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'Highest standard' hallmark of concert season for 1987-88

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Choosing the very best, "that's the hallmark of our season—our mission," said Wayne Shilkret, director of Performing Arts, describing the 1987-88 concert season.

The 13th annual subscription season, which begins Sept. 20, features 150 performances grouped into 29 subscription series.

Family entertainment

"We are in the business of bringing in mostly family entertainment and, therefore, make sure that each concert is up to the highest standard and quality possible," Mr. Shilkret said.

"We choose the best available performers—both those with huge

box office appeal and those who are coming up.

"And then we attempt to build an audience for those artists who are great performers but don't yet have box office appeal. We've been very successful at that."

In choosing performers, Mr. Shilkret told *The Worldwide News* that he relies on his own judgment and that of his staff. "We have a few specialists here in areas like ballet and opera.

"We also listen to our customers and to managers. We even listen to performers themselves when they write to us. We receive a great many pieces of mail from around the world every year. We also watch how performers come

across on television and we go see and hear them ourselves," he continued.

Performers

"One of the major events of the Los Angeles music season will be the first West Coast performances at Ambassador Auditorium by the complete 51-member Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and the return of conductor Sir Neville Martin in April, 1988," Mr. Shilkret said.

The Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, with Armin Jordan conducting, will make its West Coast debut Nov. 12.

Other notable appearances in the 1987-88 season will be the Los Angeles debut of the Central Philharmonic of China, three ensembles from the Soviet Union, the Moscow Virtuosi, the Georgian Chamber Orchestra, the Pittsburgh (Pa.) and Seattle (Wash.) symphonies, the 36-member Israel Chamber Orchestra, a six-concert series by the Borodin Quartet, the Israel Piano Trio, cellist Yo-Yo Ma and tenor Jon Vickers.

The series titles are: Great Performers, Stars of Opera, Great Orchestras of the World, International Chamber Orchestras,



QUALITY ENTERTAINMENT—The Ambassador Foundation announces its 1987-88 concert season in the above brochure. The 13th season includes "the best available performers," according to Wayne Shilkret, director of Performing Arts.

Chamber Music, Piano, Guitar, Festival of Early Music, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, World Travelogue Adventure Films, Footlight, Ambassador Pops and Big Band Era.

Three new series are Family Pops, with, among others, Hal Holbrook in "Mark Twain Tonight" and the Canadian Brass; a Ballet Festival, featuring the Moscow Ballet, the Dance Theatre of Harlem and the National Ballet of Canada; and the Sounds of Genius, which offers "six eventful concerts by some of the greatest names in jazz, mas-

ters of blues, swing and be-bop," according to a Performing Arts subscription brochure.

Although the majority of concerts will be performed in the Ambassador Auditorium, the Family Pops and Ballet Festival series and several individual performances will be presented in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

The Civic has "twice as many seats as the Auditorium and can accommodate the production needs of ballet and other large-scale productions," Mr. Shilkret pointed out.

World Tomorrow goes on-location in Europe

PASADENA—Evangelist David Hulme; Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor; Larry Omasta, producer of the *World Tomorrow* program; John Halford, writer and associate producer; and other members of the television crew did on-location taping in London and West Berlin in June for several programs of *The World Tomorrow's* fall season.

The television crew taped at the British Museum for a program on civilization. The after-hours taping took place June 16 beside the Assyrian, Persian and Greek display areas.

Mr. Hulme was taped beside the winged bulls that once guarded Emperor Sargon's palace, in front of a ceramic relief panel from the palace of Darius at Susa and at the remains and ruins of statuary that once adorned the Parthenon in Athens, Mr. Omasta said.

A sequence on civilization was

taped in Richborough, north of Dover, where Mr. Halford grew up. Richborough features the remains of a fort built by Roman legionnaires. (See EUROPE, page 7)

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

How much do we really appreciate the labor and efforts of one another?

Sometimes it is easy to take each other for granted, and to forget the toil and labor of love that others sometimes put into serving us.

One area that I feel we need to consider is that of special music for Sabbath services. Perhaps we don't often think about the kind of preparation that goes into making possible the three- or four-minute songs of praise or the musical compositions that serve to glorify God on the Sabbath, as well as to inspire and uplift us, preparing our minds for the spiritual instruction of the sermon.

But the individual or individuals who give of themselves in this way often spend hours and hours of preparation for the one number, not to mention the years and years of lessons and practice that preceded that preparation.

I know that many times, when special music concludes, we are so inspired that we want to burst out in applause of appreciation both for the inspiration we've been given and for the diligent service on the part of the singers and musicians.

God designed music to *move* those who hear it to want to move! Many have wondered whether to applaud for this level

of performance of special music at services would be the appropriate or proper way to show that appreciation.

I believe that God *does* value in us that kind of response to the beautiful and inspiring music He has made possible. Through our applause for such moving performances we share with God His enjoyment and appreciation of the glory shown to Him through the special music, as well as our regard for the labor of love by those who have shared their skills and talents for this beautiful purpose.

In no way does our heartfelt applause on such occasions reduce special music to a mere "performance" or "entertainment." Entertainment has its place, and of course we applaud for it as well. But our occasional applause at services for special music should have a greater meaning.

Special music, when it is available, is a part of the actual ser-

vice of the Church. Its purpose is to glorify and praise God, and to inspire and stimulate us spiritually, so that we are in the most positive frame of mind possible to receive the spiritual message God has for us in the sermon.

Music works on our emotions, and the right kind of special Sabbath music should stir us to be excited about the calling God has given us and the many benefits and blessings of that calling. Consequently, it is only right and appropriate for us to feel free to applaud on these occasions—as a dignified, yet enthusiastic way of demonstrating our joy and esteem for what God has done.

Of course, not every congregation has members with outstanding trained voices or skilled players of musical pieces. And I should remind everyone that it is *not* our custom in God's Church to applaud for either the sermonette or sermon. These messages are designed for a different purpose than special music, and often, though also being encouraging, they must serve to "reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (II Timothy 4:2).

However, it would be perfectly appropriate to applaud for

some outstanding or exciting development in God's Work that might be reported during the announcement period.

One final word about special Sabbath music. Church pastors have the responsibility to see to it that music presented for this purpose is uplifting, inspiring and *glorifying to God!* The Sabbath service is not the place for "pop" songs, or entertainment-style presentations in which singers walk around onstage carrying the microphone.

Though these would be perfectly fine for church socials or dances, special Sabbath music should be done for the special purposes I have outlined above.

I hope we can all come to deeply appreciate the wonderful blessing God has given us of beautiful music, and acknowledge the diligent labor of those who have developed the skills to share it. Remember that a simple word of appreciation can be of great encouragement.

I again want to express deep appreciation for the *fantastic job* each of our congregations has been doing for the Office Facilities Building fund! The overwhelmingly positive response to this program has been most gratifying and encouraging to me personally, because it demonstrates your deep love as God's people for His Work, and the heartfelt *involvement* you are willing to put into the commission God has laid upon His Church.

Let's keep the vision of the wonderful world tomorrow clear and brilliant before us, brethren, through the unailing power of God's Holy Spirit.

Pastor General Visits Europe

PASADENA—July 15 Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach left on an 18-day trip to France, Switzerland, Italy, Malta, West Germany, East Berlin, the Netherlands, England and Scotland. He will visit the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp at Loch Lomond, Scotland.

The pastor general and his traveling party plan to visit brethren and Church offices while in Europe and return to Pasadena Aug. 2.

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Who controls America's foreign policy?

PASADENA—Once again, it is plain for the world to see that the United States, the world's No. 1 superpower, is a power in name only. In reality it is a crippled giant, tied down like the legendary Gulliver, but with its own bonds.

This fact is much in evidence because of the spectacle unfolding in Washington, D.C. Congressional hearings into the Iran-*contra* controversy reached their climax to date with the much-anticipated appearance of Lt. Col. Oliver North. Until his removal from office, Lt. Col. North was the chief operations officer in charge of supplying the needs of what he and others on President Ronald Reagan's National Security Council staff call the Nicaraguan democratic resistance.

The charges levied against Lt. Col. North conveyed the impression of gross illegality regarding congressionally proscribed operations. The star witness, however, testified that to the best of his knowledge "we scrupulously avoided breaking any law."

As his stacks of supporting telegrams attested, the deeply patriotic Lt. Col. North won the hearts of many Americans, standing up as he did to six days of grueling questioning. In his prepared opening statement, Lt. Col. North challenged his congressional critics to examine their own role in the evolving Iran-*contra* fiasco:

"One thing is, I think, for certain," said the bemedaled Marine, "that you will not investigate yourselves in this matter. There is not much chance that you will conclude at the end of these hearings that the Boland amendments [limiting U.S. aid to the *contras*] and the frequent policy changes therefore were unwise or that your restrictions should not have been imposed

on the executive branch . . .

"I believe it is inevitable that the Congress will in the end blame the executive branch, but I suggest to you that it is the Congress which must accept at least some of the blame in the Nicaraguan freedom fighters matter. Plain and simple, the Congress is to blame because of the fickle, vacillating, unpredictable, on-again, off-again policy toward the Nicaraguan democratic resistance—the so-called *contras* . . .

"Armies . . . need a flow of money, of arms, clothing and medical supplies. The Congress of the United States allowed the executive to encourage them to do battle and then abandoned them . . .

"In my opinion, these hearings have caused serious damage to our national interests. Our adversaries laugh at us, and our friends recoil in horror. I suppose it would be one thing if the intelligence committees wanted to hear all of this in private . . . but to hold them publicly, for the whole world to see, strikes me as very harmful."

One Republican senator, Warren Rudman of New Hampshire, while somewhat sympathetic of Col. North's situation, nevertheless criticized his broadside at Congress.

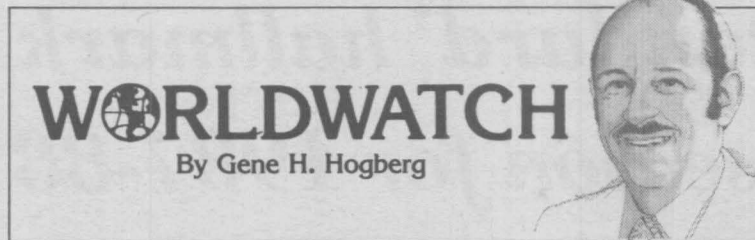
Sen. Rudman made a valid point in stressing that public opinion polls, even now at the height of support for Col. North, reveal that Americans still basically oppose the administration's *contra*-aid policy.

But it also must be emphasized that liberal lawmakers, the overwhelmingly liberal news media and mainline churches all combined to influence the public to take this position in the first place.

Much of the controversy revolves around a series of acts,

known as the Boland amendments (put forward by Rep. Edward Boland of Massachusetts) enacted over the years by Congress. There have been five of these bills by which a cautious Congress, ever wary of getting dragged into another Vietnam, has attempted to dictate the size and nature of

"So, Congress left some play in the joints throughout the Boland amendment period. The legislative record shows that everyone knew the executive branch was left free to do what it could to support the *contras* until Congress resumed funding [which it did in 1986]. In return, Congress avoided an all-out



financial aid the administration could funnel to the *contras*.

Congress has not been bold in its opposition to what the Reagan administration wanted to do in Central America. Instead, it cleverly formulated its legal opposition in amendments tacked onto the end of far more urgent big bills, such as a major money appropriations act.

In this manner President Reagan was confronted with the probability of letting part of the machinery of government grind to a halt in order to register his opposition to Boland.

Even so, the Boland amendments always gave the President a loophole. In the July 7 *Wall Street Journal*, L. Gordon Crovitz explained that even the most restrictive Boland amendment, the third one, in force from Oct. 3, 1984, to Sept. 30, 1985, did not list the NSC among the 10 agencies prohibited from channeling aid to the *contras*.

"The Boland amendments were compromises," wrote Mr. Crovitz, "accepted to avoid the risk of presidential veto or a constitutional showdown . . .

constitutional battle with the executive over separation of powers."

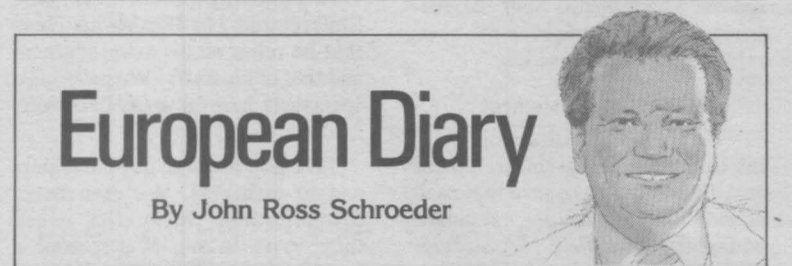
In its hard-hitting editorial of July 14, *The Wall Street Journal* expressed the view that the President should not have accepted pas-

sage of the vague Boland amendments, but rather vetoed them, setting the stage for a constitutional showdown to determine whether, in foreign policy, there was one President—or 535 (the number of representatives and senators).

All during the Boland ups and downs, the administration felt compelled to solicit aid from private citizens, organizations, even interested foreign governments. Boland nowhere proscribed such non-governmental funding—but it is hardly a way for a big power to run foreign policy.

So once again, it is painfully obvious that the pride of America's power has been broken, the valiant Oliver North notwithstanding.

According to the lead editorial in the July 7 *Wall Street Journal*, while Capitol Hill and the White House try to decide who is to run foreign policy, billions of dollars worth of military aid from the Soviets and the East bloc have consolidated the first Marxist foothold on the mainland of the Americas.



British book envisions the suicide of democracy

BOREHAMWOOD, England—What will Europe be like by the year 2000? Will one man rule Europe? Will political and economic conditions worsen?

The Church's publications have consistently brought you the informed opinion of secular observers coupled with the sure prophecies of your Bible.

Now Peter Jay and Michael Stewart have written a book titled *Apocalypse 2000*. Mr. Jay is chief of staff at Mirror Group Newspapers in London. He was a British ambassador in Washington, D.C., and has written several books about economics.

Sometimes the insight of secular observers is astonishing. They base their forecasts on present political and economic conditions—tied in with an understanding of modern history. Nothing directly to do with biblical prophecy.

The following is a preview of the book's major points (significant to the Church's understanding). Their portrait of Europe is not a happy one. By the year 2000 the European Community nation states will have come together. The United States of Europe will be a reality.

A Europe-first movement predominates. A powerful right-wing political leader directs European policy. He has appointed a commander in chief of European security forces. The general of the European army has authority to override national police forces.

Foreign travel has been restricted. Foreign exchange controls have been imposed. There is now no one in Europe who does not "fear the knock on the door in the middle of the night."

The president of Europe is powerful enough to crush rebellions in member states. Powerful enough to postpone Euro-elections in the interests of national security. Powerful enough to bring European defenses up to snuff.

Prosperity did not bring the above about. Political inertia, mass unemployment, increasing poverty and reduced living standards did. Europe's cities had become pockmarked with riots and rebellion.

Such conditions produced a ruler of all Western Europe. He is the fic-

tional Olaf Le Rith—a British national with a German-Swedish father and a French mother. He is rabidly right wing.

President Le Rith is "a strong leader, on the European scale, who would spend what is needed to bring the European armed forces up to nuclear and conventional parity with the two superpowers, and who would at the same time deal ruthlessly with the left-wing intellectuals, the students, and the troublemakers in the trade unions."

Olaf Le Rith is first and foremost a European. He believes Europe's culture to be superior. He is appalled "by the hegemony of two of the most ignorant and uncouth players ever to strut the global stage—America and Russia" (page 103). He sees part of his mission as divesting Europe of rock music and Coca-Cola culture.

His plans revolve around a Europe that has "seized control of its own destiny and its own resources" (page 103).

Peter Jay and Michael Stewart do not claim to be prophets. In the preface they write: "We are not saying that this is what will happen: we cannot forecast the future. Dates will be different; locations will, of course, be different" (page ix).

But scoffers and critics would do well to heed the second paragraph of their preface. Messrs. Jay and Stewart continued: "What we are saying is that something of the kind is likely to happen unless the Western democracies learn to cope with their fundamental economic problems much more successfully than they have been doing until now."

Yet Mr. Jay and Mr. Stewart recognize more fundamental causes. In the concluding page of their book they write: "In the last resort, however, Europe's real failure lay not in the fact that it did not adopt better economic policies or techniques of economic and social organization. It was a moral failure" (page 246).

Peter Jay and Michael Stewart, *Apocalypse 2000—Economic Breakdown and the Suicide of Democracy 1989-2000*, copyright 1987, Sidgwick & Jackson, London, 12.95 pounds.



King of the castle

Watching kids play in sand can be amusing, and an education in human nature as well. Sometimes they can even get into an argument about handfuls of sand—who's going to decide if, how, where and when the sand castle is going to be built. Or they will try to build a larger castle than the other children build.

It seems that there's something built into human nature that makes each of us want to be top dog or top banana. Humans want to exercise authority over each other and to be viewed as important.

Our games express this human desire to be king of the hill. If you've ever played the board game, "Risk," you know what I mean.

The trouble is, to some people the idea of building an empire is not a game. It's a real pursuit in everyday life—at home, on the job, in clubs and recreational pursuits. Fighting over sand castles can embroil people without them even realizing what's happening. And it can happen at any time.

One bizarre example of how the attitude of castle building can creep up on us is found in the gospel of Luke. To get the full effect, you have to picture the circumstances under which this extraordinary jockeying for power occurred. These are described in vivid detail in John 13 through 17.

It was the final Passover meal. Jesus Christ was to begin the agonizing time of arrest, beatings, mock-

ings, plus the crucifixion in just a matter of hours. Meanwhile, Christ was teaching his disciples such important truths as, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13, New King James unless noted).

Jesus was in the process of washing the feet of each of the disciples—symbolic of His life of service and sacrifice. And now He was about to face the most agonizing hours of all.

And what were the disciples thinking about during this time? About sand castles. They wanted to know *who* was going to be the greatest among them in the castle. (They couldn't be the king, that they knew.)

We read in Luke 22:24, that "there was also rivalry among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest." I mean they were going at it hammer and tongs.

Christ had to straighten them out on this point. He explained that among the true body of believers there was not even to be one shovel of sand moved with the purpose of personal castle building. Christ told the disciples: "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them . . . But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves" (Luke 22:25-26).

The apostle James, writing to all church congregations scattered in

all 12 tribes of Israel had to say, "My brethren, be not many masters" (James 3:1, Authorized Version).

What James meant is that we shouldn't usurp positions or authority that is not ours. That's exactly what we do when we build castles.

A husband is to be the leader in the home. But if he lords it over his family, he's building castles out of sand. Such castles don't have any foundation.

How can you tell if you have a problem with castle building? Look for these dangerous areas. Here are some moats we can fall into if we start building castles at the expense of others.

(1) Criticism against Church policies, the ministry, administration or personnel.

(2) Inappropriate, too free advice, gossip and instructions on pet ideas about, say, health and healing.

(3) Abandoning leadership for browbeating.

(4) Trying to do the boss's job; managers wanting the whole corporate castle for themselves; wives trying to step into their husband's shoes; children ignoring their parents' instruction.

(5) Always trying to be *numero uno*—wanting to be the most influential, the most important and best-liked member of the group. These are the people who steal sand from others so that their castles can be the biggest and most imposing ones on the beach or in the sandbox.

God is going to give every member of the human race who qualifies a real castle—which includes eternal life and the entire universe in the Kingdom.

We read in the final chapters of the last book of the Bible, "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son" (Revelation 21:7).

In view of this magnificent future, what's the sense of arguing over a handful of sand?

Excitement, challenge, reality: all parts of a ministerial transfer

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—"Scared." That's how 14-year-old Elizabeth Mason felt about moving. Donald and Geri Mason and their family were transferred from Tulsa, Okla., to Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C. Mr. Mason is now pastor of the two churches.

This article describes some of what a minister and his family experience when they are transferred.

But Elizabeth and her brothers, Derek, 10, and Dustin, 6, are excited too. Their parents have pointed out the advantages and opportunities the new area offers them. There are new people to meet, new places to visit, new activities to be involved in and even privileges they didn't have before.

"We emphasized the long-range potential of the area," Mr. Mason said, "and getting them to look in a forward direction instead of back

They know that Dad is part of the ministry, and why we are moving has never been a real issue or problem."

Church Administration notified the Masons of their transfer April 13. Mr. Mason said his family went through three stages after learning this.

The first stage, he said, was excitement. A U.S. minister knows that in his sixth, seventh or eighth year in an area, he is likely to be transferred. "The excitement is finally knowing where you're going . . . reading up on the new area, talking to everyone about the transfer."

The second stage is challenge. "Our first challenge was selling the house—to figure out just how to do that. We've never sold a house before."

Mr. Mason described his pre-move visit to the new area. A U.S. minister may spend 10 days in his new area to find a place to live. He must decide whether to buy, rent or build.

"We are going to lease," Mr. Mason said. "This is where you need God's blessing. You don't know the schools and you don't know the neighborhoods. You have to choose the best that is available in the time you have. There is time pressure,



DONALD AND GERI MASON

and your decision is a decision you have to live with."

Mr. Mason met with the minister being transferred from Raleigh and Rocky Mount and with the minister being transferred into Tulsa. It is necessary to discuss responsibilities and the way the congregation has been organized, Mr. Mason said.

Mr. Mason was coordinator for the Tulsa Feast site. Part of his responsibility included introducing Earl Roemer, the new pastor, to

contacts in the community.

Part of the challenge for Mrs. Mason will be stepping into the shoes of the previous minister's wife. She said that women relate to people in different ways.

During their premove visit, the Masons met the members in their new congregations. "It felt just like being a visiting minister," Mrs. Mason said.

The third stage is the reality of moving, Mr. Mason said. This doesn't hit until it's time to pack the boxes. "Memories start coming back, and this is when you start realizing that you really are going to have to leave. This is a difficult stage because you're torn between wanting to stay and knowing you must go."

The Masons served in Tulsa eight years. Before that Mr. Mason pastored the Joplin, Mo., and Coffeyville, Kan., churches, about 100 miles from Tulsa.

A difficulty in moving "is leaving your roots, in the sense that we've been here so long and we've made so many friends. After 16 years you just get to know everybody," Mr. Mason said.

He explained that "in sharing the joys and trials that people in God's Church encounter through the years, you become very close to them like a family."

In his years in Tulsa Mr. Mason baptized more than 150 people, performed marriages and conducted funerals. "I've been right there in every aspect of their daily lives . . . And they go through our trials with us. In our case, we lost a daughter.

"These are not negative things; these trials bring a closeness, a unity and a strength in the church area that I don't think can be

achieved any other way."

Mrs. Mason said, "I think people don't realize how much the Church is a family to the ministry."

Mrs. Mason told *The Worldwide News* that she recognizes the need for ministerial changes and "though for the present we are grieved to say good-bye, we know that God is building a family. We are blessed to be able to 'cement' the cultures of several different areas together because we are a part of each, and they of us . . . You can almost see God weaving His tapestry as threads cross, blend and are woven together."

Elizabeth said, "It'll be kind of bad because I'm leaving my friends, but I've got like 50 addresses—a lot of people to write to."

The Masons have much to look forward to in their new home. There will be differences in the weather, culture, people and scenery.

"Of course Rocky Mount and Raleigh are in the center of the history of the nation," Mr. Mason said. "That's one of the advantages."

He said they will be a couple of hours from the Smoky Mountains and about two hours from the Atlantic coast. "That's what the kids are looking forward to."

Mr. Mason said: "The people are warm and friendly; it's just a gorgeous area. I personally feel like God opened the windows of heaven" and poured out blessings. "It seems to be just a fantastic area."

"It's another part of God's family. I am looking forward to getting to know the people and come to share our lives and their lives in the way we did in Tulsa."

Elizabeth said she was looking forward to meeting new people. "It's going to be strange, different and exciting."

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Brethren strong in faith

I can't put into words my feelings about Mr. Jeff E. Zhorne's article [WN, May 11] covering Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach's visit to Africa bringing our African brethren into God's family circle. I was so overcome by it that I was fighting back tears of joy and sighing deeply for God's sake.

I was especially touched by the exceptionally warm and loving way our African brethren received Mr. Tkach and those who accompanied him. It truly is assuring to know that our brethren there are so strong in faith considering their economic and social trouble. I can understand how they have much to be thankful for.

They are proof that, no matter how hard times may get for whatever reasons, our Father in heaven will deliver us if we hold steadfastly to our faith in our calling and strive to live as our Lord Jesus did for an example for us to emulate.

Richard Rivas
San Antonio, Tex.

Adds to prayer list

The helpful suggestions we've been given as to what to pray about have made my prayer list longer and my time before God's throne longer also.

Sally Villers
Coos Bay, Ore.

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Q&A from the Pastor General's Report

Is it permissible for members who live near Feast sites to stay in their own homes during the Feast of Tabernacles?

The general rule is that we travel to the place God chooses and temporarily reside there to learn spiritual lessons from the physical circumstances. There are several illustrations in the Bible that clearly demonstrate this principle.

In the earlier years of this era of the Church very few members lived near the one or two Feast sites we utilized. Now, however, it is common for members to live in an area where the Feast of Tabernacles is being held. If circumstances seem to warrant it, these members can make the decision to stay in their own homes.

There are several reasons that might warrant staying in one's own home, such as ill health, pregnancy or other unusual circumstances. Under normal circumstances, however, it would be best to reside in a "temporary dwelling."

In some cases people may want to consider exchanging homes for the eight days, or simply stay in a local motel or hotel. The change in environment can lend excitement to the Feast for the family, and in the case of a hotel or motel, relieve much of the housekeeping burden, enabling everyone to have more time for the spiritual aspects of the Feast.

During the Feast we should be reminded, as God intended, that we are strangers and sojourners in this world looking forward to the world tomorrow. Although living in a "temporary dwelling" can be helpful in keeping the lesson of the Feast in mind, what is most important is that we attend services each day!

As Deuteronomy 14:23 (New King James) emphasizes, "And you

shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstlings of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always."

Should women in the later stages of pregnancy travel to attend the Feast?

The Church has required any woman who would be eight months pregnant by the end of the Feast not to travel but to remain at home. This guideline was originally set when there were only two Festival sites in the United States.

Having only two sites meant that a pregnant woman would have to travel extensively, possibly be subjected to dramatic climate change and thus be subject to considerable stress.

With the changes and growth that have occurred, these factors have ceased to have the same importance. Sites are closer with little or no climate change. Travel is shorter and less strenuous.

In many cases, splitting up the husband and wife at this critical period, leaving the wife at home alone while the husband attends the Feast, creates far greater stress on the pregnant wife than traveling to a local site.

The basic principle for evaluating the situation is the same as it always has been: Protect the mother and unborn child in the best possible way. Since we now probably have a site nearby, travel time and climate change should be minimal. Attending the Feast may be far less stressful than staying home alone, but this is a decision that must be individually determined.

Policy: The decision of whether a

pregnant woman should attend the Feast is that of the husband and wife. The decision must be based upon the counsel and advice of the attending doctor or licensed midwife. The safety and well-being of the mother and unborn child must be the primary consideration.

If a woman in the late stages of pregnancy does attend the Feast, advance preparations must be made for possible delivery at a hospital or clinic near the site. However, this is a personal responsibility. The Church should not be expected to supply any assistance, financial or otherwise. If there is any question, it would be better to stay at home.

If this is the case, the husband normally should stay at home to assist with her needs at this special time and to be available in case of emergency.

This information about vaccines is in addition to what appeared in the April 6 Worldwide News.

Should I get a polio vaccine if my child is given one? I have not been vaccinated and I heard that I could contract polio if my child is given a vaccine.

Whether to receive vaccines—or any other medical procedure or drug—must be a personal choice. There are too many medical options and circumstances for the Church to make recommendations for individual cases.

The Church encourages members to gather information to make their own wise decisions. It is not wise to blindly trust every doctor's recommendation. Nor is it wise to blindly disagree with every doctor.

Many medical procedures, including some vaccines, have been tested for years. Numerous of these procedures have been proven effective in reducing the frequency and severity of various physical, biological or biochemical problems. But almost all medical procedures also include a certain amount of risk for each individual.

There is a certain risk in taking a vaccine, and there is another risk involved in not taking it. Taking vaccine is not a sin, but some, because

of conscience or personal choice, may choose to avoid vaccines.

The risks involved may be different for different vaccines, different in different nations, different for men and women, different for babies, children, adults and senior citizens or because of variation in health history.

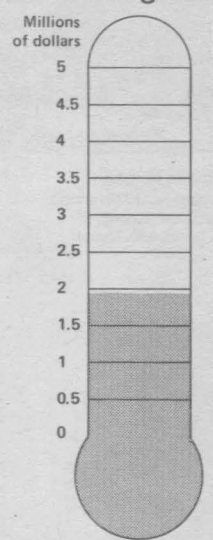
With that in mind, we will give more information about polio vaccines, because many have asked about them. There are two types of polio vaccine, named after their inventors.

The Salk vaccine uses dead, inactive viruses. It must be injected. The dead viruses help the body know what the "enemy" is. Anti-

(See ANSWER, page 6)



Office Facilities Building Fund



MORE THAN A THIRD—As of July 15 individuals and church areas donated \$1,944,562.59 to the Office Facilities Building fund.

Retiring mechanic fixed first jets

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"I've worked all my life, so this last week is sort of memorable for me," said John Nestor, 75, eyeing a scale model of the Gulfstream III jet given to him by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

This interview with John Nestor, a mechanic for 19 years with the Church's Flight Operations Department, was conducted in his Pasadena home two days before his retirement June 26. Mr. Nestor and his wife, Ruth, attend the Imperial A.M. church.

Before pursuing a career in aviation, Mr. Nestor worked "11 hard years" in a steel mill in Pittsburgh, Pa., forging molten metal in an open-hearth furnace.

His position in the mill helped him weather the Depression. His parents, immigrants from Eastern Europe, lived in the area, so part of his earnings went to support them.

At age 29 he left the mill because doctors told him his job simply

taxed his body too much.

"I was so tired I couldn't even enjoy life," he said. "And since I had always been interested in mechanics and the out-of-doors, I decided to get into aviation."

"In those days [late 1930s, early '40s] aviation was a thrilling, up-and-coming thing, a field with a future," continued Mr. Nestor.

"Mills were shutting down all over the place," he recalled. "Since I was the firstborn, I had a lot of responsibility. I had to take care of my younger sister, because Ma was so sickly. Dad worked 12 hours in the mill, so I did the shopping and paid the bills."

Because of strong family ties, his mother, now 94, made him promise not to marry until he was at least 25. "When I met my first wife at age 27, Ma didn't want to lose me even then," he chuckled.

Hired by TWA

After attending aviation classes at Allegheny County Airport, Mr. Nestor was hired by Trans World Airlines (TWA) in Pittsburgh in 1941.

"It got rough in the wintertime, with frostbitten fingers and ears. Some of the capillaries are still damaged. But I can't say enough about how good TWA was to work for."

At 42 cents an hour, however, Mr. Nestor was about ready to quit TWA, because it was difficult providing for his family. When World War II broke out, his pay doubled. "The airlines were losing a lot of employees to the war effort, so they needed people," he said.

Pittsburgh was the site of a temporary Air Force base, so "we'd help clean up crashes almost every day," said Mr. Nestor.

"Everything was sped up for the war effort, so after only 20 hours of flight time, inexperienced pilots would be sent up and crash. Some of them were women."

"This was all going on while TWA was trying to run an airline. If a jet crashed and caught on fire, we mechanics would leave our jobs at the airline and go wherever the crash was."

After the war, aviation really

took off, said Mr. Nestor. "Everybody wanted to fly."

After earning his A&P (aircraft and powerplant) license, which the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires of most mechanics, he advanced to senior mechanic, then crew chief with TWA.



JOHN AND RUTH NESTOR

He worked as a mechanic when the first commercial jets, the Boeing 707s and Convairs, were coming of age in the late 1950s.

Tragedy strikes

In 1956 his first wife died of cancer at age 42, leaving two daughters,

Carol, 12, and Barbara, 11.

"When a tragedy like that happens—well, I thought I was pretty religious and couldn't understand how it could happen to a person who was trying to live right," Mr. Nestor reflected.

"A year or two later I started listening to religious broadcasts on the radio and television."

He also began to look into the Bible, but couldn't figure out the tenses, whether past, present or future, until he stumbled onto the *World Tomorrow* broadcast.

"It started to make sense. Now I can understand, I thought. God was working with me and opening my mind."

After reading several booklets and studying the Correspondence Course, he requested a visit and started attending the Pittsburgh church in July, 1958, one month after the church began. He was baptized in December.

It was in Pittsburgh where Mr. Nestor met his second wife, Ruth, who was baptized in 1956 and moved to Pittsburgh from Texas in the spring of 1963. They were married the following July.

Mrs. Nestor's son, David MacMahon, 35, and his wife, Jodie, are (See MECHANIC, page 8)

Youths graduate with honors

In this issue, *The Worldwide News* honors 1987 valedictorians, salutatorians or those who graduated first or second in their classes. Graduates are listed with the name of their high schools and their church areas.



Sharon Baltosser
Salutatorian
Davison High School
Flint, Mich., church



Cindy Berrie
Second in class
Wall High School
San Angelo, Tex., church



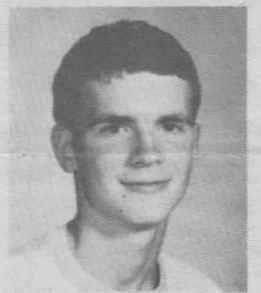
Clarette Louise Carter
Valedictorian
Barbara Jordan High School
for Careers
Houston, Tex., church



Sheree Lynn Chason
Salutatorian
Pelham High School
Moultrie, Ga., church



Suzanne M. Farrow
Co-valedictorian
Colfax High School
Lewiston, Idaho, church



Manfred Glombowski
First in class
Mount Royal Collegiate
Saskatoon, Sask., church



Mindy Gray
Salutatorian
Pallisade High School
Grand Junction, Colo., church



Elizabeth Harrison
Valedictorian
Grafton High School
Clarksburg, W.Va., church



Paula Jacobsen
Co-valedictorian
Powell County High School
Butte, Mont., church



JoCarol Jaeger
Salutatorian
Mellen Public High
Duluth, Minn., church



Rachel Leah Karnafel
Salutatorian
Logansport High School
Lafayette, Ind., church



Ruthann M. Kirishian
First in class
Puyallup High School
Auburn, Wash., church



Patricia Magby
Valedictorian (ninth grade)
Porum High School
Fort Smith, Ark., church



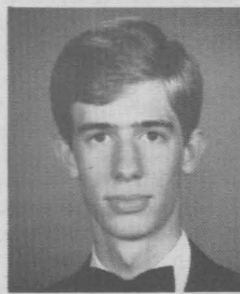
Brett Matthew McCoy
Valedictorian
Imbler High School
Baker, Ore., church



Sharon L. Mims
Valedictorian
Aquila High School
Waco, Tex., church



Richard A. Repp
Valedictorian
Endicott High School
Spokane, Wash., church



H. Judson Simmons
Valedictorian
Chattooga High School
Rome, Ga., church



Linda Smiley
Valedictorian
Blaine Senior High School
Minneapolis, Minn., church



Russell Taylor
Salutatorian
Phelps High School
Pikeville, Ky., church



Valerie Tutt
Valedictorian
Lee Academy
Bangor, Maine, church



Lori Weinbrenner
Valedictorian
Big Sandy High School
Big Sandy, Tex., church



Keely Ann West
Valedictorian
Webbville High School
Lansing, Mich., church

Sri Lanka: members protected, PT largest English magazine

By Thomas C. Hanson

AHUNGALLA, Sri Lanka—"One of the biggest problems for members is to live with increased tension because of terrorism," said Mohan Jayasekera, pastor of the Colombo, Sri Lanka, church.

In this island nation (formerly Ceylon) off the southeast coast of India, some of the minority Tamils are battling the Sinhalese for an independent Tamil state. However, God is protecting members, their property and loved ones, Mr. Jayasekera said.

(The Buddhist Sinhalese are descendants of colonists from northern India who subdued the local population more than 500 years before Christ was born. The Tamils, who in the main are Hindus, came to the island from southern India.)

Though no members live in areas of main terrorist activity they are susceptible to random acts of terrorism, such as bomb blasts, and back-lash violence, Mr. Jayasekera said. The Colombo church (attendance 90) could be housed in the Colombo Office if necessary. Deacon Tilak Peris works in the office with several volunteers.

Terrorism has driven up food prices 300 to 400 percent, causing hardship for the members, all of whom have low incomes. One reason prices rise is because producers charge more for their produce to pay for security personnel.

A monthly Bible study takes place in Nuwara Eliya, where Ambassador students and graduates teach English, typing, shorthand and computer keyboard to Sri Lankans who have completed the equivalent of high school.

English-language instruction is necessary in Sri Lanka because those schooled after Sinhalese was made the sole official language do not understand English as well as other Sri Lankans.

Sri Lankan church history

In 1953, the same year that it began on Radio Luxembourg in Europe, *The World Tomorrow* began to be aired on Radio Ceylon.

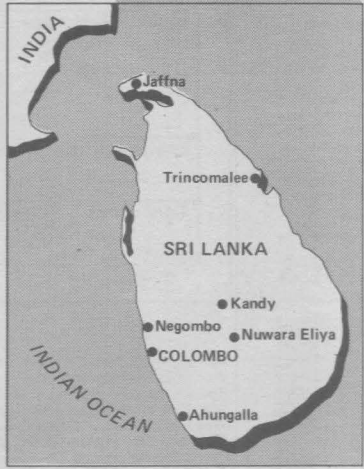
In 1964 the island nation received its first visit from a minister of the Worldwide Church of God and the first member, Harry Karunatilake, now deceased, was baptized.

Richard Frankel, pastor of the Washington, D.C., and Front

Royal, Va., churches, and his wife, Joyce, visited Sri Lanka in December, 1969. Mr. Frankel was supervisor of the work in India, including Sri Lanka, from 1969 to 1976.

The late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong visited Sri Lanka for the first time in March, 1972, and met with then-Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

On another visit in August, 1972, he met with about 20 members and



SOUTH ASIAN ISLAND—Sri Lanka is about half the size of England or New York state. Ambassador College students and graduates teach English in Nuwara Eliya. [Map by Ronald Grove]

promised that he would send a minister for at least part of the Feast that year. Mr. Frankel conducted services for the final two days of the Feast in Colombo. The first eight-day Feast was kept in Sri Lanka in 1979. From 1973 to 1978 half of the Feast was conducted in India and the other half in Sri Lanka.

Future pastor

Mr. Jayasekera first heard *The World Tomorrow* while attending a technical college in England.

Then, in 1971, he became a purser on Air Ceylon (now Airlanka) and flew to England twice a month.

Since Air Ceylon employees had no baggage limits, Mr. Jayasekera brought back at least two suitcases of literature to mail in Sri Lanka. This saved money and lessened the chance of lost mail.

He also brought back sermon tapes to be played for members in his home one Sabbath each month.

In 1973 he married Nihara

Wijesinghe. They have three daughters and one son.

In 1975 Mr. Jayasekera was accepted to the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College. He graduated in 1977 and returned to Sri Lanka.

Evangelist Dean Wilson, then regional director for Australia and Asia, conducted the first Passover in Colombo in 1978. On the first day of Unleavened Bread he ordained Mr. Jayasekera a local church elder. Then, regular Sabbath services began in Colombo.

In 1981 Mr. Jayasekera was hired to supervise the Church's work in India and Sri Lanka.

Mr. Armstrong's visit in 1984 "laid the cornerstone for a real push in the work" in Sri Lanka and gave the Church great favor in the eyes of authorities, Mr. Jayasekera said. About 900 attended Mr. Armstrong's *Plain Truth* lecture in Colombo.

Mr. Armstrong met privately with President Junius Richard Jayewardene and Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa.

Television opened for *The World Tomorrow* one week after Mr. Armstrong left. About 500 people responded to each telecast.

"Following allegations made in the house of Parliament that we



SRI LANKAN PASTOR—Mohan Jayasekera and his wife, Nihara (pictured with their four children), serve the 90 brethren in the Colombo, Sri Lanka, church. Mr. Jayasekera delivers *The Plain Truth* to the offices of Sri Lanka's president and prime minister. [Photo by Lisa Roe]

were CIA [U.S. Central Intelligence Agency], the Ministry of State stopped the telecast in January, 1987," Mr. Jayasekera said.

"Having checked this out and rejecting the allegation, clearance for the telecast to continue was given." Negotiations are under way for the telecast to resume.

Fifteen thousand subscribe to *The Plain Truth*, which has the largest circulation of any English-language magazine in Sri Lanka—larger than the combined circulations of *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Asiaweek* and *Reader's Digest*.

No renewal letter is sent. Subscribers are dropped if they don't

request literature within a year.

At the request of the president, prime minister and other government officials, Mr. Jayasekera delivers copies of the magazine to their offices.

"The members here feel that the events of the past 18 months show in no uncertain terms that God has put His stamp of approval on His apostle, Mr. Joseph W. Tkach, for all to see," Mr. Jayasekera said.

"They are excited about his dynamic and fearless positive leadership. They are inspired and moved by his love and concern for Church members around the world and look forward to his visit to the area."

No ordinary plantation worker

Member's example brings favor

By Thomas C. Hanson

AHUNGALLA, Sri Lanka—Ranjith Wijerama's employees and superiors call him "the only plantation worker who doesn't work on Saturdays."

Mr. Wijerama, 38, is no ordinary plantation worker. As senior assistant superintendent he is the No. 2 man at the Kallebookka state plantation, home of Sri Lanka's largest tea factory.

He attends the Colombo, Sri Lanka, church with his wife, Mali, 32, a daughter, Alma, 8, and a son, Nilkamal, born in March.

"It is the example of Mr. Wijerama and his fellow members in Sri Lanka that gives the Church favor in the eyes of others," said Mohan Jayasekera, pastor of the Colombo church.

Some residents of the town near the plantation where Mr. Wijerama lived in 1983 still talk about what he did for them that July.

Mr. Wijerama returned to the town in Sri Lanka's central highlands, after a visit to another plantation, to find it in smoke from communal clashes between the Sinhalese and Tamils. Sixty percent of the town was burned down, and about 150 people were killed.

Townpeople fled to the plantation, where Mr. Wijerama housed 50 of them for two days in plantation buildings and the Wijeramas' four-bedroom house.

Nearly two years later, in January, 1985, communal clashes erupted at his plantation. However, there was no violence in Mr. Wijerama's division of the estate.

Meeting his wife

Mr. Wijerama, then 26, met the future Mrs. Wijerama, then 20, by "mere accident" when she applied for a teacher's job at his tea plantation in 1975.

"I took a terrible liking to her right away," Mr. Wijerama said. He said he liked her pleasing and soft-spoken ways.

He later found out that his mother taught his future wife in high school and that they grew up in the same village. Mr. Wijerama attended an English-language school while growing up, and his wife attended a Sinhalese school.

Whenever he went to Kandy, they would meet at the botanical gardens. After getting their parents' permission to date, they would take his father's car and stroll about or climb mountains together. They dated for seven months, became engaged and got married 1½ months later in November, 1977.

Coming into the Church

"I've always taken religion seriously," Mr. Wijerama said. "I started reading the Bible at the end of high school. I knew this is where the truth was and came to know there is an all-powerful, loving God."

He and his wife grew up Buddhist.

"I was in a mighty hurry to join a church and be baptized. I contacted the closest church—a Catholic church—and joined it."

In 1979 he saw a *Plain Truth* advertisement in the Colombo Sun-



SRI LANKA MEMBERS—Ranjith Wijerama, the No. 2 man on a tea plantation, and his wife, Mali, have a daughter, Alma, and a son, Nilkamal, born in March. [Photo by Lisa Roe]

day *Observer* and became a subscriber.

He requested a visit in late 1979 and was invited to Mr. Jayasekera's film lectures in Kandy.

"I just 'flew' on my motorcycle to Kandy [48 miles away] I was so excited. I got there in 45 minutes."

Mr. Jayasekera baptized Mr. and Mrs. Wijerama at the Feast of Tabernacles in 1980.

"At the Feast I heard some of the most fantastic things I have ever heard in my life. I've never seen such a happy group of noninterfering people who are genuinely concerned for others."

Ex-nurse recalls life in India

By Henry Sturcke

JERSEY CITY, N.J.—"If I had never gone to India, I don't think I ever would have left the Methodist Church," said Elsie Hugo, a member here.

Retired in 1983 after 16 years as a public health nurse in India, she doesn't recall even hearing of the



ELSIE HUGO

Church before going there.

While in India, she first came in contact with the Church in 1977 through a married couple, Shrimant K. and Susy Ayaram. They came to work in the village of Kolar, where Miss Hugo worked.

Henry Sturcke, pastor of the Zurich and Basel, Switzerland, and Nuremberg, West Germany, churches, is a former Plain Truth correspondent.

As they worked, Miss Hugo recalled, "He would say things that struck me as strange, such as 'Do you know you don't have an immortal soul?'"

The Bible made sense to her in a way it had not before, and she besieged the Ayarams with questions. "I had so many," she said, "they urged me to write for permission to attend the Feast of Tabernacles."

At the 1977 Feast a minister from Australia answered her questions. From then until the next Feast she

had no further contact with a minister but began to receive *The Plain Truth* and other literature.

The Ayarams answered her questions, occasionally writing to Spaulding Kulasingam, the minister in India at that time, for help. By the time the Feast arrived in 1978, she was ready for baptism.

At that time the whole group in India consisted of around 95 people. Miss Hugo was the only foreigner.

"In India, as a member, you're very much on your own." The closest congregation was in Bombay, 550 miles away. At times, Mohan Jayasekera, Sri Lankan pastor, would come to Bangalore (40 miles from Kolar), and members in the area would travel there to meet him.

In summing up her experiences in India, she said: "We have little idea of what the rest of the world is like. Even tourists don't see it; they never get out into the villages. When you've lived in a country like India, your whole perspective changes. You realize how little man needs in order to get along."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ABSHIRE, John and Susan (Osborn), of Tulsa, Okla., boy, Benjamin Aaron, May 27, 1:29 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

BAUER, Terry and Hazel (Burns), of San Antonio, Tex., girl, Amy Elizabeth, June 10, 8 a.m., 5 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, first child.

BIRCH, Bruce and Cheryl (Galloway), of Kalispell, Mont., boy, Anthony Bruce, June 10, 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys.

BYRD, Jim and Veronica (Eisenhardt), of Lewisville, Tex., girl, Alexandra Michelle, May 13, 2:26 p.m., 3 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

CHERNEY, Curtis and Lisa (Powell), of Wichita, Kan., girl, Carla Jean, June 29, 5:54 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CHIVERS, Mark and Donna (Pope), of Columbus, Ga., boy, Brian Mark Jr., Feb. 25, 3:47 a.m., 6 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

DAY, Jim and Ellen (Haley), of Medford, Ore., boy, Travis Reed, June 5, 11:18 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

FARVER, Kelly and Lauryal (Meisel), of Flint, Mich., girl, Stephanie Deanne, May 9, 6:01 a.m., 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, first child.

FIELDS, Alan and Robin (Walton), of Cottonwood, Ariz., girl, Chelsea Nicole, June 3, 4:20 p.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

FRENTZOS, Dean and Deborah (Cole), of Springfield, Mass., boy, Aaron Dean, June 10, 7:40 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HANKS, Mickey and Deana (Richard), of Reno, Nev., boy, Kyle Richard, June 5, 3:25 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

HARBISON, John and Frances (Sheppard), of Clarksville, Tex., boy, John David, April 13, 5:10 a.m., 8 pounds 6 1/4 ounces, first child.

HARRIS, Wes and Rebecca (Johnson), of Kennewick, Wash., boy, James Alexander, April 9, 3:45 p.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

HARWOOD, Donald and Bonnie (MacPherson), of Edmond, Okla., boy, James Donald MacPherson, March 21, 9:52 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOEFKER, Scott and Gayle (Travis), of Tampa, Fla., boy, Joshua Scott, May 28, 4:35 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

KUHNE, Robert and Claudia (Cocornise), of Chicago, Ill., girl, Rebekah Anne, May 31, 11:34 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LABERGE, Leo and Sylvia (Yurkiw), of Winnipeg, Man., boy, Jared Leo Maurice, June 10, 8:12 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LEE, Kevin and Gloria (Richards), of Flint, Mich., girl, Kristen Anne, May 10, 1:07 a.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

LIEN, John and Laura (Mock), of Madison, Wis., boy, Benjamin John, June 4, 10:30 p.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MAHLO, Phil and Susie (Sivills), of Independence, Kan., girl, Heather Nicole, May 22, 3 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

MAIN, Gregory and Debra (Hart), of Gaylord, Mich., boy, Mark Gregory, May 21, 3:21 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MARTIN, Ian and Barbara (Keepes), of Birmingham, England, girl, Sarah Barbara, June 11, 2:50 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

MIKULASKO, Edward and Joyce (Fletcher), of Brooklyn, N.Y., girl, Emily Mildred, May 18, 3:48 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

MITCHELL, Bob and Jolene (Caldwell), of Arlington Heights, Ill., boy, Ares Lafayette, June 19, 11:41 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MOXLEY, Kelly and Bonnie (Schoonover), of Oklahoma City, Okla., boy, Kelly Andrew, June 5, 11:24 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 5 boys, 1 girl.

NOVICK, John and Cathy (Taylor), of Hattiesburg, Miss., girl, Briana Victoria, June 21, 7:47 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

O'HERRIN, Patrick and Amy (Chezik), of Madison, Wis., girl, Colleen Jo, June 16, 2:25 p.m., 10 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

PATTERSON, Alan and Toni (Mendez), of Detroit, Mich., girl, Rebecca Taryn, April 22, 3:15 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

PLUMLEE, Bradley and Paula (Pierce), of Big Sandy, girl, Amy Elisabeth, May 12, 1:28 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

ROBINSON, Arthur and Jamie (Schwartz), of Wild Rose, Wis., boy, Jared Arthur, May 6, 2:54 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

SHAFLEY, James and Victoria (Moldovan), of Midland, Mich., girl, Carri Ann, May 18, 3:56 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

STARKEY, Chris and Sonja (Knutson), of Montreal, Que., girl, Sarah Elizabeth, June 20, 9:30 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

VAN DAMME, Larry and Carol (Bennett), of Kitchener, Ont., girl, Crissy Elizabeth, April 12, 10:05 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

VAN LERBERGHE, Steven and Evelien (Wilms), of Eindhoven, Netherlands, boy, Levi, June 7, 3:23 kilograms, first child.

VELAZQUEZ, John and Mireya (Morales), of Glendora, Calif., boy, Jonathan Daniel, June 20, 6:17 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

VILLAESCUSA, Steve and Margaret (Ramsey), of Pasadena, boy, Nathan George, June 18, 9:21 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

VON HOLLEN, Ernie and Della (Hicks), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Elizabeth Mary, June 13, 5:28 p.m., 8 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 4 girls.

WEISS, Fred and Loree (Bull), of Cleveland, Ohio, girl, Aimee Marie, June 2, 12:52 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

WILLIAMS, Russ and Mary (Brokaw), of Sunland, Calif., girl, Karen Janene, June 21, 7:30 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spahr of Clarksburg, W.Va., would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Crystal to Randy Houston, son of Joy and Ed Whitely of Tucson, Ariz. A Sept. 6 wedding in Morgantown, W.Va., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pfiester of Bryan, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Teri Lee to Faron Blakeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Blakeman of Greensburg, Ky. An Oct. 4 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith McFall of Denver, Colo., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Paula of Pasadena to Joseph L. Costantino of Eagle Rock, Calif. An Aug. 16 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL WOOD

Judith Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jones of Bricklet Wood, England, and Michael Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wood of Alice Springs, Australia, were united in marriage May 24. The ceremony was performed by George Delap, pastor of the Borehamwood and Watford, England, churches. Bridesmaids were Jayne Jones, sister-in-law of the bride, and Cathryn Francis, and best man was Keith Jones, brother of the bride. The couple reside in Radlett, England.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID CHICOINE

Karen Theresa Hunter of Springfield, Mass., and David William Chicoine of Rochester, N.Y., were united in marriage May 10 in Phelps, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by Leslie Schmedes, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y.,

churches. Kevin Kommer was best man, and Barbara Silva was matron of honor. The couple reside in Geneva, N.Y.



MR. AND MRS. KEVIN WATSON

Lorraine Marjorie Patten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Patten, and Kevin James Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royden J. Watson of New Zealand, were united in marriage Dec. 21, 1986. The ceremony was performed by Gavin Cullen, pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, North and West churches. The couple reside in Melbourne.



MR. AND MRS. MARK SAGE

Holly Anne James and Mark James Sage were united in marriage April 26. Norman Smith, then pastor of the San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., churches, performed the ceremony. Nancy Brumm was matron of honor, and Charles Sanderson was best man. The couple reside in San Diego.



MR. AND MRS. ELGIE GIBSON

Leah Jeanette Luker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Luker of Issaquah, Wash., and Elgie Gibson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Gibson Sr. of Bothell, Wash., were united in marriage May 31 in Seattle, Wash. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, an evangelist and then pastor of the Seattle and Bellevue, Wash., churches. Mechele Luker, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor, and Al Coates was best man. The couple reside in Bothell.



MR. AND MRS. PEDRO RUFIAN

Brigida Gutierrez Vera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Honorio Gutierrez of Alcalá La Real, Spain, and Pedro Rufian Mesa, son of Juana Mesa Perez of Alcalá La Real, were united in marriage June 7. The ceremony was performed in Alcalá La Real by Fernando Barriga, pastor of the Pasadena

Spanish church. Gerardo and Magrina Espada were best man and matron of honor. The couple reside in Santiago, Chile.

Cathy Berrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Berrie of San Angelo, Tex., and Duane Humble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Humble, also of San Angelo, were united in marriage May 24. The ceremony was performed by Thomas Blackwell, pastor of the San Angelo and Abilene, Tex., churches. Jessica Berrie, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Rob McCutchin was best man. The couple reside in San Angelo.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN KEEN

Deborah Rae Lauver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lauver of the Harrisburg, Pa., church, and John Fitzgerald Keen, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Keen of Lancaster, Pa., were united in marriage May 17 in New Cumberland, Pa. The ceremony was performed by John Foster, pastor of the Harrisburg church. Helen Lauver, mother of the bride, was matron of honor, and John Mullen was best man. The couple reside in Harrisburg.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. CARLOS PERKINS

Carlos Perkins, pastor of the Brooklyn, N.Y., North church, and his wife, Ruth, were honored June 13 with a surprise presentation in recognition of their 35th wedding anniversary. Cake and champagne were served. The couple received two cards, a coral necklace, jade tie pin and a 35-mm. camera.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Henderson of Port Huron, Mich., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with 100 guests May 31. The Hendersons were married June 2, 1962. They have four children, Sarah, James, Michael and Matthias; and one grandson. They attend the Detroit, Mich., East church.



MR. AND MRS. K. HUDDLESTON

Kenneth and Linda Huddleston celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary May 12. A surprise party was given by their children, Kenneth, Kevin, Scott, Treva and Ralph. Between 60 and 70 friends attended. The Huddlestons attend the Lakeland, Fla., church.

Alan and Jean Eagle celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary May 31. The Dunstable, England, church honored the couple with a signed card and homemade cakes. The Eagles' family also honored them with a surprise meal, an anniversary cake and gifts. The Eagles have been Church members for 24 years. They have two daughters, Linda and Pauline; sons-in-law Philip Halford and John High; and grandchildren Bobby, Elizabeth, Stephen and Laura.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Styer celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary June 14. The Styers were married in Menomonee, Wis. They have four children, Mike, Tony, Wendy and Shari. The Styers were baptized in 1971, and attend the Nashville, Tenn., church.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES MASTIN

June 12 and July 1 marked the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Mastin and their 20th anniversary as members of God's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Mastin have two sons, Paul and Bruce; one daughter, Elizabeth; and 13 grandchildren.

Marv and Cynthia Frampton of Pasadena celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary May 30 and 31 in Victoria, B.C. They were also remembered by their daughter, Nona; daughters-in-law Rachel and Christy; sons Tom, Ed and John; grandchildren Nathan, Jennifer and Daniel; and Mr. Frampton's mother, Ruth L. Guenther.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gene Gann of Houston, Miss., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 22. Mrs. Gann has been a Church member since June, 1982, and attends the Tupelo, Miss., church. Mr. Gann is a co-worker. The Ganns have two daughters, Janet and Patricia.

OBITUARIES

McKINNEY, Edith, 71, of Sidney, B.C., died June 13 after a prolonged illness. She has been a Church member since April, 1965. Mrs. McKinney is survived by one son and two sisters. A memorial service was conducted by William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., churches.

BOYD, Gerald, 79, of Ironton, Ohio, died April 25. He has been a Church member since 1973. Mr. Boyd is survived by his wife, Alice, a Church member, a son, two daughters and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Christopher, a minister in the Chillicothe, Ohio, church.

MIHOVICH, George F., 52, of Ambridge, Pa., died June 13 after a brief illness. He has been a Church member since March. Mr. Mihovich is survived by one brother and four

sisters. David Orban, pastor of the Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pa., churches, conducted funeral services.

HART, Sarah C., 76, of Caldwell, Tex., died June 22. She was baptized in April. Graveside services in Liano, Tex., were conducted by Walter Johnson, associate pastor of the Waco and Austin, Tex., churches.

HUGHES, Thomas, 91, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died June 6. He was baptized in July, 1960. Mr. Hughes is survived by his wife of 69 years, Mary Jane, seven sons, four daughters, 31 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Robert Collins, associate pastor of the Birmingham A.M. and P.M. and Jasper, Ala., churches, conducted funeral services.



JEREMY RIENHOLTZ

RIENHOLTZ, Jeremy T., 12, of Macedon, N.Y., died May 12 in Strong Memorial Hospital of injuries sustained when he fell from a tractor and was caught in the attached mowing system. Jeremy is survived by his parents, Robert and Betty Rienholtz, Church members; two brothers, Daniel and Steven; one sister, Renee; grandparents Stuart and Laura Rienholtz; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were conducted by Leslie Schmedes, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches.

KEITH, Kenneth H., 55, of Spokane, Wash., died April 13 after a three-year battle with cancer. He was baptized in 1964. Mr. Keith is survived by his wife, Erma; three daughters, Carol Greer, Marsha Harrison and Debbie Keith; and two sons, Roger and David. Funeral services were conducted by Valden White, a minister in the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Spokane churches.

ENOS, Vern Wallace, 82, of Spokane, Wash., died June 2 of a heart attack. He was baptized in 1965 and was the first deacon ordained in the Spokane church. Mr. Enos is survived by his wife, Mildred, and two daughters, Sue Gagnath and Sharon Wilson. Funeral services were conducted by Valden White, a minister in the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Spokane churches.

HUGHEL, Pauline, 96, of Stevensville, Mich., died March 25. She was baptized in 1973. Mrs. Hughel was born in Poland. She had three children, seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Max Styczynsky, are Church members. Funeral services were conducted by Ronald Laughland, pastor of the Michigan City and Hammond, Ind., churches.

Answer

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bodies will then be formed that fight any future polio virus that might somehow get into the body.

The Sabin vaccine uses live viruses that have been weakened. This vaccine can be swallowed. The viruses cause a weak infection in the intestines, where—under normal circumstances—they do no harm, but still cause the body to form antibodies that will fight polio viruses.

In the Western world, most polio vaccinations are given to children. Since children generally do not like

injections, U.S. medical authorities prefer the Sabin vaccine, and the Salk vaccine is not often used.

In areas where most children have been vaccinated, extremely few get the disease—far fewer than before the vaccines were used. But, ironically, a few—very few—people get polio because of the vaccine. Some medical authorities therefore recommend that anyone in the following categories should avoid the live Sabin vaccine:

- anyone with cancer, leukemia or a disease that lowers the body's resistance to disease
- anyone taking cortisone or any other drug that lowers the body's

resistance to disease

- anyone who lives in a household with someone with low resistance to disease
- anyone 18 or older
- pregnant women
- anyone sick with any disease more serious than a cold.

Note for parents who have not been given a polio vaccine:

Children who have been given a live polio vaccine can give active viruses to others. For a few weeks after the child receives the live vaccine, dirty diapers, stools and vomit can contain live viruses. In most cases, this does not cause a problem. But in rare cases it can cause polio

disease in an adult or child who has not been vaccinated.

The chances of infection are low enough that the U.S. Public Health Service recommends that children be given the live vaccine anyway. For those who want to reduce this risk, the dead Salk vaccine is still available, although not common.

The Salk vaccine injection is recommended for children who have low resistance to disease or are living with someone with low resistance. It is recommended for previously unvaccinated adults who plan to travel to a nation where polio is common, or for previously unvaccinated adults whose children will be

given the live vaccine.

The Church does not approve nor disapprove these medical recommendations. We are merely reporting information that some members want to be aware of. The Church is not in the business of making medical decisions.

In Western nations, the risk of catching polio is small, whether the adult receives a vaccine or not. Medical authorities think the risk is smaller if the adult is given a vaccine. Each adult should make his or her own decision.

More information can be obtained from government health departments.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Family day features cook-off

Close to \$7,000 was raised for the Office Facilities Building fund July 5 at Family Day, U.S.A., an annual event offering entertainment and activities for the Southern California churches.

The Glendale, North Hollywood, Los Angeles and Reseda congregations were hosts to about 3,500 brethren who gathered on the Imperial Schools grounds in Pasadena for the seven-hour gala.

This year's theme was "We are Family," a fitting motif for the function's seventh year.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach helped judge the chili cook-off, presented awards to cook-off and bake-off winners and mingled with God's people.

"Each year," Mr. Tkach said, "the participation seems to be stronger. This activity brings brethren together from a myriad of cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds with God's Spirit as the bond that unifies us into one spiritual family."

Winners

Winners of chili cook-offs conducted in congregations showed up early with Coleman stoves and ingredients of the secret recipes to prepare chili for judging.

First-place honors in the chili cook-off went to Joe Baird of the Reseda church. James Duncan of Long Beach won the YOU cook-off.

First-place bake-off awards went to Jean Campbell of the Los Angeles church for cakes, Dan Fletcher of North Hollywood for decorated cakes and Carol Contardi of the Glendale and North Hollywood churches for pies.

Winning the grand-prize drawing of the day (a family trip to the Disneyland amusement park) was Tanya Wherry of Los Osos.

Along with Mr. Tkach, chili cook-off judges included Joseph Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration; Robin Webber, an associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church; Michael Fezell, personal assistant to the pastor general; James Peoples, operation manager of the Data Processing & Purchasing Department; Dean May, director of the Fleet & Transportation Department; evangelist Dean Blackwell, Ambassador College lecturer; Aaron Dean, assistant to evangelist David Hulme for Ambassador Foundation domestic projects; and Michael Snyder, assistant di-

rector of Public Affairs.

Youth Opportunities United (YOU) cook-off entries were judged by Ed Graham, Pasadena Imperial A.M. member; Sheila Graham, senior editor of *The Worldwide News*; Micheal Bennett, managing editor of *Youth 87*; Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator; and Andrew Burdette, assistant managing editor of the Youth Bible Lessons.

Other activities included pony rides, game booths and prizes, a children's petting zoo, balloon toss (water balloons inside a second inflated balloon) and tug of peace for different age groups, children's puppet show, log sawing, photo booth and caricature booth. A general store featured arts and crafts fashioned by Church members.

One of the more comical events of the day was the presentation to the pastor general of the "firstfruits" of this year's Family Day, U.S.A.: an egg freshly laid by one of the hens in the petting zoo.

Entertainment

Entertainment alternated throughout the day between the main stage and a turn-of-the-century-style gazebo, both constructed by Reseda members.

Members from the Los Angeles, Reseda, North Hollywood, Glendale, Imperial A.M. and P.M. and Auditorium churches united in performances that included Russian folk songs, country and western and bluegrass music, Hawaiian and Polynesian music and dancing, a barbershop quartet, John Philip Sousa marches, Klezmer (Yiddish Dixieland) music, clogging and Latin American, traditional English, light contemporary and American folk music.

Denver Rhodes of North Hollywood was master of ceremonies throughout the day.

The theme song of the day's activities was "Family Day, U.S.A.," which celebrates family unity



FAMILY DAY FUN—From upper left, Linda Helscher, Lee Davidson and Joseph Collins dress for the occasion; Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and son Joseph Jr. judge chili entries; Mr. Tkach acknowledges chili cook-off winners and entrants. [Photos by Sheila Graham, Charles Feldbush and Ute Stults]

through God's law. The song was composed last year by North Hollywood member Attila Galamb.

Performers in a variety of ethnic costumes formed a parade around the Imperial grounds led by a float decorated by Reseda Church youths that read "We are Family." Joining the procession were five people dressed as Kernel Korn, Chili Bean, Tomato, Jalapeno Pepper and mascot Regal Eagle. Surprises were distributed to children along the parade route. *Mark Flynn.*

Vancouver marks 25th year

Evangelist Roderick Meredith was guest speaker at Sabbath services June 13, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Vancouver, B.C., church. The Vancouver and Abbotsford, B.C., churches combined for the occasion.

Dr. Meredith gave the sermon at the first Sabbath services in Vancouver, the first church established in Canada.

At a reception after services Thomas Ecker, pastor of the Vancouver church, introduced Dr. Meredith and those who attended the first Sabbath services in Vancouver. He also relayed messages of congratulations from former Cana-

dian regional directors and pastors of the Vancouver church.

At a barbecue Friday, June 12, Mr. Ecker presented a gift of two books on the Vancouver Centennial and British Columbia to Dr. Meredith on behalf of the deacons and elders.

A combined Vancouver and Abbotsford church picnic took place June 14. A pancake breakfast, prepared and served by Church youths, was followed by a carnival of 17 booths constructed and operated by brethren. The weekend concluded with a baron of beef dinner. *Michael A. Guidolin and Robert G. Hutchinson.*

Camps take place in Wales

Twenty-eight youths from Birmingham and Liverpool, England, area churches gathered in Disserth, Wales, for a camp May 24 to 29.

Thirteen Church members and three ministers staffed the camp. Activities included archery, bicycling, swimming, hiking and map reading. Evening talks were given on personal responsibility, signs of the times, the influence of television and the use of poetry.

When the youths left the camp May 29, 33 singles from the Birmingham area churches took their places.

Weekend activities included Sabbath services, a visit to Elan Valley dams and reservoirs, country dancing and swimming. Sunday Melvin Rhodes, pastor of the Birmingham and Gloucester, England, and Llanelli, Wales, churches, gave a seminar on self-esteem.

Unity in Sport is theme at tourney

Members from eight church areas attended South Africa's first national sports tournament in Bloemfontein May 28 to 31. Two hundred sportsmen and spectators joined in four days of soccer, volleyball, netball and fellowship.

Most participants were accommodated in the homes of area brethren. A catering team provided noon and evening meals. Dinner Friday, May 29, was *potjiekos*, a meat dish cooked in a three-legged pot.

The theme of the tournament was "Unity in Sport," and teams applauded their opponents' successes.

The Cape Town, South Africa, team won the most team trophies. Pieter Keyter won a nine-kilometer run.

Robert Klynsmith, Bloemfontein pastor, organized the tournament. *John S. Holder.*



FAMILY PACE—South African brethren participate in the one-mile family walk at a national sports tournament, which took place in Bloemfontein May 28 to 31.

Europe

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Richborough was the gateway to the Roman province of Britannia.

"For our program commemorating the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution, we taped a... sequence at Runnymede, the birthplace of the Magna Carta," Mr. Omasta said.

The Magna Carta, the charter of English liberties, was granted by King John in 1215 in response to the demands of his barons. The U.S. Constitution was modeled on principles set forth in the Magna Carta.

Taping at Runnymede presented some difficulties for the television crew because it is just west of London's Heathrow Airport.

"We had to skillfully time Mr. Hulme's comments between noisy aircraft take-offs," Mr. Omasta said. "The quiet spaces lasted about 30 to 40 seconds, which was just long enough for us to get several good takes."

In the group's London hotel rooms the television crew taped three interviews. Mr. Hogberg interviewed Frederick Warner, chairman of the SCOPE Project—an organization that deals with the environmental consequences of nuclear warfare, and Ian Percival, a mathematical physicist at Queen

Mary College, University of London. In the June *Plain Truth* Dr. Warner gave his views on nuclear warfare and its aftermath.

Their comments will be used in a demonstration by Dr. Percival about the black smoke produced by infernos ignited by nuclear explosions in a program titled "No Flesh Saved Alive?"

For a program concerning Europe in prophecy, Mr. Hogberg interviewed Christopher Tugendhat, a vice president of the European Commission (1981-1985).

Mr. Hulme returned to Pasadena, and the rest of the group flew to West Berlin, June 21. Mr. Hogberg interviewed Heinrich Lummer, a member of the West German Bundestag. The questions were asked in German by Paul Kieffer, pastor of the Hannover, Hamburg and West Berlin, West Germany, churches.

Mr. Lummer, who was in Berlin in August, 1961, when the Berlin Wall was built, gave his impressions of events that took place just before and after the wall was built.

With the Brandenburg Gate in the background Mr. Kieffer interviewed Kurt Neubauer, mayor of West Berlin from 1974 to 1979. The crew filmed human interest scenes of West Berliners and landmarks in the city. "Our 10-day trip to Europe was very hectic, but very profitable," Mr. Omasta said.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—"There have been several requests for an updated pictorial of all the ministers," said Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**. "We are trying to acknowledge and honor that. We are getting another pictorial together."

We hope to complete the pictorial by the 1988 Spring Holy Days, said **Greg S. Smith**, pictorial designer and manager of Photography Services.

Titled *The Family Album*, this pictorial will include pictures of pastors and associate and assistant pastors of the Worldwide Church of God and their wives, the Pastor General's Office staff, the Church Administration office staff, operation managers of campus departments, the Gulfstream III flight crew and evangelists. The council of elders and other ministers will be listed.

"We are planning to have a sec-

tion in the back—like a church activity scrapbook—blank pages where people can put in . . . pictures of area events," Mr. Smith said.

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PASADENA—**Cristi Harris** and **Kylene Carpenter**, the two girls injured when a chartered bus carrying Church youths swerved and hit a guard rail June 18 (see *WN*, "Update," June 22) "are very cheerful and doing fine," said **Allen Bullock**, July 15. Mr. Bullock is pastor of the Dallas, Tex., East and West churches.

He said Cristi has been home for about a week. She is on crutches, but she attended the YOU Bible study July 10 and Sabbath services July 11. A steel rod in her leg will be removed after about a year.

"Kylene is doing fine, although she still has a cast on her ankle, which is fractured. There is no dam-

hardest decisions he ever had to make. "I thought I'd be giving up an awful lot.

"But all these years I have been so tremendously blessed, probably more than anybody in the world. I've been through a lot of trials, but I learned so much more than I would have working at TWA. Trials have taught me humility, compassion and patience."

Mr. Nestor spoke about traveling with his wife. "We're going to Idaho for two weeks and then to England in August for the wedding of our oldest granddaughter."

"Since Mr. Tkach is stressing family unity in the Church so much, while I'm still able I want to strengthen a close-knit relationship with my extended family. I plan to do just that."

Mechanic

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members who attend the San Bernardino, Calif., church.

Because of his seniority with TWA, Mr. Nestor didn't have problems with the Sabbath or Holy Days. At first he thought the Sabbath was from Friday midnight to Saturday midnight.

"That's no problem, I thought. On Fridays I would just quit before midnight," he said. Later he learned how God reckons time.

In the 1960s, when the late Herbert Armstrong was about to buy the Church's first jet, several members urged Mr. Nestor to put in his application as a mechanic.

"We were in Bricket Wood [England] when my daughter told Mr. Armstrong that I worked at TWA and was one of the first ones to work on the pure jet—the Boeing 707," Mr. Nestor explained.

"Mr. Armstrong told me I could have the job if I wanted it. I hadn't sent in an application yet, but what an honor that would be, what a privilege to work at headquarters!"

In 1967 Mr. Armstrong ordered the Fanjet Falcon C (see *Worldwide News*, June 22) and outfitted it that fall at the Pacific Air Corp. in California.

So, after 27 years with TWA, Mr. Nestor retired from the airline, with free air travel anywhere TWA flies, for him and his wife. In March, 1968, Mr. Nestor started the maintenance portion of Flight Operations.

I'm responsible

"It was a little different than working for TWA," Mr. Nestor said. "There I put in eight hours and worked on all types of jets. In Pasadena I was told I had all the responsibility for maintaining the planes. It was my baby. It was an even greater responsibility to me, working for Mr. Armstrong—I was responsible for his life."

Mr. Nestor is quick to point out his job is not something he can do himself. "God's help makes all things possible," he said.

Mr. Nestor was named maintenance superintendent on the newer Falcon F jet, while Dean Mohr supervised the maintenance of the Gulfstream II. (Mr. Mohr is now chief of maintenance.)

In 1979, at age 67, Mr. Nestor was given the option of retiring. "I still felt pretty good," he said, "so I decided to accept an offer to stay on as assistant technician of the G-II" and later the G-III.

Looking back, Mr. Nestor said that leaving TWA was one of the

age to her spinal cord or neck," Mr. Bullock said.

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VANCOUVER, B.C.—**Kyriacos Stavrinides**, a professor at Pasadena Ambassador College, was guest speaker at the 1987 Canadian ministerial conferences in Vancouver June 15 to 18 and Toronto, Ont., June 22 to 25. Attendance was 124 in Vancouver and 104 in Toronto.

Dr. Stavrinides spoke on Church government in the Old and New Testaments, the office of apostle and Hebrew and Greek expressions.

Colin Adair, Canadian regional director, opened each conference, gave an update on the work in Canada and spoke about ministers' wives, ministerial manpower and ministerial judgment.

George Patrickson, assistant to Mr. Adair, spoke about office procedures, the auto fleet program and the *Plain Truth* newsstand program.

Other topics of the conferences included Canadian law as it affects the Church and the ministry, given by **Keith Stoner**, a lawyer and local church elder in Sarnia, Ont.; and alcoholism and its effects by **Royston Page**, pastor of the Prince George, B.C., church.

The western conference featured yachting, fishing, golfing, sight-seeing and shopping. At the eastern conference ministers and wives took a ferry to Toronto Island and attended a barbecue catered by Toronto area deacons.

Mr. Adair said: "The unity and camaraderie were very evident. Many of the ministers expressed their appreciation for the conferences, the chance to get together and especially the warm family atmosphere which existed. The topics covered were very helpful and certainly went far to ensure that we are all speaking the same thing as directed by Pasadena."

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PASADENA—The Feast site in Port d'Albret, France, has reached capacity and no further transfer re-

quests can be accepted.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office here announced these changes in Festival Music directors.

The Tucson, Ariz., ensemble director will be **William Samuelson**, 5028 48th Ave. NE, Seattle, Wash., 98105.

The Daytona Beach, Fla., children's choir director will be **Robert Luther**, 5277 Barnegat Point Rd., Orlando, Fla., 32808.

The Eugene, Ore., ensemble director will be **Hernan Herrera**, c/o Worldwide Church of God, Mail Processing Center, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that there is still room for a few members to attend the Feast in Amman, Jordan.

Those interested should obtain an application form from their pastor and return it to the Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Applicants must have a valid passport. The travel agent organizing the tour will obtain visas.

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PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ordinations.

Judd Kirk, pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., East and West churches, and **Eugene Noel**, pastor of the West Bend and Milwaukee, Wis., churches, were raised in rank to pastor on Pentecost, June 7.

Eke Udeagha of the Accra, Ghana, church, was ordained a local elder June 14.

Ben Kaswaga, who works with the Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Bible study, was ordained a local church elder June 14.

Juan Laguer, a deacon in the New York, N.Y. (Spanish), church, was ordained a local church elder on Pentecost, June 7.

The New York Spanish church first met May 2. It is the second Spanish-language congregation established in the United States, ac-

Mr. Caputo also visited Sicily and the Adriatic coast. Fifteen new people attended services in Milan, and five new people were scheduled to attend the Sicily congregation, he said.

A historic event occurred this spring when Carmelo Anastasi, a longtime member in Italy, was ordained a deacon, "the first such ordination to take place on Italian soil in centuries," according to Carn Catherwood, Italian regional director.

Mr. Anastasi was called into the Church in 1973, while he and his family were living in Montreal, Que. A year later they moved to Italy, settling in Catania.

For several years Mr. Anastasi was the only member in the country.

"As membership climbed over the years, the dramatic growth was reflected in the Anastasi family," said Mr. Catherwood. "Currently, 17 members of this family are attending God's Church."

Mr. Anastasi lives in Rome and works in the Church's office there.

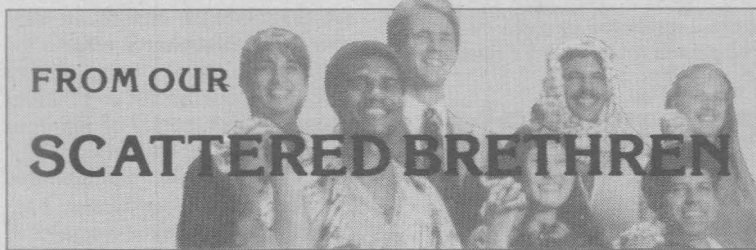
First for Antigua

Evangelist Stan Bass, Caribbean regional director, conducted the first Bible lecture in Antigua.

"Excitement was high among the 12 members as they prepared for the event, which was held at the church's regular meeting hall," Mr. Bass said.

"When 6:30 came on the evening of May 31, attendance was discouraging. Of the 54 invited only two had shown up, in addition to all of the brethren," Mr. Bass continued.

As he began his address about prophecy, however, eight adults and two children came, the total representing "a remarkable 22 percent of those invited."



FROM OUR
SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

PASADENA—This incident, related by Alfred C. Akogwu, a member who works in the Lagos, Nigeria, Office, took place April 13.

"I was on my way to observe the Night to Be Much Observed with a few members and their families, a few miles from my home. The bus I was traveling in refused to stop at my destination, but took me several meters beyond my bus stop. It was around 8 p.m. and quite dark.

"As I alighted from the bus, I became confused as to where I was because the area was new to me. As I contemplated which way to go, I saw a man coming towards me.

"Thinking he was a good samaritan, I asked him to show me the way . . . He gave me some instructions and as I was about to leave, to my amazement he pounced on me and started searching for money.

"At [that] point he called out to his mates who were hiding in the bush nearby. As they dragged me to [a] swampy secluded area, one of them remarked that they should kill me.

"Having searched all my pockets, they were only able to get seven naira [about \$2.30]. They were quite angry with me for the small amount that I had on me, and at this point I began to cry out

to God for His intervention.

"One of them noticed the bag I had with me and decided to search it as well in case there was some more money. As he opened the bag he saw my Bible.

"At this point he remarked: 'This one is a Church man. Let us leave him.' The one with whom I first talked gave me back one naira from the seven naira they had taken, in order that I could get another transportation to where I was going and gave me correct instructions."

Mr. Akogwu concluded: "I thank God for His divine intervention that night. I was able to meet with the other members, although I was a little delayed and enjoyed a most wonderful Night to Be Much Observed."

Italy: visits, ordination

"Since the end of May I've traveled 10,000 kilometers [about 6,200 miles] following up on visit requests," said Michael Caputo, pastor of the Rome, Milan and Catania, Italy, churches.

As visit requests poured in, Mr. Caputo made three visiting trips in May and June to northern Italy—as far west as Ventimiglia (by the French Riviera), as far east as Gorizia (on the Yugoslavian border).

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PASADENA—Printing of *The Bible Story, Volume V*, was completed in June, according to Editorial Services. The book is scheduled for distribution at the 1987 Feast of Tabernacles.

L. Greg Smith, an Editorial Services graphic artist, handled layout and cover design of the book. It was printed at Arcata Graphics in Kingsport, Tenn.

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PASADENA—"After seven years of waiting, negotiations were finally completed to begin airing *The World Tomorrow* on CFCN in Calgary, Alta., July 26," said evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

"This coverage will blanket the province of Alberta, where before we depended on coverage from a station in Spokane, Wash., to reach across the border into the region," Mr. Hulme said.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—**William Winner**, a pastor-rank minister and director of Ministerial Services here, and his wife, Carolyn, were honored June 9, the 25th anniversary of Mr. Winner's ordination as a minister.

Robert Fahey, regional director, presented Mr. Winner with a silver candelabra at a buffet luncheon in the regional office. Staff and Church members attended.

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PASADENA—**Eric Shaw**, supervisor of the Postal Center, and his assistant, **Ed Stonick**, attended the 1987 National Postal Forum West in Phoenix, Ariz., May 3 to 5.

The forum is an annual gathering of business and U.S. Postal Service managers to exchange information for improving mail service.

Mr. Stonick participated in a seminar on international mail services. He gave a presentation on International Priority Airmail (IPA), a lower-priced method of mailing overseas.

"Since this service began about one year ago, God's work has saved over \$50,000 using IPA," Mr. Stonick said.

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PASADENA—To date 1987 is a record year for baptisms, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

In the first five months of this year 3,290 were baptized. There were 3,151 baptisms during the same period last year.

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