand us the Millennium before Christ comes. They would endeavor to bring about utopia in this present evil world. It won't happen that way. We must first change our way of living.

Only Christ can bring us the Millennium. Only His step-by-step plan will usher in a time of utopia — a period of universal prosperity, full employment and total disarmament.

Evangelist guest of honor at Big Sandy banquet

By Ken Tate and William L. Johnson

BIG SANDY — Evangelist Leslie McCullough, former deputy chancellor of Big Sandy



LESLIE & MARION McCULLOUGH Ambassador College, and his wife, Marion, were honored with a dinner Nov. 19. Evangelist

Ken Tate is an instructor of journalism, and William L. Johnson is chairman of the Mathematics Department at Big Sandy Ambassador College.

Roderick Meredith, deputy chancellor of the college here, was host for the occasion.

Mr. McCullough, deputy chancellor in Big Sandy for a total of 12 years, now serves as regional director for the Church in South Africa.

"It has been a tremendous privilege to work with the students during the years," Mr. McCullough said. "We have had 12 of the most enjoyable years of our lives in Big Sandy and wish everyone could have the same experience."

"Thirteen years ago we left Big Sandy to work with the international area, and history seems to be repeating itself. Our love of the college and the East Texas area is only matched by the different, yet equal, love of being involved with the international work."

In a toast to the McCulloughs, Dr. Meredith praised their work with the college since its opening in 1964 and with the Church worldwide. Dr. Meredith said that when the fogs of the East Texas winters spread through the campus valleys, students and faculty will continue to expect to see Mr. McCullough, "Big Mac as he is lovingly called," coming through the fog for another day of work.

College administrators, faculty members, spouses and guests, including evangelist Burk McNair, pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches, attended the dinner.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Don't let Satan's world lull you into making a deadly mistake

By Robert C. Smith

What did Jesus Christ mean when He told us to "Watch, therefore" (Matthew 24:42)? Is there something literal we must watch for?

And is it possible to watch the wrong things — and be consumed by the events we should be watching instead?

It is important to know.

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After pointing out to His disciples the events that would mark the "end of the world," Christ said, "This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled" (Matthew 24:3, 34).

Christ was talking about a time of religious confusion, wars and rumors of wars, famines, pestilence and earthquakes. He was talking about a time when iniquity would abound and the love of many would wax cold. He was talking about events that would herald the "beginning of sorrows" worldwide.

He was reminding us that "if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (verse 24!).

In Luke 21:36 Jesus Christ warned, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

He said to be aware — to be alert!

Christ also said it would be a battle — literal warfare — against a seasoned enemy. In the account of the unjust steward, He reminded His people, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

Christ said they are wiser than we and, "if it were possible," that we can be devoured by this generation, and miss out on our awesome calling to become the children of God.

Righteous Lot was vexed

Let's look at an example of a man who allowed himself to be caught up in the society to the point of confusion, uncertainty and vexation.

There are many lessons to learn from reading these biblical examples. While reading the story of Lot and ancient Sodom and Gomorrah these thoughts came to me:

In Genesis 19 we read about Lot and the messengers of God at Sodom. God considered Lot "just," "righteous" and "godly" (II Peter 2:7-9). Lot "sat in the gate," perhaps in a similar capacity as the man in Proverbs 31:23: "Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land." Lot may have been an elder of the city.

We read in II Peter 2:7-9 that God "delivered righteous Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds): The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."

Righteous Lot invited the representatives of God to his home, prepared a fine meal and invited them

to stay for the night (Genesis 19:1-3). But the evil inhabitants of the city surrounded the house. They demanded that Lot turn over his guests to the whims and desires of their perverted abuse.

How did righteous Lot respond? Indignant, embarrassed, frustrated — *vexed* — he offered his two daughters to appease the desires of those "children of the flesh!"

The vexations — the daily bombarding by the society — dulled Lot's perception. His ability to act properly was being diminished. He was becoming deceived and consumed by the society.

In verses 12-13, the messengers told Lot, "Hast thou here any besides? son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it."

They told Lot to get out of that corrupt society. And God tells us the same thing (Revelation 18:4). In Revelation 18:3, in an awe-

some indictment against this society, God says, "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."

The people of this world are wallowing in the delicacies of this errant society. And the society has been built up around us so expertly and subtly — just as were the gates of Sodom around Lot — that we, too, are vexed, assaulted and weakened by its treacherous ways.

The decadence of this society places it in a class by itself. Jesus Christ's stern warning in Matthew 24:21 certainly describes the throes in which we are beginning to find ourselves: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

"Do you feel like Lot? Lot, 'dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.'"

Evils that were committed in



secret in the past are now flaunted. What was once intolerable is now tolerated, excused away, sympathized with, even encouraged.

Is the once intolerable becoming more tolerable to you? It will if you are not watching!

Our society has "progressed" and become "enlightened" to the point of no return. It has begun a landslide of ungodly conduct that can only destroy us, unless it is recognized and stopped. The tragedy is that this evil society has consumed the masses in its subtlety.

And you might be one of its vic-

tims. Remember Lot!

Revelation 18 gives to us the same warning given to Lot: "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, that ye receive not of her plagues." That cry is to you and me. We must come out of and be separate from this society.

But though vexed, as was Lot, will we also respond to the command to "come out," as Lot did?

When the messengers told Lot to prepare to leave, his appeals to his sons-in-law fell upon deaf ears. They knew things were bad, but were they *really* all that bad? Oh, sure, things could have been better, but were they bad enough to merit dramatic changes?

Even though Lot was a "just," "righteous" and "godly" man, he did not have the wit, the perception and the sense of urgency to flee.

Instead, he had to be bodily removed from the pending destruction by the messengers of God!

Read it yourself: "And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him; and they brought him forth, and set him without the city" (Genesis 19:16).

Righteous Lot resisted the efforts that were designed to save him from destruction!

Not watching

Lot wasn't "watching." He was vexed by the society, but was not properly reading the signs. The intolerable had become tolerable to him. He did not have the wit to know how deeply mired he was in the society.

It would not have taken much more time for Lot to be devoured by that society. He could have turned back and again become part of it, and God says that society was not even as evil as this society is today.

How long would it take us — if we don't change — before we might also find ourselves resisting the cry of our Savior to "Come out of her, my people!" How vexed are we as the destruction of this 20th-century Sodom and Gomorrah nears?

Jesus Christ said it wouldn't be easy. But He also clearly stated that if we are watching the signs — the obvious signals of His imminent return to this earth in power and glory — that we will be ready for Him. God's work is shouting those warning signs to this world.

It is easy to become sidetracked. Satan knows how short his remaining time is. Is it any wonder his onslaught is greater, more incessant, more total than ever before?

Are you watching?

God's love in action

Put love to work in your daily life

By Richard Rice

Love is one of the most common words in our everyday conversation. It is the theme behind songs we hear, programs on television, books and articles we read.

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Yet, if you asked a hundred different people to give their definition of *love*, you would probably get 100 different answers! The word has come to have such a broad and ambiguous meaning in today's society that it's almost impossible to boil it down to its true essence.

There is a term, though, that accurately describes the meaning of the word *love*. This term, if understood and applied, would end all wars, strife and human conflict. It would save marriages, unify families and build lasting friendships. The more you apply this practical definition of love, the more fruitful your Christian life will be.

A profound word

What is this profound little word? Notice John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (New King James throughout).

Did you catch the relationship between the word *love* and the word *gave*? God *loved*, and He *gave*.

This verse describes God's definition of true love. It tells us how His love works. Outgoing concern prompts Him to act. It's directed away from self and out to others. God *so loved* that He *gave*.

The word we are searching for that most accurately describes love is the word *give*.

God's very nature is giving. God even infused this concept of giving into the laws of nature. Cows give milk. Trees give fruit. Clouds give rain. No matter where you look in the natural environment, you see this principle of God's love at work.

The word *give* tells us, in a nutshell, what true Christian love is and how it is to be practiced.

Acts 20:35 says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." When you give, you help upgrade the lives of others by contributing to their success and happiness. But when you practice the "get" way, only you benefit. Love that gives to get is not true love. It's self-centered greed!

Matthew 10:8 commands, "Freely you have received, freely give." God does not give us our blessings solely for our own personal enjoyment. He gives them for us to share with our neighbors so that they, too, can be blessed. "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7).

The practical art of giving

Giving is love in action. How can you put giving to work in your life?

You can give kindness, courtesy and friendship to those with whom you come in daily contact. You can give encouragement to those who are depressed or who have failed at something. You can give your time and service to your neighbor when he or she needs help. You can give comfort and compassion to the lonely and suffering. Giving to those in need is important (I John 3:17).

The attitude of giving even applies toward your enemies (Proverbs 25:21-22!).

The reward of giving

A true sense of giving should al-

ways be from the heart, without any selfish motive whatsoever to get.

But does this mean that acts of giving are without reward? Should we expect not to receive anything for our Christian deeds and good works? Of course not!

God, the greatest giver in the universe, built into His laws an automatic reward system, if they are faithfully obeyed.

Notice Luke 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use it will be measured back to you."

In Ephesians 6:8 Paul affirmed, "Whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free." Galatians 6:9 says, "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

We are not born with this kind of godly love, nor is it an emotion we can work up within ourselves. True, giving love is a gift of God bestowed by His Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). Therefore, the first step to expressing God's own love is to ask Him for it.

Pray earnestly for the power to replace the stranglehold of carnal, self-love with God's divine, spiritual love. Then start practicing it. Giving will become a delightful pleasure — an experience you will actually enjoy.

Resolve now to embark on a new adventure of giving. Strive to become a source of good to all with whom you come in contact — a beacon of light in this dark world. Remember that true love is the *give* principle in motion. Make it a constant goal to practice this godly attitude. Give!

Brethren recount experiences from '86 Feast of Tabernacles

PASADENA — In response to Dexter H. Faulkner's column, "1986 Festival: Memories Are Made of This," in the Nov. 17 *Worldwide News*, several brethren shared Feast experiences.

Gail Trout of Elkhart, Ind., wrote that she and her husband encouraged their son and daughter to meet new people. The Trouts told them that if they filled the eight spaces on the back of their Youth Educational Services Feast lesson with names of new friends they would receive a dollar for each name.

"They ended up filling the eight spaces and had to come and get their notebooks for more names," Mrs. Trout said. "The kids said that we only needed to pay for the first eight names. The rest was on them."

Jerry Crow of Fairbanks, Alaska, was driving with his family to the Feast in Anchorage, Alaska, on a four-lane highway. A truck loaded with rocks was in front of him.

"Rocks, mostly the size of grapefruit, but some much larger, began to bounce all around and over the car. The tailgate . . . had come open allowing over a ton of rock to fall on the road in front of us. One large boulder bounced three or four feet into the air and struck the front bumper."

Mr. Crow pulled to the side of the road and stopped. When he looked at his car he expected severe damage, but only the bumper was damaged.

"I have only one explanation for why a rock didn't come through a window. We were being watched over. I believe our ministering spirit was out there deflecting rocks. That would have been something to see."

After helping to clear the highway, Mr. Crow and his family went on to Anchorage.

In Pasadena a group of women saw an earthworm on the sidewalk near the Ambassador Auditorium. Josie White of Dudley, Ga., picked it up on a piece of foliage and tossed it back onto the campus grounds.

"The lowly earthworm was apparently seeking a respite from its God-designed task of burrowing into the earth, which aids in fertilizing the ground — not knowing of its

minute part in making the Ambassador College campus . . . the most beautiful . . . acres in all the world," said Susan Karoska of San Diego, Calif.

Deirdre House of Hamilton, Ohio, attended the Feast in Dayton, Ohio. She said, "Each year we are encouraged to strive for quality in every aspect of our lives."

She went on to tell of a young married couple from her church area who set an example of quality and love for the brethren. They surprised 13 dinner guests by having them picked up in a limousine and taken to a four-star restaurant.

"They had reserved a private dining room and ordered the finest champagne. As if that wasn't enough, they had selected gifts for

everyone. It was an evening I'll never forget," Miss House said.

"This was my first Feast of being ill, missing two days of services," said Pat Moody of Anacortes, Wash. "But God's blessings, while going through trials, are full of love for His children."

On the second day of her illness, Mrs. Moody's husband, who is not a Church member, took her and their children for a drive into the mountains, where they saw a waterfall. When they stopped near a stream, chipmunks came to see what they had to offer them, and jays ate out of their hands.

"The day turned into one of joy because of the millennial setting we were in. God definitely uplifted my spirit greatly," Mrs. Moody said.

Attributes success to family

Violinist shares stage with top musicians

By Joseph Rivers Jr.
TULSA, Okla. — Miles Rieger, 83, gives much credit to his mother for his 50-year orchestral career and opportunities to perform with world-class musicians. It was because of her example that he came into contact with God's Church.

Joseph L. Rivers Jr. attends the Tulsa, Okla., A.M. church. Dr. Rivers received his doctorate of philosophy in music theory from the University of Arizona in 1982.

Mr. Rieger, born in 1903 in Kansas City, Kan., was encouraged by his mother at age 12 to learn to play the violin. He learned at home with instruction from a neighbor and later studied at a music conservatory.

In high school, when he wasn't playing basketball or baseball, Mr. Rieger was playing the violin in the school orchestra. After graduation he played with the Kansas City Conservatory Orchestra, until he

moved to Tulsa in 1930.

Mr. Rieger began instructing students at the Tulsa College of Music. After the school closed in 1934, he gave private lessons.

"It's a joy to get hold of students with good talent," he said. "You find a gem every now and then, and it makes teaching all worth it."

During the 1930s Mr. Rieger began listening with his mother to the

Ode to the Little Green Stickers

Ahhh, how we planned for months on end,
Didn't want to miss a detail as 5,000 you promised to send.
We delighted in your Church officials, Pasadena and local,
Real pros, they helped us as about your needs they were vocal.
We wanted to miss not a step and be at our very best.
For you and for them, we wanted to pass the first-year test.
Then, at last, you were here,
And everywhere in our community you did appear.
You dined and you shopped,
Lines at attractions hardly ever stopped.
Quickly we became accus-

tomed to having you among us,
As warm and friendly you mingled without any fuss.
We enjoyed every minute of hosting the Feast,
You've become as family, to say the very least.
Alas, though, tis with dread we contemplate next week,
Gone will be the little green stickers and even Big Beak.
Chattanooga will be empty without you, and lonely we'll be,
As we scan bumper stickers and sigh, thinking: "We miss our new friends. Do we ever, oh, mel!"

Signed,
Anonymous

POEM FOR CHATTANOOGA FEASTGOERS — An executive with the Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in Chattanooga, Tenn., composed this poem for brethren attending the new Feast site there this year.

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any time physical circumstances look bleak. We might have good reason to expect a downturn at the loss of a physical leader.

But as God's true servants, our eyes need to be on the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ. He will see that His Work is done. He will give us the power we need, as willing instruments and tools in His hands, to complete the task He has set before us.

The time is surely going to come when there will be a "famine . . . of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11). When that prophesied time comes, God's Church and Work will take a "downturn."

But that is nothing to fear! When it comes, it will be *God's time* for it. It will be *His will*. After all, this is *HIS WORK, NOT OURS!* And of course, that "downturn" will be soon followed by the wonderful world tomorrow!

We don't need to be fearful, brethren! We are servants of the living God! He is our Leader, our Guide, our Strength. He is our Defender, our Rock, our Deliverer. And He is our Father!

Don't ever be afraid. Be wholehearted. Be involved. Be earnest in prayer. Be concerned and faithful. BUT DON'T BE AFRAID!

Jesus told us in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAY, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD."

Our God will never leave us nor forsake us. We are His children. Let's place our confidence where it belongs. And let's serve Him with ever-growing enthusiasm and wholeheartedness. God is always there to deliver His people out of every trial. That goes for His Work as well. The Head of the Church is greater than any problem that can ever come up. Let's never forget that.

As God's Spirit-begotten family, we should be so filled with prayers of thanksgiving for God's blessing and guidance for His Work that we expect *upturns in His Work, not downturns*. Let's be positive, brethren! God is!

With deep love,
Joseph W. Tkach

Meek attitude surmounts urging to 'quit that church'

By Shirley King Johnson
STERLING, Neb. — When a baptizing team came through Nebraska in 1952, Louise Fritsch, 87, of rural Sterling was ready. Her husband, Jacob, watched from the shadows of their barn as Mrs. Fritsch was submerged in a pond by Roderick Meredith, now an evangelist.

Shirley King Johnson is a deaconess in the Lincoln, Neb., church.

Mr. Fritsch urged his wife, who had been receiving *The Plain Truth* since 1947, to "quit that church," but she did not give in. Mr. Fritsch, who died in 1973, was "awful" against the Church, Mrs. Fritsch said.

Mrs. Fritsch was determined to live by 1 Peter 3:1, to be a good example, "keep my mouth shut" and apply the attitude of a meek and quiet spirit. Silence was the only way to keep the marriage intact. She said she never thought about dissolving the marriage.

"She really had to walk a tightrope," said Terry Swagerty, pastor of the Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., churches. "But she survived it, and she's a real trooper."

Getting to her first Feast in Big Sandy in 1954 wasn't easy. Suitcase in hand, she walked 10 miles along a dusty country road to Crab Orchard, Neb., where she got a ride to Beardre, Neb.

From there she took a bus to the Dallas Tex., area and on to Big Sandy.

Where did she get the money for the Feast? "I had chicken money," she said.

The Fritsches reared two sons and two daughters. "I wished they

late Herbert W. Armstrong's radio broadcast.

Mr. Rieger became a co-worker a few years later and took the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. He didn't pursue God's truth any further, however, until the 1970s.

In 1942 Mr. Rieger married Harriet Emerson. He attended night school to become an accountant.

would attend church too, but I couldn't talk them into it," she said.

In addition to rearing four children, she milked a dozen cows twice daily and spent hours walking fields in the summer, grubbing out cockleburrs.

Mrs. Fritsch's favorite recollection is about her summer kitchen, where she canned hundreds of quarts of vegetables and fruit from their orchard. Flowers are now her hobby at her homestead in Sterling.

She began attending the Omaha church when it was started in the fall of 1964. She now attends the Lincoln church and "makes it to church practically every week when health permits and even Tuesday night Bible studies," said Mr. Swagerty.

Although she completed only three years of school in rural Nebraska, Mrs. Fritsch keeps up with Bible study and Church literature — word by word and week by week.

Approvals

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Meredith said. "One man looked over the college facilities, including the library, gymnasium and classrooms; one focused on the faculty members and students; and one studied the financial condition of the college. Each of the men gave a good report."

The certification allows post-secondary institutions to call themselves colleges and offer degrees. All colleges not accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency must be certified under Texas state law, Dr. Meredith said.

He was hired in 1952 by an oil drilling firm, where he served as an accountant and office manager. Later he was promoted to treasurer, managing the company's funds until his retirement in 1980.

He began performing with the Tulsa Philharmonic Orchestra in 1948. A founding member of the orchestra, he also served as assistant concertmaster and personnel manager.

Mr. Rieger played under conductors Vladimir Golschmann, Franco Autori, Pierre Monteux and H. Arthur Brown. Itzhak Perlman, Arthur Rubinstein, Andres Segovia, Beverly Sills, Isaac Stern and Nathaniel Milstein were a few of the performers that appeared with the orchestra.

He also played with the Tulsa Opera Orchestra and formed a trio with a cellist and a pianist.

Although he found performing with three groups time-consuming, he said, "You're giving something, and you enjoy it so much."

Mr. Rieger retired from the orchestras and teaching in 1975.

Although not yet a member of God's Church he began to realize that orchestral work involved too many conflicts with the Sabbath.

He contacted the Church and he and his wife were baptized in 1979. His wife suffers from Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Rieger misses performing but maintains an extensive orchestral record collection.

"The family is very important," he said. "Parents should keep their ears open, prompt their children and encourage them to pursue their talents and goals."

"Texas added an extra requirement to state certification the other states do not have," said Donald Ward, Big Sandy academic dean. "It's a requirement of accreditation by a nationally recognized accrediting agency at the end of eight years. However, there is a provision in the Texas state law for religious exemption. This is the next question Big Sandy must consider with regard to future recertification," Dr. Ward said.

The certification is good until October, 1988, and "Dr. [David T.] Kelley [director of institutional certification for the coordinating board] assured us that things look good for the next two years," Dr. Meredith said.

Frail body can't keep woman from her place in God's Family

By Catherine Hoffman

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Evelyn Jacobson, 68, is a victim of three types of arthritis, and during the past several years her body has been virtually locked into a sitting position.

Bedridden for 16 years, Mrs. Jacobson has attended the Feast only once. Her contact with the Church is through sermon tapes and visits from members.

Catherine Hoffman is a member who attends the Phoenix, Ariz., East church. Mrs. Hoffman compiled Evelyn Jacobson's poems into a booklet this fall.

She can lie on her right side, and then only after careful positioning to relieve her of pain. Even her facial bones have shifted to the right.

With the help of two women, she is carefully moved to sit on the side of her bed several times a day to eat meals and read or write.

Inside her frail body, however, is an alert, sharp mind that plans and organizes. She often composes poetry while lying down and then

writes it while sitting.

Despite recurring bouts of severe headaches and other aches and pains throughout her body, Mrs. Jacobson manages to keep her household organized, even teaching her live-in helper to cook.

During the long nights when she cannot sleep, she plans weekly dinners, when several brethren are invited to join her in an evening of food and fellowship. Diane Flanagan, a Phoenix East member, helps serve and prepare the meals.

Her son, Al, a deacon and choir director for the Phoenix East congregation, may lead a sing-along. Mrs. Jacobson is too weak to join in, but enjoys listening to others.

Mrs. Jacobson told the *WN*: "I can't go out and meet new people, so I invite brethren to my home for dinners and meet them here. We're now over 550 in the East church, so some people meet each other for the first time in my home."

"On the Sabbath before the Feast, 58 people stopped by after Church to say hello," she added. "I consider the people of God's Church family — I feel they all belong to me. I think we all belong together."

Even though on a limited income,

Mrs. Jacobson gives to others. She has compiled a list of 25 people who live in Africa, with whom she maintains contact.

The walls of her bedroom are covered with gifts she has accumulated. She likes poetry and has several homemade plaques and posters, which were made by past visitors.

She is a valuable member of God's Church, awaiting deliverance from her body of pain into a glorious body in the world tomorrow.

The following poem, "Our Future," is by Mrs. Jacobson.

Our Future

"We wait for the Wonderful World tomorrow,
When there will be an end to so much grief and sorrow.
There is too much suffering on this earth;
Some people suffer and suffer from the day of their birth.
The wars and the strife in every land
Causing hunger and sickness on every hand.
We wait for that bright and glorious day
When the sadness and tears will be taken away;
When the moaning and groaning of the earth
Will be replaced with love, happiness and mirth.

The lame will walk, and the deaf will hear,
And of wild animals there will be no fear.
The people will prosper as they work together
And God will provide the very best weather.
We wait for Jesus Christ, our Ruler and King,
And we will all His praises sing.
That Great Day is coming; it just seems long to wait
While the Good News is preached in every nation and state.
Oh, we wait for the world which is to come,
When there will be peace and joy for everyone!"

Columnist intrigued by tithing

'More than his money's worth'

By Ed Severson

TUCSON, Ariz. — The other day, a front-page newspaper story told how a Georgia teacher had won a lawsuit for \$2.5 million.

She said she was going to throw a party and give 10 percent of the money to her church. "I tithe," she said.

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The party I could understand. The tithing I couldn't. After her lawyer gets his slice of the award — and the government gets its slice — well, 10 percent of what's left is still a lot of dough to give away. To me, tithing sounded like taxes. Who needs more taxes?

"You don't give your taxes away — you have to pay them," explained Tucsonan Craig Bemis, a builder, when I asked him about tithing. "Tithing is a freewill thing, because nobody's going to come down on you if you don't tithe."

I got to know him when I hired him to work on my house. Among other things, he put in an extra bathroom, which included installing one of those great big mirrors. When I got home from work, I looked over what he'd done and told him I thought it was a pretty good job.

He pointed out a little crack in the bottom of the mirror and said, "I did that. I'll replace it."

He did what he said he was going to do, and it wasn't on the bill.

When he made mistakes, he'd be the first to point them out and make them right. It didn't take me long to figure out I was dealing with an honest guy.

While he was working on the place, I'd sometimes bring ice cream home, and we'd sit around after he was done, spoon up pralines 'n' cream and chat. Mostly he told jokes: "Did you hear about the near-sighted doctor who . . ."

deal, he said, "It offends people."

Anyway, after reading about the Georgia teacher in the paper . . . I wanted to know some more about tithing, so I called up Craig.

"It just seems that the people who are giving are the ones who are not hurting," he said. "There's no corner on the market just because I'm in the Worldwide Church of God, so to speak."

He said tithing didn't make sense to him, either, when he first heard about it. The way it works in his church is that there are actually three tithes. The first 10 percent goes to keep the church running. The second 10 percent is for yourself. You use it for what amounts to religious vacations. The third 10 percent is once every three years [third and sixth years in a seven year cycle], and is used . . . for widows and orphans in the church.

The 10 percent is lopped off the top of your gross income before the government gets its hand in your pocket.

"When I first heard about these three tithes, I thought that the government takes 20 or 25 percent from most of us, unless you get into the higher income brackets — so that's roughly 50 percent of your gross income being taken away," Craig said. "You look at that and you say, 'There's no way, because it won't work,' but it does."

He said he started going to church in the first place because of another builder he knew. One of the things the guy did was to take his workers to lunch free.

"He didn't say, 'I'll pay you X number of dollars and buy you lunch,'" he said. "But he'd pay them X number of dollars and go the extra mile for them."

He said because of the fair way the builder treated them, the guys he hired worked harder for him.

Craig liked his style. The guy didn't talk religion, but when Craig found out the guy went to church, he thought he'd try it, too, to see what the guy was getting out of it.

"I was braced for the usual follow-up, the pleas for money, ministers banging on my door, but nothing happened," he said.

The way he got into tithing was he read about it in the Bible.

"When you buy a car you get an owner's manual, and my feeling is that the Bible is our owner's manual," he said. "Tithing is just one part of a way of life, and the whole way of life is rewarding to me."

He believes he's getting more than his money's worth out of tithing.

I don't know if that is exactly what the Georgia teacher believes about tithing, and I don't know if Craig's right or not about what he thinks about tithing, but they sure act like they are on to a good thing.

Member creates artwork from backyard woodpile

By Marty Albertus

LETCHER, S.D. — When Linda McCormick first saw the picture of a beautifully carved duck in an antique magazine she was looking through, she casually asked her father if he thought he could carve something similar.

This article appeared in the Mitchell, S.D., Daily Republic and is excerpted by permission. Jim McCormick is a carpenter who attends the Sioux Falls, S.D., church.

Little did she know at that time that it would start Jim McCormick out on something that eventually would develop into more than a hobby. It is now a small sideline to his regular line of work.

"I just went out to the woodpile and hacked out a chunk of wood," Jim McCormick said, thinking back to how he got started.

What his years of carving have developed into is the ability to produce a beautifully sculpted swan.

The Letcher-area native is entirely self-taught. That includes the period of trial and error when the first few swans didn't come out exactly as he wanted.

"I wasn't satisfied with the first ones, and I didn't know how to improve on them at that time," he said. "I just worked at it and began to improve little by little. You have to stay with a certain dimension to keep them in proportion."

Carving a swan starts with finding the right chunk of wood, he says. The wood must not be too old or rotted, for obvious reasons, but it shouldn't be too young or green either, which also makes it hard to work with, he says. He uses mostly cottonwood, which he says "isn't the best type of wood to work with." But it does work and McCormick says it is easy to find.

After selecting the block of wood, McCormick makes a round of crude starter cuts with a gas-powered chain saw. These cuts show basically where the body and neck of the

bird will be and allow McCormick to begin forming the bird into the right proportions.

He roughs out the body with the larger chain saw, then switches to a smaller, electric chain saw to make further cuts and round out the body.

When the process reaches a point where McCormick uses more intricate tools than chain saws, he turns to a small hand-held plane, and then a knife to smooth out surfaces and whittle in more detail.

The final step before varnishing the sculpture requires three different surfaced types of sandpaper to give the piece its final smooth surface.

McCormick hopes eventually to devote more time to wood carving. Whether or not he gets rich selling his finished product doesn't concern him.

"I just enjoy carving, and when you're able to sell some of the work that you enjoy doing — well that's just fine with me."

Retirement brings new start

By Greg Ritchie and Kayla Edwards

NASSAU, Bahamas — After 30 years of teaching music in primary schools, Naomi Lockhart, 70, a member here, retired June 30.

Greg Ritchie and Kayla Edwards are members who attend the Nassau, Bahamas, church.

During a banquet attended by 400 people at the Royal Bahamian Hotel, Mrs. Lockhart was hailed as a Proverbs 31 woman by Manell Munroe, an 86-year-old neighbor who spoke at the occasion.

Kingsley Mather, pastor of the Nassau and Freeport, Bahamas, churches, used the letters C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N to define Mrs. Lockhart. Mr. Mather likened her to the glue that holds the Lockhart family together.

A 20-voice family choir, under the direction of Mrs. Lockhart's daughter, Kayla Edwards, performed two of Mrs. Lockhart's



NAOMI LOCKHART

songs. Six grandchildren recited one of her poems, titled "Ode to Ragged Island."

Present at the ceremony was a son.



CRAIG BEMIS

Craig was the guy I thought about when I read about the woman who was willingly giving up 10 percent of that fat award. I figure if you're going to talk religion, it's better to talk to someone who tells jokes, rather than someone who gets too serious.

"I tithe," Craig had once told me. He said that it was part of what he did as a member of the Worldwide Church of God, and that was about all he said. When I asked why he never tried to sell me on his religion if he thought it was such a good

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG, Andre and Connie (Portello), of Denver, Colo., girl, Cara Justine, Sept. 18, 3:18 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BELVIN, Mark and Jennifer (Swanson), of Sherman, Tex., boy, Dylan Joseph Wade, Oct. 26, 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BRENDA, David and Susanne (Lappky), of Victoria, B.C., boy, Kyle James Timothy, May 9, 11:06 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BURCHFIELD, Larry and Julie (Appleton), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Kaitie Louise, Oct. 5, 7:48 a.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BURT, Glenn and Connie (Hildebrand), of San Antonio, Tex., boy, Corey Morgan, Aug. 13, 6:37 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

CLOWDUS, Rick and Beverly (Bozeman), of Chattanooga, Tenn., boy, Jeffrey Richard, Oct. 8, 9:53 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

DECOSTA, Wayne and Tina (Umscheid), of Providence, R.I., girl, Elizabeth Jean, Oct. 14, 9:45 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DELCAMBE, Robbie and Caris (Brasseux), of Lafayette, La., girl, Lauren Denise, Oct. 26, 2:56 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

DOBBS, Carl and Mary (Bird), of Washington, D.C., boy, Thomas Matthew, Oct. 27, 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

FOSTER, Larry and Lily (Tan), of Orlando, Fla., girl, Sherry Lynne, Nov. 7, 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

HOLM, Larry and Jean (MacEntee), of Pasadena, boy, Caden David, Nov. 11, 4:32 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

HOLMES, Timothy and Elaine (Bowen), of Tampa, Fla., boy, Timothy John Jr., Oct. 24, 10:21 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SCHULER, Rodney and Paula (Ross), of Minneapolis, Minn., boy, Corey Vinson, Oct. 2, 3:13 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

SHOOK, Jerry and Daphne (Loudin), of Akron, Ohio, girl, Kathleen Elizabeth, Oct. 31, 7:45 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

STALLINGS, James and Debbie (Reek), of Marlinton, W. Va., boy, Michael Wayne, Nov. 12, 10:32 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys.

STILBORN, Dave and Dottie (Martin), of Regina, Sask., boy, Bradley James, Nov. 1, 8:25 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ZASTROW, Mark and Yvonne (Zoellick), of Wausau, Wis., girl, Stephanie Nicole, Oct. 23, 11:31 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

ZENON, Walt and Della (Fontenot), of Lafayette, La., boy, Walter Joseph Zeron III, Nov. 13, 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Thibault of Kamloops, B.C., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sheila Maureen to Michael Stephen Peina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peina of Indianapolis, Ind. A Jan. 3 wedding is planned in Indianapolis.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH ROSS
Wanda Kay Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Walker of Dubuque, Iowa, and Joseph Peter Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Ross of Maple Ridge, B.C., were united in marriage Oct. 14 in Dubuque. The ceremony was performed by John W. Bailey, a minister in the Iowa City, Iowa, church. Sarah Walker, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Linda Hansen was matron of honor, and Nigel Bearman was best man. The couple reside in Vancouver, B.C.



MR. AND MRS. PHILLIP HOPWOOD
Mr. and Mrs. John Richoux are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Patricia Ireland to Phillip Campbell Hopwood, son of Jean Hopwood of Westbury, Tasmania. The ceremony was performed by George Patrickson, executive assistant to Colin Adair, regional director for the Church in Canada, Sept. 20 in Vancouver. Nadine Richoux was maid of honor, and Dawn Howie was best man. The couple reside in Millet, Alta.

MR. AND MRS. HARVEY BAKER
Catherine Grillo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bart Grillo, and Harvey Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Baker, were united in marriage Oct. 11. The ceremony was performed by Roger Foster, pastor of the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., church. James Baker, brother of the groom, was best man, and Virginia Dal Monaco was matron of honor. The couple reside in Deerfield Beach, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. DONALD DUCHENE
Nina Lovelady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lovelady of Jacksonville, Ark., and Donald A. Duchene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Duchene of Windsor, Ont., were united in marriage May 25. The ceremony took place at the Pasadena Ambassador College Academic Center, and was performed by John Halford, an associate producer of the World Tomorrow program. Jo Anna Kelley, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Roy Couston was best man. The couple reside in Sri Lanka.



MR. AND MRS. BRENT BAKER
Ruth DiGeromino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard DiGeromino of the Dayton, Ohio, church, and Brent Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Baker of the Charleston, W.Va., church, were united in marriage Oct. 5 in Waynesville, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by Carol Miller, a local elder and supervisor of the Personal Correspondence Department of the Church's Mail Processing Center. The maid of honor was Carla Kurck, and the best man was the groom's father, Brent's 1984 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, and Ruth attended two years at Pasadena Ambassador College. The couple reside in Morgantown, W.Va.



MR. AND MRS. JUSTIN ADKINS
Deborah Middleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Middleton of the Joplin, Mo., church, and Justin Adkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Flavious Adkins of the St. Louis, Mo., church, were united in marriage May 11 in Joplin. The ceremony was performed by Vincent Szymkowiak, now pastor of the Detroit, Mich., East church. Missy Hillgenberg was maid of honor, and Marcus Adkins was best man. The couple reside in Troy, Mo.

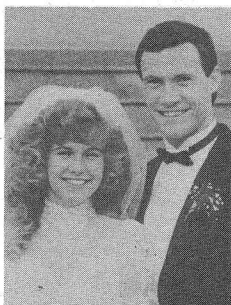


MR. AND MRS. C. ROWLAND JR.
In a double wedding ceremony Shelly Fultz and Ross Couston and Julie Fultz and Ross Rowland Jr. were united in marriage Aug. 17 in Ripon, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Thomas Heap, a minister in the Modesto, Calif., church. Shelly's maid of honor was Virene Campbell, and Ross' best friend was his brother, Roy. Ross and Shelly reside in Pasadena, where Shelly is an Ambassador College senior. Ross Couston and Julie Fultz are graduates. Julie's maid of honor was Lori McNeely, and Charles' best man was Henry Mez. Julie is a 1986 graduate of Big Sandy Ambassador College, and Julie and Charles reside in Pittsburg, Okla.

was best man. The couple reside in Morrisville, Pa., and attend the Trenton, N.J., church.



MR. AND MRS. MARK HILL
Romina Martin and Mark Hill were united in marriage Aug. 14 in Maidstone, England. The ceremony was performed by John Maskin, pastor of the Maidstone, Brighton and Croydon, England, churches. Rachel Hill, sister of the groom, was matron of honor, and Philip Bullers was best man. The couple reside in Andover, England.



MR. AND MRS. ROY COUSTON
Sheila Hildebrand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hildebrand of Calgary, Alta., and Roy Couston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Couston of Brisbane, Australia, were united in marriage Aug. 24 at the Pasadena Ambassador College Academic Mail. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, a minister in the Calgary South church. Suzanne Hildebrand, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Ross Couston, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple are 1985 Pasadena Ambassador College graduates and reside in Gold Coast, Australia.



MR. AND MRS. ROSS COUSTON
Douglas T. Appleton and Billie Jo Drummond were united in marriage Sept. 8. The ceremony was performed by Lester McCollm, pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., A.M. and P.M. churches. Dona Bove, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Bart Appleton, cousin of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Cerritos, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL NIKODEM
Michael Allen Nikodem, son of Helen Nikodem of Neenah, Wis., and Veronique Rochelle Ohren, daughter of Fran Ohren, were united in marriage Oct. 5. The ceremony was performed by William Miller, pastor of the Appleton and Green Bay, Wis., churches. Derek Maenster was best man, and Nancy Rycktal was maid of honor. The couple reside in Fond du Lac, Wis.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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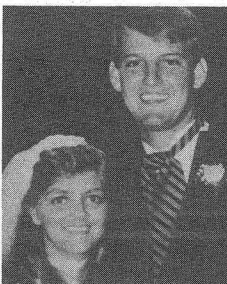
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MR. AND MRS. CHARLES SIKES
Sheila Ann Jones, daughter of Margaret Ann Jones of Southaven, Miss., and Charles Sikes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sikes of Jacksonville, Fla., were united in marriage Sept. 20. The ceremony was performed by Rowlen Tucker, pastor of the Jackson and Memphis, Tenn., churches, in Southaven. The couple reside in Jacksonville.



MR. AND MRS. WALTER LAING
Walter J.C. Laing and Colleen C. DePatrick were united in marriage Oct. 2 in Vancouver, B.C. The ceremony was performed by Colin Adair, regional director for the Church in Canada. Els Verhel was matron of honor, and Don Hamill was best man. The couple reside in West Vancouver, B.C.



MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS APPLETON
Douglas T. Appleton and Billie Jo Drummond were united in marriage Sept. 8. The ceremony was performed by Lester McCollm, pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., A.M. and P.M. churches. Dona Bove, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Bart Appleton, cousin of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Cerritos, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. ALLEN JOHNSON
Allen Johnson of the Corning, N.Y., church and Vanessa Brown of the Philadelphia, Pa., church, were united in marriage Oct. 5. The ceremony was performed by Ronald Sarfer, a minister in the Philadelphia church. Michael Barnes was best man, and Jeanna Barnes was matron of honor. The couple reside in Corning.



MR. AND MRS. RICK METCALF
Andrea Ann Avey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Avey of Chico, Calif., and Rick Metcalf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metcalf of Sacramento, Calif., were united in marriage Sept. 28 in Chico. The ceremony was performed by Ray Lisman, pastor of the Chico and Eureka, Calif., churches. Glenda Waiian was matron of honor, and Robert Boyle was best man. The couple reside in Sacramento.



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MR. AND MRS. ERIC EVANS

Loma Jean Swanson and Eric Evans were united in marriage Oct. 5. The ceremony was performed by William Swanson, father of the bride and pastor of the Middletown, N.Y., and Montvale, N.J., churches. Judy Swanson, mother of the bride, was matron of honor, and Robert Durham was best man. The couple reside in New Jersey.



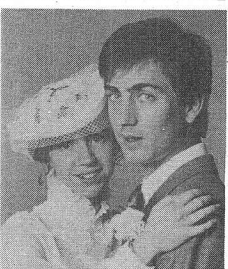
MR. AND MRS. PETER KOUSAL

Mona Lord and Peter Kousal were united in marriage Oct. 5 in London, England. The ceremony was performed by John Meakin, pastor of the Brighton, Croydon and Midsstone, England, churches. Lillian Hestet was maid of honor, and Graham Houghton was best man. The couple reside in Croydon.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID CATLOW

Jean Myers and David Catlow were united in marriage Sept. 21. The ceremony was performed by David Silcox, pastor of the Manchester and Lancaster, England, churches. Shelia Hinds was matron of honor, and David Townsend was best man. The couple reside in Manchester.



MR. AND MRS. GRAHAM DEANS

Ann-Michelle Wilkins, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Wilkins, and Graham Deans of Crieff, Scotland, were united in marriage Sept. 28. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, pastor of the Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Irvine, Scotland, churches. The couple reside in Hertfordshire, Scotland.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL ERICKSON

Kris Hendrick and Michael Erickson were united in

marriage Sept. 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Sanders in Tacoma, Wash. The ceremony was performed by Gilbert Gunderson, a minister in the Tacoma church. Glen Erickson was best man, and Sue Hendrick was maid of honor. The couple reside in Tacoma.



MR. AND MRS. CECIL RICE

Kendra Morrison and Cecil G. Rice were united in marriage July 29 in Rome, Ga. The ceremony was performed by Hasadore Hall Jr., assistant pastor of the Rome church. The couple reside in Marietta, Ga.



MR. AND MRS. CHESTER WEBSTER

Millie McFarlane, a deaconess in the North Hollywood, Calif., church, and Chester Webster of the Reseda, Calif., church were united in marriage Sept. 14 in Reseda. The ceremony was performed by John Fillerbaugh, pastor of the North Hollywood and Glendale, Calif., churches. James Foster and his wife, Esther, served as best man and matron of honor. The couple reside in Canoga Park, Calif.

ANNIVERSARIES

To Stanley and Kathleen James of Cape Town, South Africa: Happy 26th anniversary from your children and grandchildren.

Happy 30th anniversary to James and Alice Rleyer Nov. 17. We sure love and respect you, and especially appreciate the excellent example you've been for us all of these years. From your children and grandchildren: Darryl, Lori, Dana, Teddy, Rhonda, Dan, Ardy and Alfie.

My Dearest Girl: My thanks to the warmest and most dearest of husbands for 10 of the most wonderful years of my life. It is my desire to spend many, many more with you. Happy anniversary Dec. 10. Your loving Jenny.

Dear Alfred: Today, Dec. 7, is our 17th wedding anniversary, yet it seems as if we had just been married yesterday. Congratulations for your sacrifice and hard work for my sake. In our celebration, let a prayer herald to enter God's Kingdom. Much love, Lillian.

Dad and Mom: We, your children, say happy wedding anniversary. You have been married for 17 years now. Though we were not present when you got married, we think that your marriage has set a good example for our future. We love you a lot. From the Barblery children.

Dear Grandpa and Grammie (Tom and Carole Dute): Happy anniversary Dec. 28. You're the greatest. With all our love, Jay and Kristen.



MR. AND MRS. ANSEL HANSON

Ansel and Jean Hanson marked their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 8. They met while roller skating during their high school years. They were married Oct. 8, 1946, in Moorhead, Minn., and still enjoy roller skating. They have two children, Leslie Quigley of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, and Jeffrey Hanson of Omak, Wash.; and one grandchild, Corey Quigley, 10. Mrs. Hanson was baptized in 1978, and Mr. Hanson was baptized in 1984. Michael Blackwell, pastor of the Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., churches, arranged a candlelight dinner and church social after services on the Feast of Trumpets, Oct. 4. During the evening the Hansons were acknowledged for their anniversary along with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanson, also members who attend the Fargo church, who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

Happy fifth anniversary, my love. Thank you for being such a loving husband and father. With the Eternal's guidance we can look forward to more years of joy and happiness. I love you more with each passing day. Devotedly, Minerva.



MR. AND MRS. LLOYD OSBURN

Lloyd and Sherry Osburn celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their home in Sweet Home, Ore., Nov. 8 with friends and family members. The Osburns were married Oct. 24, 1961, but postponed the party until the family could get together after the Feast of Tabernacles. Mrs. Osburn was baptized in 1968, and Mr. Osburn was baptized in 1983. They have four children: Greg, Trina, Shelly and Shannon, and five grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. D. MEIDINGER

Happy silver wedding anniversary. Dad and Mom (Donald and Marva Meidingers). Congratulations on 25 years together. May the love of the past 25 years continue to grow and deepen. Thank you for the fine example you have set for us all. Love, Suzanne and Mark David, Elizabeth, David, Debbie and Becky.

Bill and Ramona Middleton: Happy 33 years. We want to thank you for your love, guidance and all the hard work you've put into raising us. We couldn't have had two better examples. We love you and we're so proud to have you as our parents. With love, Kathy, Andy, Sam, Jon, Debra, Timmy, Sebra and Susie.

Weddings Made of Gold

VINELAND, N.J. — Arthur Dyer, pastor of the Philadelphia, Pa., and Vineland churches, presented Mr. and Mrs. Bill Matlack with a plaque after Sabbath services Nov. 1 in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

An anniversary cake and punch were served after the presentation.

Mr. and Mrs. Matlack were married Oct. 26, 1936. They have five sons, one daughter, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. H.D. HAYNES

ANNISTON, Ala. — Hughell Dexter and Emma Haynes celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Oct. 13. Cake and coffee were served after Sabbath services Oct. 11, and the couple received gifts from the brethren.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, Church members since 1958, have two sons, Jimmy and Jack, and three grandchildren, all of whom attend the Anniston church.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES ANNESS

BRIGHTON, England — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anness celebrated their

55th wedding anniversary Sept. 12. The couple met when he worked in Brighton's fruit and vegetable market and she served meals in the market dining room.

Mr. and Mrs. Anness have one son, Paul, a deacon in the Ipswich, England, church. Mrs. Anness was baptized in 1964, and Mr. Anness was baptized in 1976.

The Annesses are skilled with wood and fabrics. Mr. Anness has made several models, including a gypsy caravan, doll's house and a model of the coronation chair in Westminster Abbey. Mrs. Anness knits garments for dolls, raising funds for church activities by selling them at church functions and to area residents. Together they made a woven fringed rug.



MR. AND MRS. BILL McCAFFREE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Brethren here honored Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCaffree Sept. 13 for their 59th wedding anniversary. A cake was made by Ann Gillam.



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH LIEPIC

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. — Joseph W. and Lottie Liepic observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 6. Vincent Szymkowiak, pastor of the Detroit, Mich., East church, presented them with a 24-karat gold-plated tray at Sabbath services.

The Liepics were married in 1936 in Detroit. Mr. Liepic is a retired tool-maker. The Liepics have three children and five grandchildren. They have been Church members since 1981.

The Liepics also observed their anniversary with their children and family members Sept. 7 with a dinner at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester, Mich.

WINNIPEG, Man. — William and Verna Koss celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 19. Brethren honored them at a senior citizens' social with gifts and a cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Koss were baptized in 1972. They have two sons and five grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. REX DUNDON

ALBANY, Ore. — Rex and Edna Dundon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 3. They were honored with a family gathering and an open house for friends, relatives and brethren.

Mr. and Mrs. Dundon began attending Church services in Eugene, Ore., and were baptized in 1968. They have three living children, Don, Terry and Linda, and five grandchildren.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Five hundred Sacramento brethren helped celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Virgil and Eva Enright after Sabbath services Aug. 16.

A three-tier cake and two sheet cakes were baked and decorated by Nancy Curtis.



MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL ENRIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Enright were married in Brookings, S.D., Aug. 26, 1936, and they moved to California in June, 1940. The Enrights have three sons, James, Robert and Thomas; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Enright were baptized in 1968.



MR. AND MRS. WESLEY SMITH

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Brethren of the Oklahoma City church helped Mr. and Mrs. Wesley B. Smith celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 27 with a potluck dinner.

Later that evening they were honored with a reception and dance given by their children and grandchildren. Brethren presented them with a fluted gold and silver bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were baptized 27 years ago in Dallas, Tex. They have one daughter, Sylvia Caruthers, and one granddaughter, Marcia Stidham, who are Church members.

Obituaries

RUPERT, Idaho — Maria Aschenbrenner, 88, died Sept. 14. She was born in Russia, came to the United States when she was 15 and was married 54 years before her husband died in 1970. She has been a Church member since 1962.

Mrs. Aschenbrenner is survived by three sons, one daughter, two brothers and one sister, 10 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Twelve other brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted in Rupert Sept. 16 by Wilbur Berg, pastor of the Twin Falls and Blackfoot, Idaho, churches. Burial took place in Scottsbluff, Neb., Sept. 19.

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Anthony J. Yaros, 81, died Aug. 31 in Sacred Heart Hospital. Mr. Yaros has been a Church member since 1969.

Born in Lyon, Pa., Mr. Yaros was the son of the late Peter and Martha Yaros. He has no immediate survivors. Graveside services were conducted by Roy Holladay, pastor of the Bethlehem and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., churches.

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Harriet E. Jones, 73, died Sept. 4. She has been a Church member since August, 1975.

Miss Jones is survived by three sisters, Muriel Jordan and Marian Wallace of Philadelphia, Pa., and Estelle Jones of Oak Bridge, N.J.

Funeral services were conducted by Roy Holladay, pastor of the Bethlehem and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., churches.

REGINA, Sask. — John W. Tataryn, 79, died Sept. 19. He was baptized in April, 1975, with his wife, Anne.

Mr. Tataryn is survived by his wife; three children, Sophie, Roman and Gary; and six grandchildren. His son Gary attends the Regina church.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 23 by Glen Weber, pastor of the Regina church.

MUNCIE, Ind. — Zoia Pearl Potter, 93, died Aug. 28. She was the oldest member who attended the Muncie church and was baptized in the 1950s.

Mrs. Potter is survived by a daughter, (See OBITUARIES, page 10)

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two sons, two sisters, a brother, two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Gordon Brauchla, a minister in the Muncie church.

DAYTON, Ohio — Robert L. "Curley" Hinch Sr., 62, died Sept. 25 after a stroke. He has been a Church member since 1966.

Mr. Hinch is survived by his wife, Edith, a son, Richard of Huber Heights, Ohio; and a daughter-in-law, Sandra, of Tipp City, Ohio; all baptized members. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Robert, Rita, Amy, Phillip and Lisa, all of whom attend Church services.

Funeral services were conducted by Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches.

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Charles H. VanBilliard, 71, of Easton, Pa., died Aug. 31 in St. Luke's Hospital. He was baptized in September, 1975.

Mr. VanBilliard is survived by two sons, James Roy and Paul G. of Easton; a daughter, Susan Harbula of Mad River, Ohio; two brothers, Floyd and Roy of Bethlehem; two sisters, June of Allentown, Pa., and Mildred LaForgia of Bethlehem; and four grandchildren. Mr. VanBilliard's wife, Audrey, died in 1984.

Funeral services took place in Strunk Funeral Home and were conducted by Roy Holladay, pastor of the Bethlehem and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., churches.

BALLYMENA, Northern Ireland — Jean McGalliard, 99, died Nov. 7 after a brief illness. She would have been 100 years old in six days.

Miss McGalliard was baptized when she was 84, and a feature about her life appeared in *The Worldwide News* March 14, 1977. She attributed her long and healthy life to hard work and plain living.

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 9 by John Jewell, pastor of the Belfast, Ballymena and Craigavon, Northern Ireland, churches. A graveside service was conducted by Hugh Carton, a minister in the Ballymena church.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Leonard H. Merkle, 68, died Oct. 7. He has been a Church member since 1963 and served as choir director in the Detroit, Mich., Toledo, Ohio, and St. Petersburg churches in the 1970s.

Mr. Merkle is survived by his wife, Tob; two sons; two daughters; and one stepdaughter.

Interment was in Wapakoneta, Ohio, with David Fiedler, pastor of the Toledo and Findlay, Ohio, churches, officiating.

LAFAYETTE, La. — Joe Frame, 86, died Oct. 31 at Oakwood Village Nursing home. He was born Dec. 10, 1899, and was baptized in 1972.

Mr. Frame is survived by a niece and nephew, Dwayne and Anne Melancon; and other relatives.

Funeral services, conducted by Warren Wain, assistant pastor of the Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., churches, took place at the Martin and Castille Funeral Home in Lafayette.

FRANKLIN, N.C. — Evelyn Marie Henderson, 48, died Nov. 2 after a bout with cancer. She was baptized in 1984.

Mrs. Henderson is survived by her parents, her husband, two sons and two brothers.

Ricky Sherrod, a local elder in the Chattanooga, Tenn., church, conducted funeral services at Bryant Funeral Home in Franklin. He also conducted a graveside service at Union Methodist Cemetery.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Walter D. Shook, 86, died Oct. 19 of a heart ailment. He was baptized in April, 1978, and attended the Youngstown church.

Mr. Shook is survived by a sister, Edna Russell of Rialto, Calif.

Funeral services were arranged by his family.

MALVERN, Ark. — Charles W. Gruver, 91, died Aug. 9. He has been a Church member since 1950.

Mr. Gruver is survived by his wife, Isabella; two sons, Bernard and Richard, both of Dayton, Ohio; one stepson, Gerald Greer of Malvern; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ray Wawak, a minister in the Little Rock, Ark., church.

JACKSONVILLE, Tex. — Mar-

garet Silmon, 56, died Sept. 12 after a sudden illness. She was baptized in 1982.

Miss Silmon is survived by her mother, Lillie M. Silmon of Jacksonville; two sisters, Mary Cromwell of Los Angeles, Calif., and Biolene Silmon of Jacksonville; two brothers, Robert and Lewis, both of Jacksonville; three aunts; two uncles; nieces; nephews; and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Treybig, associate pastor of the Big Sandy church.

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Danny Woods, 3½, son of Rick and Kathy Woods, died May 21 of spinal meningitis.

Danny is survived by his parents; a sister, Jennifer; maternal grandparents, Neil and Barbara Wolcott, who attend the Buffalo, Wyo., church; and paternal grandparents Bob and Jane Woods of Sheridan, Wyo.

Funeral services were conducted in Buffalo by Anthony Bosserman, a minister in the Billings, Mont., church.

IBERIA, Mo. — Roy Surface, 54, was killed in an accident at his sawmill Nov. 2. He attended the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., church.

Mr. Surface is survived by his wife, Winona, a Church member; five sons, Larry, Wesley, John, Daryl and David; one daughter, Connie; two sisters; and 10 grandchildren.

TRENTON, N.J. — Jack Eugene Tate, 62, died Oct. 21 of cancer. He was baptized in May, 1971.

Mr. Tate was born in Knoxville, Tenn., and lived in the Trenton area for 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; two sons, Jack Jr. and Charles; and two grandchildren, Annette and Teri.

Funeral services were conducted Oct. 24, and burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery in Trenton.

WATERTOWN, S.D. — Viola Bollinger, 89, died Oct. 12. She has been a Church member for 18 years.

Mr. Bollinger was born Sept. 4, 1897. She is survived by three sisters, one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services were conducted in Webster, S.D., by John Elliott, pastor of the Watertown, Sioux Falls and Yankton, S.D., churches.

TONASKET, Wash. — June Bloom, 75, died Sept. 19 of pneumonia after several years of ill health. She was baptized in June, 1969.

During her years in the Church Mrs. Bloom served as pianist for the Pentecost, B.C., church and later for the Tonasket church. She also played special music.

Mrs. Bloom is survived by one stepdaughter.

Graveside services were conducted by Gene Watkins, associate pastor of the Tonasket, Pasco, Yakima and Quincy, Wash., churches.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Lona Lea Bell, 67, died Sept. 8 after a long battle with cancer. She has been a Church member since 1971.

Mrs. Bell is survived by her husband, Wilford, also a Church member; one sister, Louise Leibold of Pipe Creek, Tex.; two sons, Bradley of Ingleside, Tex., and Charles of Atascosa, Tex.; one daughter, Sharon Elmendorf of Wimberley, Tex.; and eight grandchildren.

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

Pope

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Pope in the Third World. He's the Pope for the poor and oppressed [In Australia for example, John Paul defended controversial land rights claims by Aborigines]. . . But, Marty adds, "I don't think he likes Northwest Europe, and I don't think he likes a lot of things about America."

Summing up the information in this column and that of the Dec. 1 issue concerning the impact of the Single European Act, certain conclusions might seem logical:

(1) Europe is being unified at the economic and social level to a degree most outsiders do not yet perceive. It is being harmonized in areas of product design, banking services, movements of capital, social legislation and labor policies.

It doesn't take much imagination to see that a woman (in biblical terminology, a church) "sitting on [in control of] a scarlet beast" (Revelation 17:3) may someday take this harmonization one step further and demand that secular authorities legislate on which days work may or may not be done. Check Revelation 13:16-17.

(2) American Catholicism has been irreversibly affected by liberal, anti-authoritarian Protestant

attitudes. We might be seeing the development of the rationale for a united Europe's eventual military action against a wayward America. Of course, many immigrant Hispanic-Americans, far more loyal to the pope, may be spared. When the pope visits Los Angeles, Calif., next fall, one of his themes will deal with immigration.

(3) There could be pressure, and ultimately persecution, on religious bodies not supporting the developing worldwide ecumenical peace effort. Herbert Armstrong wrote in the January, 1984, *Plain Truth* in an article titled "What Lies Ahead Now?": "When our great commission is in God's sight completed . . . we shall be taken to a place of protection from the Great Tribulation, which is the furious wrath of Satan [Revelation 12:14]. . . Satan in his mad wrath will then make war with the remnant Church. This has to be the Laodicean era of the Church (verse 17)."

Individuals not enjoying God's protection will be confronted with one of the most agonizing decisions of all time — obey God and confront economic deprivation and religious persecution, or compromise with the satanic system and "drink of the wine of the wrath of God" (Revelation 14:9-10).

Children's Corner

He can see everything

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Peekaboo, Gina, I see you!" 4-year-old Mike Harris said, laughing, as his year-old-sister hid her eyes behind her hands.

"Mommy," Mike called, "come look at Gina. She can't see me, so she thinks I can't see her. Isn't that funny?"

"Yes, it is, Mike," his mother said, smiling, as she stepped into the living room. "And speaking of being able to see someone, I want to talk to you about something your father and I thought you should know. Even though your father doesn't go to church he said he wants you to understand the truth the Church teaches. Let's sit here for a minute."

Mike lifted Gina up onto the couch, then climbed up on the other side of Mother. "OK Mommy, what do you want to talk about?"

"Well, on the radio," Frances Harris said, "you've been hearing songs about Santa Claus. One song claims that Santa sees you while you're sleeping; he knows when you're awake; he knows when you've been good or bad — and so on. But this so-called Santa Claus isn't even real, so how could he see you or know anything about you?"

"Oh Mommy," Mike exclaimed impatiently, "I know he isn't real. My cousins, Chris and Debbie, told me that, too. Besides how could anyone know what I'm doing all the time? Even you don't know that — do you?"



Artwork to color by Ken Tunell

"No, I don't, not all the time," Mother answered. "But there is someone who can always see what we do. Do you know who that someone is?"

Mike guessed. "You mean God? He can see everything we do?" When Mother nodded, he asked, "But how can God see me? I can't see Him."

Mother laughed. "Gina thought you couldn't see her, either, just because she couldn't see you — remember?"

"Oh . . . yes," Mike answered.

"But can God see even in the dark?"

"Yes, Mike," Mother answered, smiling. "God or His angels can see us wherever we are, day or night. But some people say it is Santa, not God, who sees whether we're bad or good, and that he's the one who gives us presents. Do you know who wants us to believe that?"

When Mike shook his head, Mother explained. "It's Satan. Remember, God is the one who gives us our good gifts. But Satan doesn't want

God to get the credit. He doesn't want us to know we should be thankful to God or obey Him. So, we must be careful to believe only what is true."

Just then the back door banged shut as Ivan Harris hurried into the house. When he found his family sitting in the living room, he smiled and asked, "What are you all talking about?"

After Dad reached down and exchanged with each one a hug and kiss, Mike answered: "Daddy, we were talking about Santa Claus. You know, he isn't real! But Satan wants us to believe he is. And, Daddy, do you know that God can see us everywhere — even in the dark? He must have super good eyes!"

"How do you know God can see you everywhere, Mike? Did you read that?" Dad asked, teasing him, because Mike hadn't learned yet to read.

"Ivan," Frances answered, "I read him Proverbs 15:3, which says, 'The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good'" (New King James).

"You know, Mike," Ivan answered. "I wish now that my parents hadn't let me believe in Santa Claus — or the tooth fairy — or lots of other wrong things that are hard to unlearn. You're getting a head start learning what is true now."

Dad reached over and kissed Mother again. Mike grinned and said: "Watch out, Daddy. Don't forget — God can see everything!"

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Clubs come together for fellowship

The **CEBU**, Philippines, Spokesman Club ended its club year with its second ladies night of the year Oct. 11 in Cebu.

Speakers were Jose Basera, Roger Remo, Mexico Guinare, Elpidio Robin and Ranulfo Suan. Flaviano Calope gave the Most Helpful Evaluation, Mr. Basera was the Most Improved Speaker and Mr. Robin gave the Most Effective Speech.

Laurito Amodia conducted table-topics, and Ranulfo Merida was toastmaster.

The evening included food and entertainment. *Saldy Cucharo*.

The first meeting of the combined **ATLANTA NORTH** and **ROME**, Ga., Graduate Club — a breakfast meeting — took place Sunday, Sept. 21. Members were encouraged to bring their wives.

Michael Hanisko, club director and pastor of both churches, out-

lined the purposes of the club. The meetings cover doctrinal and Christian living topics, and men will participate in topics, speeches and simulated counseling visits. *Bill Richardson*.

The **BRISBANE NORTH** and **CABOOLTURE**, Australia, Spokesman Club acted as host for a special dinner meeting for 52 members of the Over Fifties group, Sept. 21, at the home of Rodney Dean, pastor of the two churches.

Guests and members ate a smorgasbord meal prepared by wives of club members.

Elton Fawcett conducted table-topics. Trophies were presented to Larry Malmstone, club president, for the Most Effective Speech, and to Maurice Wetzig for the Most Improved Speaker.

Mr. Dean evaluated the meeting, and emphasized the need for Christian leadership through com-

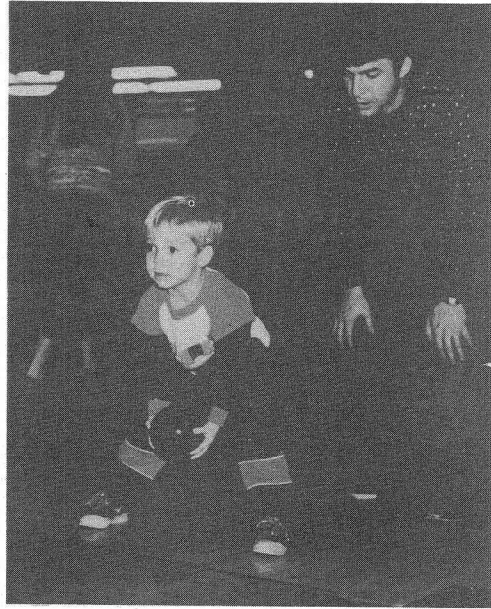
munication with others.

Eric Noad, Over Fifties club organizer, thanked the club for the dinner. *Daphne Affleck*.

Activity bowls over members

One hundred four **VICTORIA**, B.C., brethren spent the morning of Nov. 16 five-pin bowling at Town and Country Lanes in Victoria.

William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., churches, awarded trophies to Don Jodrell Jr., Muriel Brenda, Phil Smith and Jenny Morgan for bowling highest scores in their categories. *John Plunkett*.



KNOCK 'EM DOWN — Dan Sonntag helps his son, Stephen, take aim during a Victoria, B.C., five-pin bowling social Nov. 16. [Photo by John Plunkett]

YES-age children graduate, present play

A YES graduation ceremony for **INDIANA**, Pa., children took place Sept. 13.

Children in YES levels one to nine demonstrated their skills in Bible memory, and children in the higher levels gave a summary of what they learned during the year.

Bob Oles, YES director, presented the children in each level and explained how each evaluator con-

ducted lessons. George Affeldt, pastor of the Indiana and Huntingdon, Pa., churches, presented certificates of achievement to 32 YES participants. Level nine students were awarded Bibles.

Later a reception prepared by Gloria Keith and Mary Lou Reefer took place. Cakes were made by Dale McFarland and Kathy Samay. *Wanda Paranih*.

About 40 YES-age children of the **QUEZON CITY**, Philippines, church staged a play about the life of King David Sept. 13 at the Church's meeting hall.

Nelson Roxas, YES coordinator, initiated the activity. The play was presented after two months of rehearsal. The script was written by Prudencio Mariano, who directed the play, and Carina Hui, a YES evaluator.

Regional director Guy Ames and Rodney Matthews, office manager, attended the performance.

The cast was treated to a swimming and ice cream party the next day. *Gloria G. Angel*.

District 35 families meet

More than 600 brethren participated in a District 35 family weekend in **SARASOTA**, Fla., Nov. 15 and 16.

A talent contest took place Saturday evening. In the junior division first places went to Stephen Bierer of Sarasota in the piano and string

category; Michael Danapas of Tarpon Springs, Fla., in the instrumental and percussion category; and Ray Blencowe of Tampa, Fla., in the vocal category.

In the senior division first places went to Rachel Thomas of Miami, Fla., in the piano and string category; Derrol Nail of Cocoa Beach, Fla., instrumental and percussion; Nyla Campbell of Bradenton, Fla., vocal; and Joanna Barr, Sharon Berry and Rachel, Michael and Ernie Thomas in the group category.

While the judges were deciding, Jackie Bierer performed the first movement of Sonata No. 3 by Handel on her violin.

Sunday a family day beach party and picnic began at 10 a.m. on Siesta Key and continued until sunset. *Janet Hendershot*.



FILIPINO WELCOME — Evangelist Raymond McNair, Pasadena Ambassador College deputy chancellor, and his wife, Eve, learn a traditional Filipino dance at a welcome party for them Oct. 12 in the Philippines. [Photo by Limneo C. Narvaja]

Filipinos welcome McNairs

LEGAZPI and **SORSOGON**, Philippines, brethren were hosts for a party Oct. 12 to welcome evangelist Raymond McNair and his wife, Eve, to the Philippines. Mr. McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College, spoke at three Philippine Feast sites.

Members and children provided entertainment, and George Escara, pastor of the two churches, presented the McNairs with a native

handbag, a shopping bag, place mats and a greeting card signed by the brethren.

The McNairs presented Dionisio Catchillar, associate pastor of the Manila, Philippines, church, and his wife, Magdalena, with a ceramic pitcher. The Catchillars were serving as guides for the McNairs.

Other activities included a meal of native dishes and a demonstration of native dancing. *Limneo C. Narvaja*.

Members ready Feast site

One hundred fifty brethren and Church youths from the **WAUSAU**, **WISCONSIN DELLS** and **MADISON**, Wis., churches helped prepare the Wisconsin Dells Festival site Oct. 5.

One crew cleaned the administration building, while others washed windows in the tabernacle and prepared plastic to cover the doors and

skylights during the satellite transmission. The group cleaned the rest rooms and mothers' rooms, swept the floor, marked rows and sections with tape and chalk and set up more than 8,000 chairs.

A lunch was prepared for the workers by women from the Wisconsin Dells church. *Karen Torgerson*.



ROAR OF THE SEA — Michael and Katie Rounds ride a sea lion on the beach during the Feast in St. Petersburg, Fla. Michael, Katie and photographer Zane Peterson, all of the Syracuse, N.Y., church, made the lion out of sand and seaweed. [Photo by Zane Peterson]

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — A bronze bust of the late Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** was placed in the lower lobby of the Ambassador Auditorium Oct. 6, according to **Roman Borek**, Auditorium house manager.

The bust was sculpted by **Lawrence Allan Dutcher**, a member who attends the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., church. Mr. Dutcher also sculpted busts of pianists **Arthur Rubinstein** and **Vladimir Horowitz**, both of which are in the lower lobby.

Mr. Dutcher said the bust of Mr. Armstrong, which took three months to make, was crafted using 40 photographs he obtained from



BRONZE BUST — This bust of Herbert W. Armstrong in the Ambassador Auditorium was sculpted by a member from Pennsylvania. [Photo by Warren Watson]

the Church's Photography Services Department as a guide.

The bust is 32 inches high, 30 inches wide and weighs about 90 pounds, according to the sculptor. It sits on a four-foot pedestal made of black and gold marble from Italy.

Mr. Dutcher, who attended the Arts Students League in New York, N.Y., is a resident sculptor at Keystone Junior College in La Plume, Pa. He has been a Church member since 1973.

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PASADENA — For the first time, *Youth 86* will be offered to professional offices and other businesses as part of the waiting room program, according to **Ray Wright**, director of Publishing Services.

According to **Boyd Leeson**, *Plain Truth* circulation manager, waiting room program coordinators are reviewing their lists of doctors and dentist offices and other professional establishments that receive *The Plain Truth* to ask them if they would like to receive *Youth 86*.

As with *The Plain Truth*, subscriptions to *Youth 86* will be mailed directly to the offices. They are not restocked by Church members as with the newsstand program.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand — A 10 percent expenditure tax on most goods and services was introduced in New Zealand Oct. 1, according to **Peter Nathan**, regional director for the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific.

This general sales tax (GST) threatened to cost the Church thousands of dollars in 1987, to be paid by reductions in advertising, newsstands and circulation. After brethren were asked to pray about the situation, the New Zealand Tax Department ruled that the Church can recover about 90 to 95 percent of the GST it pays.

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PASADENA — Circulation of

The Plain Truth in Japan is now 11,550, an 840 percent increase over last year, according to evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs. The increase comes from *Plain Truth* advertisements in Japanese magazines.

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PASADENA — Evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, announced the following ministerial transfers:

Reginald Killingley, pastor of the Pasadena Spanish church, was transferred to pastor the Barquisimeto, Venezuela, church, before the Feast. **Pablo Gonzalez**, pastor of the San Juan, Puerto Rico, church, formerly pastored both the Barquisimeto and San Juan churches.

Fernando Barriga, pastor of the Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico, churches, now pastors the Pasadena Spanish church, and **Saul Langarica**, a ministerial trainee in the Chihuahua, Mexico, church, was ordained a local elder Sept. 10 and now pastors the Mexicali and Tijuana churches.

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PASADENA — Each month about 300 Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course subscribers are added to the subscription list. During the past five years, one of 100 of those who completed the course has been baptized, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**,



QUEEN'S BREAKFAST — Ross Jutsum (left), director of Music Services, leads the Pasadena Ambassador College Young Ambassadors in "A World of Wonders" at the annual Tournament of Roses Queen's Breakfast in Pasadena Nov. 26. Performance of the song, written by Mr. Jutsum for the Tournament of Roses, was met with a standing ovation by the 700 community members at the breakfast. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

director of the Mail Processing Center.

While this may seem a small percentage, only one in 1,000 from all sources combined has been baptized in the same time, Mr. Rice said.

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PASADENA — In 1981 the telephone response area of the Mail Processing Center used eight Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines to answer the calls from *The World Tomorrow*, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of MPC.

Now there are 260 incoming WATS lines to accommodate the calls — 165 in Pasadena and 95 in Big Sandy. Sixty-five outbound WATS lines are also used to send

calls to the homes of members who serve on the WATS in-home program.

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PASADENA — **Garland Snuffer**, supervisor of the Radio Production Department and coordinator for the Ambassador Amateur Radio Association, would like to hear from ham radio operators in the Church, regardless of class of license.

Mr. Snuffer said the association sponsors the Alpha Charlie Net, which operates on two schedules. One operates daily, basically for operators in the United States and Canada, at 0100 Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), at 7.230 MHz.

Another network operates Sundays at 1600 GMT at 14.327 MHz.

"Any ham radio operators in the Church are welcome to participate in the networks," Mr. Snuffer said. "For those unable to participate at these times, we have other schedules and can make new ones."

Mr. Snuffer said he knows of about 220 ham radio operators in the Church in Canada, Australia, Belize, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the United States and West Germany.

Ham operators interested in participating can get more information by writing to the Ambassador Amateur Radio Association, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, or by "checking into the net," Mr. Snuffer said.

Anyone already participating in the association need not contact Mr. Snuffer.



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

PASADENA — Bridges and roads are being rebuilt in the Solomon Islands, which suffered "a severe blow" from Cyclone Namu in May, said **Christopher Hunting**, pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, East and South churches.

Although the West Pacific island group will take several years to recover, Mr. Hunting said the members "are in excellent spirits and have just enjoyed the best Feast of Tabernacles ever."

Mr. Hunting said that while a number of members were unaffected by the typhoon, the family of **Moses P. Pitakaka** reported a narrow escape.

Portions of a letter from Mr. Pitakaka to Mr. Hunting are reproduced below:

"My wife and I, awakened by the strong wind, knelt down and prayed to God for His divine protection for our life and dwelling and kept awake — only our children were in bed undisturbed — till the break of day . . .

"At about 7 a.m. . . we saw nothing but water, like high sea waves, carrying floating logs and other debris towards our place. Once again we knelt down with our children and prayed earnestly to God for His intervention and protection. There was virtually nothing we could do but to rely on God . . .

"All around us, grass and trees were already under water. To our amazement, as the water and logs moved close to our house, a miracle seemed to occur.

"The floating logs seemed to be stationary, forming two lines of fence about 100 meters (330 feet) from our house and some logs forming a semicircle fence around our house and well.

"The stationary logs diverted the water to either side of our house, leaving our house safe and sound — hence our lives. Water around our house and under the floor was just a little above the ankle.

"However, our farm [lands were] either washed away or buried with thick mud, logs and other debris. Although we lost all our economic trees — coconut and cocoa — and farm, which is the source of our income and food, we count that as a gain because the almighty and merciful God in His mercy and love intervened to save our lives and dwelling.

"We praised and thanked God in prayer and hymns immediately after this miracle occurred.

"Our well was never disturbed and was clean and safe for drinking and washing after the storm and flood. Villages nearby used our well for drinking and washing for more than a week.

"One thing my wife and I will never forget was that [we never] entertained any thought of fear or fright during the storm and flood . . . We thank God for this calmness in mind during the time of trouble.

"What I and my family need most at this time of natural disaster, which is affecting us, is your prayer so that God [will] restore us to our

former position so that we will be able to participate fully in tithes and offerings for the carrying out of God's commission."

Rescue

Low Mun Chong, brother of Low Mong Chai, a deacon in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, was rescued by the *Unit Tindakan Khas* (Special Action Squad) Nov. 10, after being held for ransom for 61 days.

According to a Malaysian newspaper, police stormed a house in Kuala Lumpur and overpowered two armed kidnappers without firing a shot.

Mr. Low, 41, managing director of Southern Realty and Southern Oils in Klang, Malaysia, was found in a room chained to the railings of the stairs, the paper reported.

Another report called the rescue "the biggest police success in recent years."

"It was a miracle that the police didn't even fire a shot," Yong Chin Gee, pastor of the Kuala Lumpur and Johor Baharu, Malaysia, churches, told *The Worldwide News* Dec. 9. "Two of them possessing guns will be hanged. In Malaysia, anyone with an unlicensed firearm is hanged."

Bomb explodes — member safe

Several shoppers were injured, four seriously, Nov. 19, when what was believed to be a time bomb exploded in the package counter of a department store in Manila, Philippines, according to **Roberto Gopez**, pastor of the Malolos, Philippines, church.

At the time of the explosion, **Wilfredo Sison**, a Church member in Santa Maria, Philippines, was in the store.

"A few seconds before the explosion, he was about to go to the package counter to claim his shopping bag and return home," Mr. Gopez said.

"But then, a thought entered his mind that he would first go to another store and just go back later to claim his shopping bag," continued

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