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## New Zealand marks milestones of God's work, Auckland church

By Rex Morgan

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—Five hundred fifty brethren gathered here on the Sabbath, Sept. 12, to celebrate the double milestones of the 25th anniversary of God's work in New Zealand and the South Pacific and the 20th anniversary of the Auckland church.

*Rex Morgan pastors the Whangarei, New Zealand, church.*

The anniversary program included afternoon services, a potluck, a slide presentation, a cake-cutting ceremony and a family dance.

Robert Thompson, a local church elder, gave the sermonette. He reminisced about conditions during the early days of the work in this region, such as listening to Australian radio stations broadcasting *The World Tomorrow* before it was on the air in New Zealand, keeping the Passover and Holy Days at home before the church was established and traveling to Australia for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Thompson encouraged brethren to ask themselves, "Where will I be 25 years from now?"

Peter Nathan, regional director, gave announcements, which included congratulatory messages from pioneer members and ministers who have served in New Zealand. Messages were also read from Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications. Mr. Faulkner and his wife, Shirley, were the first Church members to visit New Zealand when they stopped over during a trip in 1960.

Mr. Nathan read a poem about the history of the Church in the region written by Roland Norman, one of 18 people baptized on the first baptizing tour in 1962.

Before the celebration old records and memories were pieced together to determine the whereabouts of the 18 pioneer members and the 37 others who attended the first Bible study, Sept. 7, 1967. Personal invitations were sent to these brethren.

Graemme Marshall, the first resident minister in New Zealand and the first regional director, who now pastors the Calgary, Alta., North and South churches, gave the sermon.

After services and the potluck,

organized by Mark and Sio Ching Waters, brethren watched a 30-minute slide show, which outlined the history of the work in the South Pacific and included photographs of members from previous years.

The slide presentation is being made into a video to be shown to other congregations in the region.

Next Mr. Nathan invited Mr. Marshall and his wife, Lynette, Donald Engle, pastor of the Auckland church, and his wife, Alexandra, and members baptized in 1962, on stage for the cutting of the anniversary cake.

The cake, decorated with a model of Herod's Temple to fit the anniversary's theme, "Building the House," was prepared by Church members Jane Logan, Erica Ganter and Lynn Bongard.

During the dance musicians who

served the church through the years provided entertainment.

The anniversary celebration took place at the Mt. Roskill Grammar School Auditorium, where the Auckland church regularly meets for Sabbath services. Tapuvakai Panuve and a team of single brethren put together a display of mementos of the history of the church.

### Springing up on street corners

## Newsstand program blitzes U.S.

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—More than one million copies of *The Plain Truth* were distributed in Manhattan,



STOCKING NEWSSTAND—Michael Williams (left) and Arthur Cooley, Washington, D.C., members, fill a *Plain Truth* newsstand near the White House and Capitol area, where 60,000 magazines a month are distributed from 135 newsstands. [Photo by Kevin Pierce]

### Mr. Tkach Addresses Brethren in California, Newfoundland

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke in the Anaheim (Calif.) Convention Center on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 24, addressing 2,000 brethren from Long Beach, Garden Grove and San Diego, Calif., Yuma, Ariz., and Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico.

After shaking hands with the brethren, Mr. Tkach was host to a buffet for ministers, deacons, deaconesses and their spouses. He and his traveling party returned to Pasadena that evening.

The next day the pastor general left in the Church's Gulfstream III jet for St. John's, Nfld., where he spoke on the Sabbath, Sept. 26. After greeting brethren he was host to dinner for ministers, deacons, deaconesses and their spouses.

Sunday, Sept. 27, Mr. Tkach and his traveling group toured area sites before returning to the Burbank, Calif., airport. Details of the trips will appear in the Nov. 23 *Worldwide News*.

N.Y., since the blitz program began there in May, according to Robert Elliott, *Plain Truth* newsstand manager.

"Distribution in the blitz program is going very well just about everywhere," said Mr. Elliott.

In Manhattan each dispenser is distributing an average of 100 magazines a day. In Chicago, Ill., the rate is 45 a day and in San Francisco, Calif., it's 50 to 70 a day. In Philadelphia, Pa., members stocking the newsstands cannot keep up with the demand.

Columnist Clark DeLeon wrote in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*: "The *Plain Truth*' is free. And you'd know that if you were walking around center city [of Philadelphia] in the last few days. Literally overnight . . . blue boxes for 'The *Plain Truth*,' a magazine published by the Worldwide Church of God, sprang up on street corners all over center city."

Other areas involved in this phase of the *Plain Truth* blitz program are Seattle and Tacoma, Wash.;

Sacramento, San Diego, Reseda, Garden Grove, Glendale, North Hollywood and Los Angeles, Calif.; and Washington, D.C.

A representative in San Diego said, "You see people carrying *The Plain Truth* around town all the time."

The program has encountered some problems with vandalism, though. "In New York, during the July Fourth celebrations, for example, vandals detonated heavy fireworks in some dispensers, which blasted holes through the side walls and tops," Mr. Elliott said.

New dispensers were shipped out to replace the damaged ones.

"People should pray specifically for those cities where distribution is going on. It will make all the difference inasmuch as it is a work of faith that we are doing. We need God's blessing," he continued.

In the *Philadelphia Inquirer* article a general manager of a hotel was quoted as saying that he found the newsstand dispensers offensive and that he could not believe the city would allow them on a particular street.

"Some sidewalks of Philadelphia have dispensers that offer pornographic literature and information on gay and lesbian dating services," Mr. Elliott said.

"This shows what our people are up against," Mr. Elliott said.

In San Diego vandals removed 42 handles from units in the downtown area. Replacement handles put the units back into operation the next day.

In the Reseda area vandals threw a dispenser containing magazines into someone's yard. When the owner came home he picked one up to read it, reported James Friddle, pastor of the Reseda church.

He liked the magazine so much that he couldn't put it down, Mr. Friddle said. In fact, he liked it well enough to put the dispenser in his car and return it to the address of the area newsstand manager, which was on the stand. The dispenser was soon back on the sidewalk.

"God's people are putting in a tremendous effort to keep the program moving successfully," Mr. Elliott said. "*The Plain Truth* is becoming well known in the cities we are blitzing."

He concluded: "The dispensers are creating a favorable impression. Brethren polish them, dust them, clean them and get all of the graffiti off them. They deserve a tremendous amount of credit."

How eager and excited our loving Father and elder Brother must be to initiate the enormous changes that will take place for the good of all mankind and for the entire creation when Christ returns! Renovation and cleaning up of all things will begin at that time—including the nature and mind of humanity. And God wants each of His called-out ones to be a part of—to share with Him—that joyous and glorious experience!

The ways that have produced the anguish and suffering of mankind will no longer be allowed to develop and flourish. Real happiness will abound on the earth! Humanity will learn true peace.

Streets, homes and cities will be safe for young and old alike. People will no longer have to live in daily fear of what calamity might befall them. Men and women will be able to develop their full potential without injustice, prejudice or oppression hindering them.

These things are coming, and God has called you to have a part in the process that will bring it about!

Every year the Feast should stir us to renew our commitment (See PERSONAL, page 4)

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear brethren,

How can you make sure that the 1987 Feast of Tabernacles is the best you've ever had?

Or perhaps I should ask it this way: Have you ever considered that the real value of the Feast is actually what happens after it is over?

God has commanded that we keep His Holy Days as a reminder to ensure that we never forget His great purpose for creating mankind, nor His glorious plan of salvation. The fall Holy Day season is a time that focuses our attention upon the wonderful future, when God will intervene in world affairs and reestablish His perfect and just government over all nations.

And therefore it serves as an inspiration and encouragement to us to grow even more diligent and faithful to the wonderful calling as His firstfruits—His elect who will live and reign with

Christ for a thousand years.

Consequently, it is what we do after the Feast is over that really determines whether it was "the best ever" or not! The question is this: Do we allow the Feast's vivid portrayal of the coming Millennium to motivate us toward overcoming and spiritual growth? To the extent that we do, it will have been a successful Feast!

What a wonderful series of spiritual "banquets" we are privileged to "feast" upon! But again, the real value is in how well we allow ourselves to digest those meals of spiritual instruction. God's instruction and inspiration should and must become an integral part of us!

The apostle Paul, speaking of our adoption as begotten children of God and our future joint-inheritance with Jesus Christ, said, "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God" (Romans 8:19, New King James throughout).

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# Pope's U.S. visit focuses on world unity

PASADENA—Pope John Paul II concluded his second pastoral visit to the United States. His exhausting 10-day circuit took him to major cities in the southern half of the country plus the West Coast.

In scheduling this route, Vatican planners gave notice that they recognize the importance of Hispanic Americans as the fastest-growing element of the nation's 53 million Catholics. Hispanic Americans, 60 percent of whom are of Mexican background, are expected to comprise more than half of U.S. Catholics by the end of the century.

Hispanics are also, by and large, the most loyal adherents to Catholic doctrine. They are largely unaffected by the controversies over abortion, birth control, homosexuality and ordination of women, which seem to generate interest among other American Catholics.

Today's Catholic Irish Americans, Italian Americans and even Polish Americans have largely been assimilated into mainstream prosperous American life, influenced as it is by Protestantism and its individualized pick-and-choose approach to life. Not so with the mass of Hispanics, a large percentage of whom are more recent immigrants.

## Theme of unity

The pope's longest, and perhaps most significant, stopover (with 12 separate events) was in Los Angeles. I obtained press accreditation for the coverage Sept. 15 and 16.

The theme of this papal visit was "Unity in the Work of Service." All events in Los Angeles focused on this theme. On display in the papal press center at the Hilton Hotel, for example, were drawings made by Roman Catholic schoolchildren. In picture after picture the pope was depicted as the central figure in the

quest for peace and brotherhood among the nations, races and nationalities of the world.

This theme prevailed at the second evening's mass at Dodger Stadium too. Before the service various ethnic communities in Southern California presented a spirited and colorful folk music festival.

In the mass itself, on two occasions when the pope spoke, responses were given in these languages: English, Spanish, American Indian, Italian, Portuguese, Polish, Russian, Czech, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Croatian, Albanian, Romanian, Irish Gaelic, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese and Samoan. I could not help but reflect on the passage in Revelation 17:1, 15.

The mass was impressive for its unusual preparation. An official



POPE JOHN PAUL II

said it was six months in planning. The 14,000-square-foot altar had to be built, painted, disassembled, then re-erected in center field the night before, after a baseball game.

The highlight was when John Paul II landed by helicopter, entered the stadium and toured it in

the popemobile. The thunderous applause was almost frightening.

The moral authority John Paul commands as head of the 830 million Catholics of the world was also much in evidence in Los Angeles.

It was at the San Fernando Mis-

sion that the pope met with the more than 300 bishops of his American flock. There, in closed-door session, the pope heard four leading bishops describe the nature of the growing disregard of their parishioners toward Catholic teachings.

To the assembled bishops the pope replied unequivocally that "it is sometimes claimed that dissent... is totally compatible with being a 'good Catholic'... This is a grave error that challenges the teaching office of the bishops of the United States and elsewhere."

## Modern pope with a vision

There is little doubt that John Paul II, while not budging on doctrine, has changed the perception of the papacy to Catholics and non-Catholics. Having been trained as an actor before entering the priesthood, the pope knows how to use the media, specifically television.

Journalist Michael Novak, a Catholic, wrote in the Sept. 8 *Los Angeles Times*: "Curiously, the growth of the media during the 20th Century, and especially the advent of television, has made the papacy stronger than it has ever been during

it no attention. Then it happened again as I started to pull away. So I checked my mirrors and discovered I had just run over the little 2-year-old girl from next door.

"I panicked and rushed to her side. I don't know where she came from, as she wasn't there while I was loading the truck. And I was in the house less than 15 seconds. Regardless, she was there. She had to be standing behind the bumper, as I couldn't see her backing up.

"It became clear that I had knocked her down, run over her, then dragged her while grinding her head into the street. Then, pulling away, I reversed the whole terrible thing.

"I scooped her up in my arms and ran inside the house and tried to tell my wife what had just happened. I have never felt so utterly helpless in all my life, and had no idea how to help her. I handed her to my wife, and immediately dropped to my knees in the most fervent prayer of my life.

"My wife called the minister, and the elders and many of the brethren prayed for her. God honored those prayers. Moreover, I'm convinced God started healing her the second I prayed, as she became alert and responsive.

"Her parents took her to the emergency room. No fractures, no concussion, no brain damage or internal injuries. The specialists who examined her were dumbfounded. She should have been dead. But not so much as a headache. Only abrasions on her head and cheek.

"It's been a week now, and the abrasions are gone. Not a single scar.

"Every day I pray to God. I pray for the Work, the ministry, the needs of the Church, the sick, etc. But never have I had such a strong emotional desire for God to answer a prayer. And He did. What a powerful and mighty God is our God. God does care!

the preceding 1,900 years. In the old days it took months for the pope's messages—in Latin—to reach far-flung bishops and peoples. Today the media make the pope's words instantly controversial everywhere.

"Television, particularly, loves to

focus on a single face. When it wants a picture of the Catholic Church, it can capture the face of one man—as it cannot do with respect to Protestantism. It is as if God gave the Catholic Church the papacy with the 20th Century in mind. Never has the papal office

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## English Channel: not just a physical separation

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Why is the English Channel (French, *La Manche*, the sleeve) so vital to Britain? How has this narrow body of water shaped the history of the United Kingdom? Why is what has been called the channel gap more than just a physical separation from the Continent?

Shakespeare called Britain "this sceptered isle." But had Britain always been an island? Has it always been separated from the Continent? The consensus of historical geologists is that the British Isles were once joined to the European Continent. At some point in the earth's history this island broke off because of major natural convulsions—probably triggered by the receding of the last ice age.

It is beyond the brief of this column to argue details or dates. The fact that the separation happened is a monumental benchmark in geologic history. The spin-off has been nothing short of enormous.

Since 1066 no nation has successfully invaded the British Isles. Anthony Burgess underscored the channel's importance in a July 6 *Independent* article. He wrote: "Dover is only a few kilometers away from Calais, but the narrow channel was a sufficient deterrent for Hitler's armies of proposed invasion, and the only Nazis on British soil were [Nazi official Rudolf] Hess and Luftwaffe prisoners. The Nazis dropped bombs, but they did not set up a tyrannical government."

The English Channel has not only protected Britain from invasion, it has also helped develop a distinct national culture. British institutions, the British way of life and British political policy evolved largely independent of Continental forces. From this island much of the world came to be governed.

Moreover, England often possessed the balance of power on the Continent. Past British governments usually supported underdogs in European quarrels. In this way they helped maintain military and political stability on the Continent.

The main threat to the channel gap is 20th century technology and modern transport. One can now fly over the channel in 15 minutes.

been so magnified in power."

The cover story on the pope's visit in the Sept. 21 *Newsweek* described him in much the same words, noting that he is "the most travelled, most talkative, most televised pope in history, a spiritual leader and geopolitician of passionate conviction who arouses equally strong emotions in admirers and critics."

In his most significant observation, the author of the *Newsweek* article, Kenneth L. Woodward, outlined the far-reaching objectives behind the pontiff's world travels.

"The pope's policies are firmly tied to larger themes of world peace and justice," wrote Mr. Woodward. "But the jewel in the pope's international design is a utopian vision of a unified—and re-Christianized—Europe stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ural Mountains.

"Phase one would be an end to the divisions between Eastern and Western Europe. Phase two: reconciliation between Roman Catholics and the Orthodox Christians of the Soviet East. Only a pope from Poland could dream such a thing."

When the channel tunnel is completed (about 1993) trains will cover the 22 miles from Dover, England, to Calais, France, at nearly 100 miles an hour. It will take just 28 minutes to cross the channel. Paris and London will be less than 3½ hours apart. The train will compete with the airliner.

The potential economic benefits of this Eurotunnel scheme are incalculable. A freight car will be able to go from Cardiff, Wales, to Milan, Italy, in 36 hours. Even an excellent passenger service between London and Moscow will be possible.

Britain's entry into the European rail network will make the combined systems the largest in the world. The flagging fortunes of British Rail may be revived. The short freight haul is anathema to railway profits. But Britain, joined to Europe by the iron rail, will lengthen distances many times over. Millions of tons of freight will roll under the channel every year.

The 20th century has constantly reduced the separation factor of the channel. Britain has become much more joined to the Continent. By the beginning of century 21 the British Isles look to be tied into Europe more than ever—politically, economically, militarily, culturally.

Some feel that this is Britain's big opportunity to take the lead in Europe. Paul Johnson in the June 29 *Daily Mail* wrote: "De Gaulle's Europe is past. Margaret Thatcher's Europe is just beginning."

This is sheer nostalgia! This thinking harkens back to the 19th century. It was an English century.

As Theodore H. White wrote in his book *In Search of History*: "In that explorers' century, the entire globe was made one. Europe made it one—and England led Europe. At the beginning of that century London was about to become the capital of the world."

Perhaps for a short time events may appear to go Britain's way in Europe. Mrs. Thatcher is a great prime minister.

But those who understand Anglo-Saxon origins and know the divine purpose for the English-speaking peoples will not be surprised when Britain's role in Europe takes a different direction.



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## For all you care

When a great storm threatened to sink the boat Christ and His disciples were in, the disciples cried out in fear, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" (Mark 4:37-38).

What an emotional, painful cry for help! I've cried out that way. Haven't you? People around the world cry out for help day and night.

And the questions are asked again and again: "God, don't you care?" "Why me, Lord?" "Why my friend?" "Why my job?" "Why my child?" "Don't you care?" "I don't understand why!" "Why?"

These are timeless questions. Most every human has asked them.

There has rarely been a person who hasn't struggled with these painful questions: Does God care? Is my deep pain God's great error? Has He forgotten me in this trial?

## Does God care?

David expressed these same feelings in Psalm 13:1-2: "How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?"

As the winds moaned and the sea rocked back and forth, the terrified disciples yelled out in fear as Jesus slept in the ship. "Master, carest thou not that we perish?"

Christ could have kept on sleeping. He could have told them to go away and stop bothering Him. He

could have impatiently jumped up, lost His cool and furiously dismissed the storm. He could have pointed out their weakness and immaturity and His superiority.

But He didn't.

With all the patience that only one who cares and represents God the Father can have, Christ answered the question. He arose and rebuked the wind. The trembling disciples couldn't miss His calm reply: "Peace, be still" (Mark 4:39).

Christ answered once and for all the painful dilemma that has faced men and women alike—"Where is God when I hurt?"

Christ is there listening and empathizing. That's where He is. He cares for you and me.

Peter wrote that you can cast "all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Peter 5:7). Comforting? You bet! God's people worldwide can be thankful God does care for us.

## A moving example

I would like to share with you a letter that illustrates this point:

"I would like to share with you an incident that happened last week as I was leaving for work.

"I had just finished loading some tools into the back of my truck, and walked back inside to get my lunch. I walked back to my truck, started it, checked for traffic, then started backing out of the driveway.

"I thought I felt a rather muted bump, but heard nothing, and paid

(Photo by Hal Finch)



# Teamwork, efficiency keynote Computer Information Systems

By Marie Myers

PASADENA—"Computer Information Systems is the blood supply of the work. Practically everything that goes through the work comes through Computer Information Systems," said James Peoples, operation manager.

Computer Information Systems (CIS), formerly the Data Processing Center, "stores and retrieves all of the information that we have computerized," according to Mr. Peoples, also operation manager of the Purchasing and Travel departments. "We are . . . a service department. We try to produce the figures that other departments operate on."

The department, begun in 1965, moved the work from the hand-kept system, used by Herbert W. Armstrong in 1934, to a computer system that links hundreds of terminals to instant information. The department has 59 full-time employees.

Computer Information Systems "has had a facelift," according to Mr. Peoples. The department was reorganized to encourage more teamwork and efficiency, he said. Four managers oversee planning, production, systems programming and applications programming.

"It takes teamwork to monitor all the information we have . . . to be on top of what's happening in the industry," he said. This helps CIS "develop systems for the various departments."

Besides housing and distributing information to departments, CIS teaches computer operations and programming classes to Ambassador College students and Church employees.

## The mainframe computer

"A computer is nothing more than just a giant file cabinet, and you organize it as efficiently as you can so you can get the information out as quickly as you can," said Mr. Peoples.

All of the Church's name and address and departmental financial files are ready for almost instant access from authorized users on its mainframe computer, an IBM 4381. The computer stores all the addresses used by the Church at any

time, about eight million worldwide, according to Everett Leisure, manager of the production, hardware and maintenance area.

The main function of the mainframe is to store mailing files for access by departments, and labels for literature, said Mr. Leisure.

About 550 terminals, including 16 in the Canadian Office and about 50 on the Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy, are connected to the mainframe computer.

The computer is staffed around the clock from 6 a.m., Sunday morning, until 4 p.m., Friday afternoon. During the day it is available to terminal operators, and at night it produces reports for the depart-



**TRAVEL OFFICE**—The Travel Office coordinates corporate travel and travel arrangements for ministers and helps develop travel programs for Church members. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

ments and stores names and address changes made during the day.

"The machine is doing a lot of different things at the same time," said Mr. Leisure. "Basically all it can do is add, subtract, multiply and divide, but it does it very, very quickly. It can count one at a time up to five million in less than a second."

Mr. Leisure said that capabilities of computers increase each year. In 1966 it took eight days and two computers to print 680,000 *Plain Truth* labels. Now, it takes 80 hours to produce millions on one printer.

## Department functions

Requests from departments for jobs on computers are processed through the computer information area, managed by Bill Hutchison.

Staff members train users on the terminals, evaluate software and work to meet the computer needs of the other departments. Work is distributed to other areas of Computer Information Systems from the computer information area.

The systems programming area is the "technical part of [computer] operations," said James Ronan, manager. Systems programmers organize and increase program efficiency and orient new programs for the computer system at CIS. Staff members write programs used by the applications programming area to write directly for the user.

The applications programming area, managed by Olly Efthyvoulos, writes the programs tailored for specific needs of departments. Applications programmers write software for terminals linked with the mainframe and microcomputers used in departments.

The staff stays in contact with all the departments and regional offices to program their needs for information and labels, said Mr. Efthyvoulos. "It means really being up to date so we don't hold up [the departments]," he added.

Members of the production, hardware and maintenance area produce

circulation lists or labels for departments and regional offices, check output of those projects and work with maintenance services.

## Microcomputers

Mr. Leisure added that the production, hardware and maintenance staff also repairs the 150 IBM PC compatible (micro) computers in various departments. Because of cost savings and the advantages of personal computers, the department is replacing many terminals connected to the mainframe with microcomputers, according to Mr. Peoples.

"The microcomputer is a digest of the mainframe. It's the same process, it's just done on a much smaller scale," said Mr. Peoples.

Terminals connected to the mainframe have no local storage (the terminal cannot be used without the mainframe), while the microcomputers have the advantage of local intelligence (the computer stores information and operates on its own) and the capacity to be tied into one communication line.

Computers can be tied together within departments, and departments linked by computer, or networked, according to Mr. Ronan.

Programers are working to make better links between the microcom-



**COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**—Employees of the Church's Computer Information Systems Department, formerly the Data Processing Center, gather around the mainframe computer, which serves departments and regional offices of the work. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

puters and the mainframe, so authorized users can have access to needed information from the mainframe.

About 100 more computers are yet to be installed in the departments within the next year. Regional offices will also be using the same computer system, tying them with headquarters.

"When one department wants to talk to another department we're

not talking to different machines. We're all talking one language," said Mr. Ronan.

"We're trying to build a very large network so that we can have a worldwide standard," he continued. "That is what Mr. Tkach has asked, is to establish a worldwide standard so . . . all the offices will be speaking the same [computer] language," said Mr. Ronan.

## Striving for efficiency

# Manager: penchant for detail

By Norman Shoaf

PASADENA—Computer disk drives and monitors sit on the tables, and software packages fill the bookshelf. Purchase orders and product reports cover the desk. A computer is disassembled on a table.

The man behind the desk, James Peoples, explains that he sometimes helps with repairs. He apologizes for what probably only he would consider to be a messy office.

A cup features a cartoon of a cat tangled in yarn, with the inscription, "Single-handedly I have fought my way into this hopeless mess."

Mr. Peoples, 43, is a soft-spoken but enthusiastic man with a quick smile and penchant for detail. It is this last quality that, more than any other, suits him for his job as operation manager of the Church's Computer Information Systems, Purchasing and Travel departments.

He reveals his purpose and philosophy in the job: "We're constantly looking for ways to maximize efficiency in God's work."

Mr. Peoples, a pastor-rank minister, assumed his job last March after nearly 20 years in field churches

in the United States and Canada. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach commissioned him to supervise and evaluate cost-effectiveness and productivity in the work worldwide.

"It's inspiring to discuss the goals of the work with Mr. Tkach and see



**JAMES PEOPLES**

his enthusiasm for God's work, Mr. Peoples said.

Through the Technical Equipment Committee, which he supervises, purchases of office equipment

can be evaluated for compatibility with other areas of the work as well as cost-effectiveness.

"One of the most rewarding things is to see people being able to do things more efficiently, getting their work done faster and at the same time realize we saved several thousands of dollars doing it," he said.

"Our goals," he said, "are to create efficiency, to avoid duplication, to take care of both little and big items. The theme of the Purchasing Department is wise stewardship. Our job is to give Mr. Tkach as many alternatives as possible so that, with wise counsel, he can make right decisions."

The purchasing agents request multiple bids from suppliers of what the Church buys, Mr. Peoples said. They buy the best products at the best prices to get the work done.

Mr. Peoples said it's challenging to keep up with the constantly changing computer industry in order to keep the departments up to date. "Long-range planning is probably the most important aspect," he said.

Mr. Peoples learned about computers on his own, by taking classes and reading. When he couldn't afford a new computer, he bought surplus parts and built his own.

Mr. Peoples became interested in God's truth through his brother Robert, who now pastors the Longview and Lufkin, Tex., churches. He began attending services in El Monte, Calif., in 1964.

Mr. Peoples met his wife, the former Linda Sloan, at Ambassador College in 1965, and they were married in the fall of 1968.

Mrs. Peoples is "a cheerful helpmeet," he said. "She's always been there through the long hours that the ministry and this job entail."

After graduation they were sent to San Diego, Calif., where Mr. Peoples served as a ministerial trainee for about two years. He then served in Canada for three years and pastored several churches in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Peoples have one daughter, Debbie, a Pasadena Ambassador College freshman.



**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**—Employees of the Church's Purchasing Department assess needs, evaluate equipment and make purchases for departments. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

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## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Summer Educational Program

Our son just returned from [the Summer Educational Program in] Orr, Minn. He had a marvelous experience... The teaching and training he received is priceless and will last the rest of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Packer  
Inglewood, Calif.

I am 16 and had the wonderful opportunity to attend SEP Big Sandy first session...

At camp everyone was close and I made many friends...

I learned [that] God's way works. If you obey God and follow His commandments everything will work out. Secondly I learned that God will not give you anything you can't handle... God gives us trials, to make us stronger and to grow closer to Him, but He won't give us anything that we can't handle. In Cycling [class] we had to cycle 35 miles and I didn't think I could make it... There were times when I wanted to quit, but I remembered this lesson and stuck it out...

I paid my way to camp, and I got more than my money's worth. I hope... I can help other kids learn the things that I learned so they, too, can lead happy and productive lives.

Laura Meahl  
Tehachapi, Calif.

I just wanted to write to you to tell you how successful the [Summer Educational] Graduate Program was. It has greatly helped me in undergoing the transition that comes upon graduation from high school and YOU [Youth Opportunities United]. I have learned so much pertaining to my responsibilities at this point in my life.

Sarah Campbell  
Birmingham, Ala.

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### Priceless literature

During the last year I have been

unable to attend services—I've missed even the Holy Days. [The] literature means literally everything for me and for other brethren in my position. I can read and study... at the same time everyone else is attending services in Calgary [Alta.]...

This may not sound like much to those who can get to services regularly but the value, to me, of the literature and synchronizing the study time is literally beyond measure. Sometimes I think it might be the difference between "hang-

ing in there" and being lost.

Barbara D. Teskey  
Turner Valley, Alta.

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### Good-bye ice cream

One dollar and 60 cents per week per 61,154 U.S. members equals \$5,088,012 for the purchase of the Office Facilities Building. I gladly say good-bye to my luxury ice cream bars, which I purchased weekly, with the knowledge that this check I am sending has been much better spent. And for the next 52 weeks, "How sweet it is!", sans ice cream bars.

Gene Francello  
San Diego, Calif.

## Telecast viewers discover program 'best thing on'

PASADENA—"Occasionally we receive comments from people explaining how they happened to tune in to the *World Tomorrow* telecast for the first time," said evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

A listener from North Carolina said that after moving four miles: "I accidentally got my channels mixed up... Instead of recording a nature program about wild animals, I recorded your program. Since then, I have recorded it each week so I can listen to your messages more than once. I have some 'favorites' that I have listened to many, many times."

From California, this comment: "I was just flipping the dial and it stopped on your program. I tried to turn it but the knob fell off. So I sat and listened. I have listened ever since."

"I've never seen your program before," said a listener from Washington. "I was going to turn cartoons on for my sons, but the television was set to your station. I watched the program all the way until the end of the message because it was so interesting."

Another person turned on the television to drown out the noise of the people upstairs: "It was easy to settle on the program—it was the best thing on."

People have also found the Church's toll-free number in some unusual places, Mr. Rice said. They have obtained the number from the identification labels on the back of *Plain Truth* newsstands, from notes in public phone booths and one from the inside front cover of a hotel Bible where a note said: "If you want *The Plain Truth*, call 1-800-423-4444. It's good, it's free, get it!"

## PERSONAL

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to become as workable clay in the hands of the great Master Potter. How God *yearns* to build His character and mind within us! How greatly He desires that we grow in oneness with Him, so that we might become a perfect part of His perfect government when Jesus returns!

Brethren, God is our helper. Who can succeed against us? As Paul said in Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

God is ready, willing and able to help us through all the trials and difficulties we may encounter in this human life, to the end that we will rejoice with Him as His spirit-born children in His Kingdom. God is *faithful*. He

will never leave us nor forsake us.

Let's not forget Jesus' words as recorded by Luke: "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

In the coming year let's keep our attention focused on the wonderful goal God has set before us. Let's draw close to Him so that we'll permit nothing to hinder or deter us from that transcendent purpose.

Each year the fall Holy Day season is a poignant reminder of why we must remain faithful to the end. Again this year, brethren, let's allow these days to awaken us to the urgency of making our calling and election *sure!*

My prayers are with you daily. Thank you for your encouragement and support, and for your prayers. I surely do need them and deeply appreciate them!

## Honor Students

The *Worldwide News* honors these students who graduated as salutatorians of their 1987 high school classes.



Loren P. Abrau  
Salutatorian  
College of Maasin  
Liloan, Philippines, church



Jada Aldeen Roop  
Salutatorian  
Fairfax High School  
St. Joseph, Mo., church



Athena Watson  
Salutatorian  
Washougal High School  
Vancouver, Wash., church

# Children's Corner

## Just a paperboy

By Vivian Pettijohn

It was still dark as Rocky Winfield turned his loaded bike onto the first street of his friend's paper route. Rocky didn't like getting up so early, but he wanted to earn some extra money to send for the Office Facilities Building fund in Pasadena.

When his friend Glenn hurt his ankle and needed someone to take his route for a few days, Rocky happily agreed to help out.

The sixth grader threw the rolled papers near the doors of the first seven customers. But before he remembered that he was to skip Mrs. Phillips' house he tossed the paper.

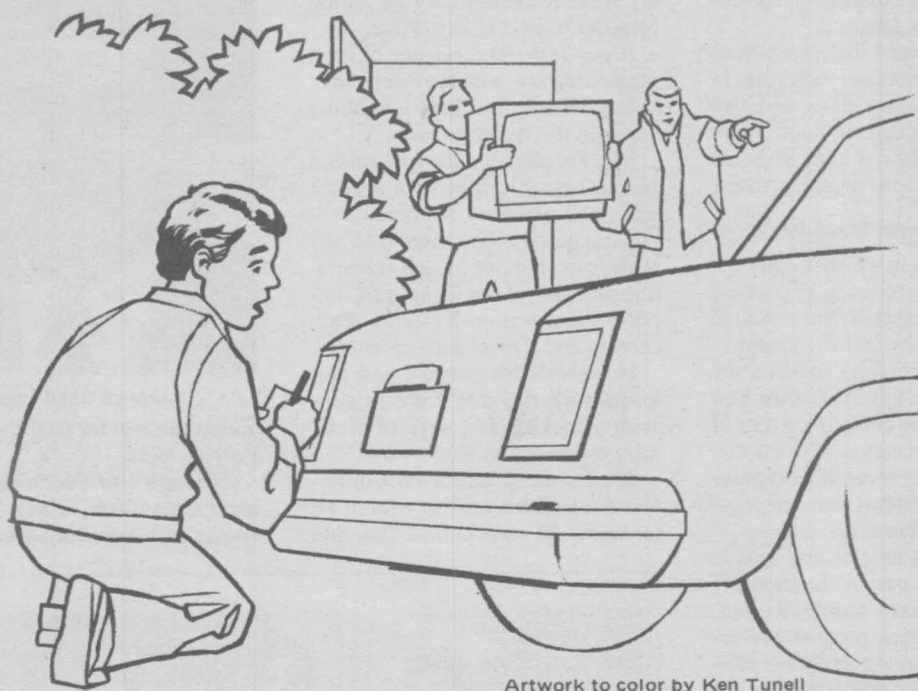
Rocky grunted and eased his blue-jeaned leg over the bar as he curbed the bike. "Dummy!" he muttered to himself. "You'll waste a lot of time if you're going to make mistakes! Can't you remember Mrs. Phillips is on vacation?"

As he walked toward the house to retrieve the paper, he was surprised to hear loud thuds coming from inside.

Rocky sensed trouble and crouched behind a big bush. He pulled back some branches so he could see the front windows. All were dark—except for an eerie light that moved from room to room. He whispered: "H-hands, stop shaking! I don't believe in ghosts!"

Rocky forced his jellylike legs to carry him back out to his bicycle. He hurriedly switched off its headlight and pushed the bike into the neighbor's driveway behind a hedge. He hoped no burglars had seen him! What if they had guns and would come after him?

Cautiously, he made his way to the



Artwork to color by Ken Tunell

back of Mrs. Phillips' house. The rear porch screen door was propped back and the kitchen door was open! Rocky heard two male voices coming toward him. He eased back into a shadow and sucked in his breath.

"Lennie, watch where you're going!" "Oh, shut up, Spike!" the other voice snapped. "Hurry up and let's get out of here!"

Trying not to make a sound, Rocky felt a tickling in his nose. Suddenly he sneezed! Fortunately, his arm muffled it—just as the two boys aged about 18 struggled through Mrs. Phillips' back door with a heavy load. The car door

was flung open and they hoisted a television set into the backseat.

Rocky thought, I'd better get that license plate number fast!

When the boys dashed back inside the house, Rocky started to rush out from his hiding place to where he could see the plate. But his leg almost knocked over an empty garbage can. His heart pounded as he grabbed the can.

Rocky pulled his route book and pencil from a pocket and recorded the license plate number, the make of the car and the two boys' descriptions and names he had heard them call each other. He ducked back out of sight just

as they returned, this time with a television set. They slammed doors, jumped in the car, the motor roared to life and the unlighted car backed down the driveway into the street.

Rocky's breathing sounded like air escaping from a balloon. His knees still shook. "Wow! I'm safe now, but what should I do? Guess I should call the police first. But will they believe me when they find out I'm not even 12 years old yet? And I've still got to deliver those papers! How will I ever get to school on time?"

Rocky pedaled his bike as fast as he could to the nearest telephone booth. Shakily he phoned the police. He reported the burglary and told them his name, address and phone number.

By the time he finished delivering the papers and rode back into his family's driveway, the sun was spilling light onto the streets.

Rocky's father opened the door for him. "Son, are you OK? I was about to look for you! Sergeant Moore from the Police Department called and told us what you did. He said they've already located the car and the boys have been arrested. We're proud of you."

"Aw-w, Dad," Rocky said modestly, "I was just a paperboy, trying to help a customer get her belongings back. I was plenty scared."

Dad gave him a quick hug as the rest of the family grinned with excitement. "Son," Dad said, "you may have been 'just a paperboy' when you left home this morning, but Sergeant Moore said you're now a neighborhood hero. Good work!"





# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## What is the most important job you can have in God's Church?

By Charles Hoppert

Some time ago a Church member became upset when asked to perform a certain service.

"How can *this* be the Church of God?" he demanded. He felt he had been asked "once too often" to serve in a menial capacity. He allegedly had been told, not asked, to serve. "God's true Church would never operate this way!" he declared.

*Charles Hoppert is a deacon in the Cumberland, Md., church.*

I have been a member for 15 years, and I have noticed that there are indeed some people who believe jobs they are given are menial. They resent being told or, sometimes, even asked to do jobs they would never volunteer to do.

Then there are those behind-the-scenes people who go about any job assigned them, menial or otherwise. They have learned that by serving they receive the satisfaction of a job well done, a job that pleases them as well as the people they help.

Yes, some jobs in the Church require using great intellect, special talent or unusual skill. These jobs are sometimes esteemed better than other jobs. But most jobs usually require just an application of common sense, courtesy and respect.

I would like to explain what I think is the most important job a person could have in the Church—not the best, but the most important. There is a difference!

The Bible gives us clues as to what that job could be. First, it will help to recount some experiences pertaining to this most important job any Church member could have.

### Learning about the job

On my job in the Baltimore, Md., fire department, I once had the responsibility to find motel accommodations for all the attendees of a convention of fire chiefs.

I took a cue from Herbert W. Armstrong's autobiography and met with the motel managers face to face. Then when we talked over the phone later, we each knew who we were talking to. This personal contact helped immensely.

After the convention was over, I wondered why that job had been given to me and what possible good it could do me.

Several years later our minister asked me to be Feast adviser for our

men at the door to greet people arriving for services each week. They always had a friendly smile, a warm handshake and a few kind words that uplifted your spirit.

It is this type of warmth and joviality that earned another couple of greeters in another church area the nicknames Laurel and Hardy, after the American comedians. Laurel and Hardy were good at what they did, and those two men are good at what they do.

I have seen them put a smile on people's faces 20 feet before the people reach the door. Those smiles beam long after they enter the hall. At that moment those men make me feel that greeting people is the most important job in the Church.

The men on curb service have a chance to greet people before they reach the door. They can help people with their belongings or protect

them from bad weather. They even get a chance to go the extra mile.

After services one Sabbath a man on curb service saw a little, old widow standing at the end of the walk trying to get to her car through the rain-soaked, muddy lot. He scooped her off her feet and strode across the lot with her in his arms. She blushed and giggled like a schoolgirl all the way to her car. When he gently put her down she gave him a hug and, with tears in her eyes, said: "My husband used to carry me like that. I had forgotten how good it felt."

Now, you don't necessarily want to do something like this without someone's permission! But in this case, on the way back to the hall, this man was the one who felt good because he had brought joy to the other person. At that moment, he thought he had the most important job in the Church.

### The 'most important' job

What does the Bible say is the most important job in the Church? How and why do we get it?

Psalms 75:6-7 shows how we get that job: "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the

west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another." God judges from His throne. He places each of us in the job He wants us to have.

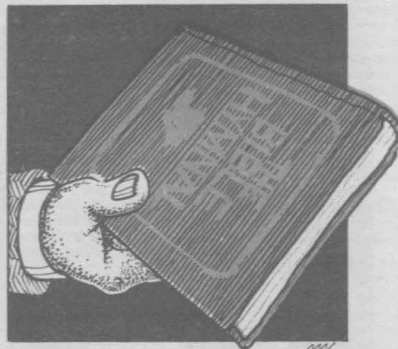
Paul tells us in Romans 8:28 why we get the job: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." God's purpose is found in I Corinthians 12:18, which says that God sets every member in a job that will please God.

Now we know how and why, but what is the most important job in God's Church?

For each individual, the most important job in the Church is the job God gives you!

Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Paul in Philippians 4:11 adds, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am [in whatever job God has given you—sometimes whether you think you want it or not!], therewith to be content."

If you put your best into your service, then at that moment it will be the most important job in the Church!



congregation. At last I knew why I had been given the convention responsibility: God was preparing me for service to His Church.

I applied this same personal contact with the motel managers I dealt with. Over the years it bore fruit.

On the first night of the Feast one year a family from another church area was without a place to stay. I directed them to a motel that a manager told me had some vacancies.

On the last night of another Feast a person was without a place to stay or funds to pay for one. I explained the situation to the manager where I had been staying for several years and, because we had become friendly, he said that he would be a Santa Claus for one night—but tomorrow he would be a Scrooge! As we laughed together I thought, at that moment, I had the most important job in the Church.

When I came into God's Church in Baltimore, there were a couple of

## Imperial Schools librarian dies

By Sandra Dexter

PASADENA—Kathryn M. "Kay" Johnson, 65, Imperial Schools librarian, died Aug. 10 in San Antonio, Tex., after a lengthy illness.

*Sandra Dexter is a member who attends the Glendale, Calif., church.*

When an expanded Imperial Schools library reopened in a new location in August, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach named the facility the Kathryn M. Johnson Memorial Library.

Miss Johnson was born in San Antonio Jan. 27, 1922. She received a bachelor of science degree with majors in home economics and interior decorating from the University of Texas at Austin. She also did undergraduate work at Columbia University in New York, N.Y., and the

University of Mexico in Mexico City.

Miss Johnson's teaching career took her to Venezuela and various parts of the United States.

While teaching in Alaska, Miss Johnson first heard the *World Tomorrow* program. She was baptized in 1963 and served on the Pasadena Ambassador College faculty as an instructor in home economics from 1969 to 1972.

In 1972 Miss Johnson founded Gainsborough School in Pasadena



KATHRYN 'KAY' JOHNSON

for kindergarten through eighth grade students. She served as teacher and administrator.

Robin Webber, an associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, said, "Gainsborough School was a responsible alternative to the public schools at large for members."

Imperial Schools, which remained open until 1974, had reached capacity enrollment.

Miss Johnson closed Gainsborough School in 1980 when Imperial Schools reopened.

"At the closure of Gainsborough School, because of the manner in which she handled her finances, Miss Johnson was able to make a sizable contribution to the International Institute for Mesopotamian Area Studies (IIMAS) where our [Ambassador College] students gain understanding and experience in the Arab world," said evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of the *Plain Truth* magazine.

Miss Johnson became the librarian for Imperial Schools in 1980 and continued her education with classes in library science.

Andrew Silcox, formerly a teacher and elementary school principal at Imperial Schools who now serves as associate pastor of the San Antonio East church, said of Miss Johnson: "She was one of the most loving, caring people I have ever worked with. Her professionalism was molded by the person she was. She was consistent in her personality and concern for others, which to her was the highest professional ethic."

Lois Tucker, who was a teacher at Gainsborough School and now teaches elementary music at Imperial Schools, said: "I would not be a teacher today without Miss Johnson's encouragement. She was always supportive of her staff at Gainsborough and always put the needs of the children and the school before her own."

Traditionally Miss Johnson gave a red rose to each girl at Imperial Schools senior girls' tea, and although she could not be there this year, she sent money for the roses to be distributed in her absence.

In March, because of her illness, Miss Johnson went to her family's home in San Antonio, where she continued to be involved in the planning of the new library facility at Imperial Schools.

"Miss Johnson always appreciated a job well done. She exemplified Ambassador College standards," said Judy Van Landuyt, assistant librarian to Miss Johnson who now serves as librarian for Imperial Schools.

Joseph Locke, superintendent and principal of Imperial Schools, said: "Miss Johnson dedicated her life to the work and more directly to Imperial Schools. We miss her a great deal."

"Miss Johnson had a kind of grit that enabled her to survive years beyond what might have been expected," said Dr. Hoeh.

Miss Johnson is survived by her brother, Clyde.

Mr. Silcox conducted funeral services in San Antonio Aug. 12.

## BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

### REPENTANCE

To repent is to change from living our ways to God's way. Repentance comes when we see our sins, are deeply remorseful, stop sinning, resolve to obey God and, with His help, obey Him.

Some see no need for repentance because they feel they have not sinned. Others think all one must do is believe or accept the truth academically. Others confuse real repentance with temporary sorrow.

- We are commanded to repent. "Repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15). "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).
- Repentance must be granted by God. "The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Rom. 2:4). "Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life" (Acts 11:18).
- The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23).
- Sorrow that produces true repentance is far different than mere worldly sorrow. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death" (II Cor. 7:10).

- Salvation requires obedience to God. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).
- Repentance pierces deep into the heart and embodies an unconditional surrender from living one's own way to living God's way. It requires putting Christ above all else (Luke 14:26-33), and hence in a symbolic sense sacrificing your life (Rom. 12:1-2).
- We cannot obey God without His help. "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23).
- Spiritual growth is a process and doesn't happen all at once. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9). "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18).
- Repentance is often accompanied by deep emotion (Ps. 51).



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**ADAMS,** Conan and Lorilee (Gordon), of Louisville, Ky., girl, Darci Ann, April 22, 11:45 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

**BENNETT,** James and Susan (Jones), of Liverpool, England, girl, Catherine Susanna, July 27, 9 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**BROSKI,** Lawrence and Sharon (Melnychuk), of Edmonton, Alta., boy, Christopher Niel, July 22, 1:29 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

**CAVALLO,** Joseph and Sherry (Marsh), of Pasadena, boy, Nicholas Paul, Aug. 19, 6:30 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

**DAVIS,** Donald and Brenda (Bane), of Nashville, Tenn., boy, Jeffrey Ryan, Aug. 13, 5:45 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

**DOVE,** Richard and Teressa (Cloud), of Big Sandy, girl, Rachelle Leigh, Aug. 12, 4:03 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**FEHR,** Mike and Cyndy (Burton), of Abbotford, B.C., girl, Charissa Anne, June 9, 8:30 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 girls.

**GADDIS,** Kevin and Melani (Crothers), of Withee, Wis., boy, Dustin Darrell, Aug. 21, 9:17 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys.

**GEIS,** Robert and Marion (Machon), of Limburgerhof, West Germany, boy, Benjamin Jonathan Joseph, Aug. 18, 4:05 a.m., 7 pounds, first child.

**GOODMAN,** Layton III and Mary Suzan (Boocher), of Knoxville, Tenn., boy, Jesse Waite, July 15, 11 p.m., 9 pounds, now 5 boys.

**HALL,** William and Averil (McPhedran), of Vancouver, B.C., girl, Emily Isabel, Aug. 31, 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**JONES,** Fred and Gloria (Pinkney), of Baltimore, Md., boy, Austin Douglas, Aug. 11, 10:18 a.m., 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**KALENDER,** Levent and Susan (Helms), of Glendale, Calif., boy, Aaron Bates, Aug. 3, 2:18 p.m., 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

**KENNEDY,** Ronald and Lona, of Lafayette, Ind., boy, Jack Timothy, Sept. 3, 9:10 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**LEWIS,** Conrad and Ann (Thomas), of Tucson, Ariz., girl, Sarah Ann, Aug. 15, 2:45 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

**LOZANO,** Duane and Carmen (Lopez), of Santa Fe, N.M., girl, Christina Marie, Aug. 23, 6:23 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

**MIDDLETON,** Sam and Maxine (Youngblood), of Joplin, Mo., girl, Jodi Danielle, July 20, 8:50 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**MULLINS,** Bobby and Sherry (Tackett), of Bolt, W. Va., boy, Jacob Christopher, June 27, 5:20 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**NEWTON,** Peter and Maree (McCaffrey), of Mackay, Australia, boy, Ashley Dean, July 7, 2:49 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**PATTERSON,** Eric W. and June (Greenwood), of Youngstown, Ohio, boy, Jonathan Michael, Aug. 21, 10:30 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**REED,** Gus and Jana (McLaughlin), of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Zachary Scott, July 30, 6:17 p.m., 8 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

**RITTER,** Stephen and Rebecca (Wilson), of Washington, D.C., girl, Lauren Jessica, June 24, 10:25 p.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**ROWLAND,** Charlie and Julie (Fultz), of Ada, Okla., girl, Krista Rachelle, Aug. 20, 11:50 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**SAYAN,** Marcelo and Divina (Velasco), of San Pedro, Philippines, boy, Efron Roy, Aug. 8, 9:30 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

**SEVERE,** Michel and Ruth (Elie), of Queens, N.Y., boy, Richard Alan, June 11, 4:15 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**STAMM,** Charlie and Sherry (Carr), of Knoxville, Tenn., girl, Alison Rebecca, Aug. 26, 10:38 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**STORES,** Michael and Paulette (Crabtree), of Eugene, Ore., boy, Chase Michael, April 9, 3:10 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**TARABORELLI,** Rich and Gigi (Nelson), of Houston, Tex., girl, Ashley Elizabeth, Aug. 28, 2:04 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

**VAN HENDE,** Jesse and Joyce (Pattimore), of London, Ont., boy, Richard Thomas, Aug. 4, 9:25 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys.

**VARNEY,** John and Katherine (Keedar), of Wheeling, W. Va., boy, Tyler Jonathan, Aug. 6, 8:10 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**WARREN,** Gregory and Julie (Rains), of Hartford, Conn., girl, Heather Ann, Aug. 30, 12:41 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**WEIFENBACH,** Steve and Marshan (Page), of Greensboro, N.C., boy, Steven Andrew Lewis, Aug. 15, 10:36 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**WICKMAN,** Cliff and Cinda (Turnblad), of St. Paul, Minn., girl, Rebecca Sue, Aug. 7, 1:41 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**WOLLBERG,** Jim and Brenda (Gegg), of St. Charles, Mo., boy, Brian Matthew, May 4, 1:08 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Burbach of Brampton, Ont., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Deborah Fay to Craig Minke, son of Lilli Minke of Yorkton, Sask. A Nov. 7 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodolfo Lopez of Belmopan, Belize, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lijani Licette to Felipe Paz Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Paz of San Pedro, Belize. An Oct. 4 wedding is planned.

Ben Bruning and Ann Bentley, both of the Wellington, New Zealand, church, are very happy to announce their engagement. An Oct. 4 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fischer of Green Bay, Wis., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Linda to Michael Tarnowski of Minneapolis, Minn. A November wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hill of St. Leonards-on-Sea, England, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Rachel Louise to George Andrew Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes of Ormskirk, England. An autumn wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. RICK OLIVER**  
Rick David Oliver of Waukesha, Wis., and Tammie Louise Griggs of Chicago, Ill., were united in marriage May 24. The ceremony was performed by Michael Greider, associate pastor of the Waukesha and Kenosha, Wis., churches. Debbie Langland was matron of honor, and Richard Oliver was best man. The couple reside in Milwaukee, Wis.

**MR. AND MRS. C. HERNANDEZ**  
Aurora Ramos, daughter of Catalina Crespo-Torres of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and Candido Hernandez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Santana of New York, N.Y., were united in marriage May 24. The ceremony was performed by Steven Botha, pastor of the Manhattan and Westchester, N.Y., churches. Maria Luisa Crespo, the bride's aunt, was matron of honor, and Winston Fall was best man. The couple reside in the Bronx, N.Y.



**MR. AND MRS. ROY TYNDALL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Brenda are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Dawn Theresa to Roy Lyn Tyndall. The ceremony was performed April 5 by William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., churches. Marilyn Buchanan was matron of honor, and Lyn Tyndall and Terry Brenda were best men. The couple reside in Victoria.

**MR. AND MRS. KEN WOODWORTH**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Giffin would like to announce the marriage of their daughter Tessa Rose to Ken Woodworth May 3. The marriage was performed by Jack Kost, pastor of the Digby, Halifax and Sydney, N.S., churches. Bath Porter was maid of honor, and Greg Publicover was best man. The couple reside in Carroll's Corner, N.S.



## ANNIVERSARIES



**MR. AND MRS. R. WALLER**  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waller of Dubuque, Iowa, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 4. The Wallers have four children: Wanda Ross, Dale, Sarah and George. Mr. and Mrs. Waller attend the Davenport, Iowa, church.

## ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Murrel Jackson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 30. Mr. Jackson has been a Church member since 1970. He was presented with a bouquet of flowers during Sabbath services in Columbia, Mo., Aug. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have three children and five grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Phillips of Success, Mo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 29. Mrs. Phillips has been a Church member since 1972 and attends the Rolla, Mo., church. The Phillipses were honored by Rolla brethren and were presented with a silver bowl and a card signed by members.

## OBITUARIES

**ELLER,** Lawrence Joseph, 32, of Mankato, Minn., was killed in a work-related accident Aug. 17. He has been a Church member since 1977. Mr. Eller is survived by his mother, Ethel Eller; a brother, Robert; and two sisters, Joyce Kleir and Judy Chezik; all Church members. A brother, Daniel, also attends. Mr. Eller is also survived by eight other brothers and sisters and 31 nephews and nieces. Services were conducted in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., by Norman Strayer, pastor of the Wisconsin Dells and Wausau, Wis., churches.

**HEART,** Dorothea J., 74, of Chicago, Ill., died Aug. 21 after a brief illness. She was baptized in March, 1977. Mrs. Heart is survived by four children, Clifford, Dorothea Grill, Collette McDonald and David; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Michael Swagerty, pastor of the Chicago North and Northwest churches.

**MELLERUP,** Christena, 85, of Columbia, Mo., died June 17 after a long illness. She

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has been a Church member since 1972. Mrs. Mellerup is survived by two sons, Dale and Maurice, their wives, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all Church members. Rand Millich, pastor of the Columbia and Kirksville, Mo., churches, conducted funeral services.

**BRATTON,** William, 83, of Fulton, Mo., died June 24 after a long illness. He and his wife have been members of the Church since 1969. Mr. Bratton is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son, Rand Millich, pastor of the Columbia and Kirksville, Mo., churches, conducted funeral services.

**PEART,** Evelyn, 77, of Okanagan Falls, B.C., died Aug. 16. She has been a Church member since June, 1984. Memorial services were conducted by Anthony Wasilkoff, pastor of the Penticton and Kelowna, B.C., and Tonasket, Wash., churches.

**CRANE,** Harley Adams, 93, of San Diego, Calif., died Aug. 14 of a heart attack. He has been a Church member since 1986. Mr. Crane is survived by a daughter, Joan, and a granddaughter, Korry Warron. Funeral services were conducted by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the San Bernardino and Banning, Calif., churches.

**TOLIVER,** Amelda Viola, 68, of Denver, Colo., died Aug. 17. She has been a Church member since 1966. Mrs. Toliver is survived by two daughters, Faye James and Sheila Wagner, and one son, Scott. Funeral services were conducted by Douglas Horchak, pastor of the Denver East and West churches.

**SCHROERS,** Harold, 77, of Minneapolis, Minn., died Aug. 18. He has been a Church member since June, 1984. Victor Kubik, pastor of the Minneapolis South and Mankato, Minn., churches, performed a memorial service.

**MUMFORD,** William Boyd Jr., 54, of Laurinburg, N.C., died Aug. 17 in a trucking accident in South Carolina. He has been a Church member since April, 1965. Mr. Mumford is survived by his wife, Aida, a Church member; three daughters, Cindy Broughton, Sheila and Jackie; two brothers, Robert and Howard; and three sisters, Magaline Parham, Josephine Sheppard and Marie LeViner. Funeral services were conducted by Lawrence Greider Jr., pastor of the Fayetteville, N.C., and Florence, S.C., churches.

**WHEELER,** Guthrie "Gus" Jr., 58, of Dayton, Ohio, died Aug. 14 after a lengthy illness. He has been a Church member for 21 years. Mr. Wheeler is survived by his wife, Patricia, six sons, his mother, one brother, one sister, four daughters, two daughters-in-law and 10 grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches.

**DAVIS,** Cora, 81, of Dayton, Ohio, died Aug. 20 after a lengthy illness. She has been a Church member for 12 years. Mrs. Davis is survived by two sons, one daughter, two grandsons, one granddaughter and one great-grandson. Funeral services were conducted by Norman Myers, associate pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches.

# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Mexican members welcome Pasadenans

Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico, brethren combined for Sabbath services Aug. 29 in Tijuana to hear visiting speakers from Pasadena and the Pasadena Church Choir. Services were conducted in the English language there for the first time.

Spanish translation was provided. Ralph Levy, an instructor in Spanish and English at Pasadena Ambassador College, gave the sermonette, and evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas,

gave the sermon. The choir provided special music.

After services Tijuana brethren invited Mexicali brethren to lunch in their homes, and the Pasadena visitors had lunch at the home of Ignacio Mendoza, a deacon in the Tijuana church.

That evening the choir presented a concert, which included selections by the men's chorus, solo performances and a classical guitar selection.

Some of the visitors stayed overnight and spent Sunday exploring Tijuana and shopping. *Saul Langarica.*

## Alley rally teaches history

Fifteen Greenville, S.C., Youth Educational Services (YES)-age children participated in an alley rally on bicycles sponsored by Church youths and singles Aug. 16.

The purpose of the activity was to expose the children to historical places in Greenville. Groups of three and four children supervised by older youths, singles and adults were given a time limit of three hours to ride to numbered locations on a map. They answered questions about the historical sites, and if they got the answer correct, they rode to another designated spot.

The group experience provided

opportunities for communication, leadership, exploration and following verbal directions and bicycle safety.

The activity ended with a family picnic at a park. *Chris Beam.*

## Teens clean trash stash

When the Pierce County, Wash., landfill was almost full people began dumping waste in other areas such as dead-end roads.

Chuck Downey, a deacon in the Olympia, Wash., church who lives near one of the dump sites, proposed

to the Olympia YOU that they volunteer to clean it up.

So about 45 Church youths and parents arrived at the site Aug. 5 with gloves, rakes, brooms, dumpsters and a front loader donated by a rental company. They worked seven hours and removed more than 150 cubic yards of trash—or the equivalent of more than 1,000 full garbage cans. A sign company donated two signs to place along the road that read "America, our country, our home, don't trash it."

Mr. Downey persuaded a restaurant to provide hamburgers for lunch, and the day's work ended with a cookout and water-ski party. *Lori Hoyer.*

## Families build sand castles

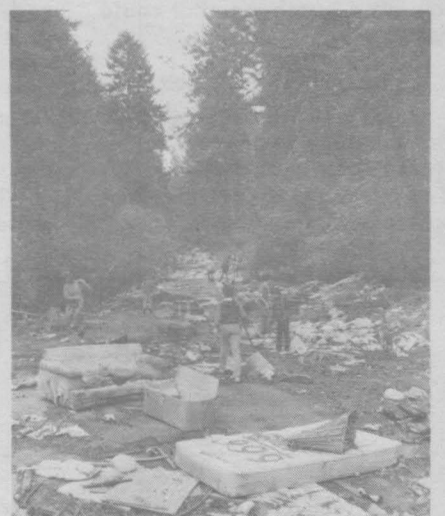
About 45 Portland East and Hood River, Ore., brethren participated in a family YOU sand-castle-building contest Aug. 16 during the churches' annual combined beach outing.

Each family had 1 1/2 hours to complete its sand castle. Afterward the families posed for pic-

tures with their castles.

"This is just the kind of social family activity that we like to have in the church, which requires full family participation," said Bryan Hoyt, pastor of the two churches.

After lunch brethren played volleyball on the beach. *Lauralee Reinhart.*



**BEFORE AND AFTER—**Olympia, Wash., teens remove trash from an unauthorized dump site. [Photo by Craig Hoyer]





Orr, Big Sandy, Scotland, France, Quebec, Pasadena, Alaska, Caribbean

# SEP Trains Future Leaders

PASADENA—Summer Educational Programs (SEP) in the United States, Canada, Scotland, France and the Caribbean allowed Church youths "to develop leadership skills, to participate in challenging and exciting activities and to experience God's way of life in action," said Kermit Nelson, who coordinates Youth Opportunities United (YOU) in Church Administration.

*This article was compiled from reports by Gilberto Marin, Nigel Bearman, Denise Butler, Paul Suckling, Anthony Gallagher, William Johnson, Toshia Peters, Donat Picard, Marie Myers and Aub Warren.*

"The purpose of the [SEP] is to help prepare all of its participants for future life. There is career planning, education, leadership experience, service and personal development," Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach told campers during his visit to the SEP at Orr, Minn., June 26.

### Orr

More than 650 Church youths from the United States, Canada and elsewhere participated in two three-week SEP sessions at the Church-owned site in Orr. Dr. Nelson was camp director.

Campers participated in archery, riflery, softball, basketball, photography, dance, radio, television, waterskiing, swimming, canoeing and Christian living classes. Christian living classes emphasized God's family, the SEP family, the Church family and individual families, according to Dr. Nelson.

Ministers from the United States and Canada and Ambassador College faculty and students supervised the activities. Campers also took a four-day wilderness canoe trip through the boundary waters of northern Minnesota and Canada.

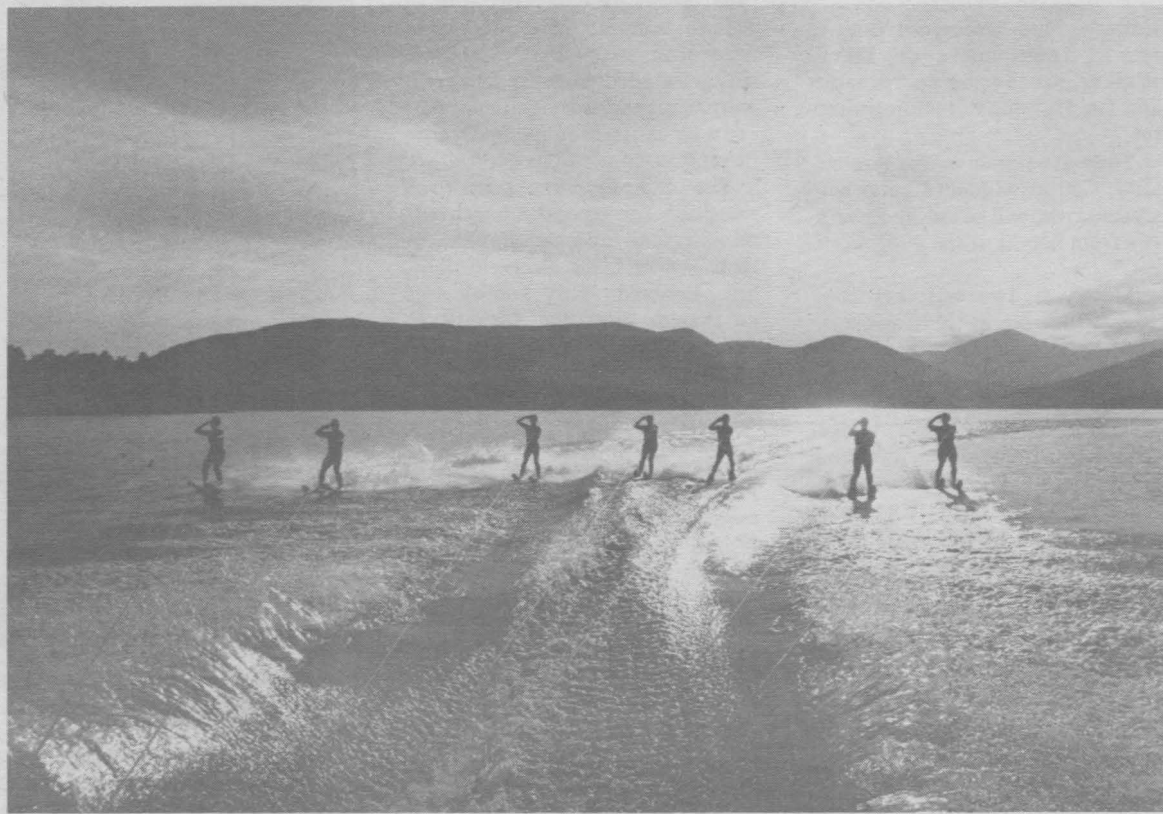
"I never thought I'd have the opportunity to meet [Mr. Tkach] personally. But now that I have, my attitude... has been changed entirely. I've never fully understood the importance of the family," Heather Lindsay, a camper from Live Oak, Fla., wrote.

"We learned that God's way of life can be fun," said Jim Blount, from Floral City, Fla.

### Big Sandy

About 500 youths from the United States and Canada attended two SEP sessions at the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus. Campers stayed in college dormitories. Larry Haworth, a faculty member who teaches physical education, was camp director.

Mr. Tkach visited the camp June 28 and 29. After speaking to the campers, he met them and ate lunch



**SEP SALUTE**—Seven skiers at the Loch Lomond, Scotland, SEP give a salute. Waterskiing was one of 20 classes offered to more than 300 youths at the Scotland SEP. [Photo by Susan Thomas]

with them in the dining hall.

Ministers from the United States and Ambassador College faculty and students supervised the activities, which included cycling, golf, basketball, softball, cheerleading, tennis, racquetball, music, dance, horseback riding, defensive driving and Christian living classes.

Ministers visited the dorms for "fireside chats" with campers in the evenings, according to golf supervisor Paul Kurts, associate pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches.

Colonel Youseph Al Karmi, secretary general of the Jordan Sports Federation for the handicapped, visited the SEP to observe activities.

### Mexican

Ninety-seven youths, four counselors and three staff members from Mexico attended the Mexican SEP in Orr Aug. 10 to 25. Most traveled to the site by bus from Big Sandy Ambassador College. Dr. Nelson was camp director. He was assisted by Gilberto Marin, pastor of the Juarez and Chihuahua, Mexico, churches, and Salvador Barragan, pastor of the Mexico City, Mexico, church.

Campers participated in basketball, swimming, waterskiing, softball, canoeing, dance and Christian living classes, and took a canoe trip into the boundary waters of the United States and Canada. Ambassador College graduates, Church members and Church youths staffed the activities.

Mr. Tkach visited the SEP Aug.

20. Evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of Spanish-speaking areas, and his wife, Reba, met Mr. Tkach at the Orr airport.

In an address to campers, Mr. Tkach emphasized the desire to be a participant and make things happen. After his address a camper presented Mr. Tkach a bronze statue of a blacksmith, and campers sang a song composed for the pastor general's visit.

After lunch with the campers, Mr. Tkach toured activities and played a game of softball.

"The Mexican session was a great success in which [campers] enjoyed friendship, fun and real love stressing unity," said Mr. Marin.

At an end-of-the-session banquet, Mr. Marin and Mr. Barragan thanked the youths for their conduct and achievements.

### Scotland

More than 300 youths from 14 countries participated in the SEP on the shores of Loch Lomond, Scotland, July 26 to Aug. 16.

Campers participated in 20 activities, including gymnastics, fencing, sailing, aerobics, waterskiing and education classes, which focused on the physical and Church families.

In the evenings campers received specialized instruction in activities or participated in sing-alongs, speech clubs or formal dinners prepared by the girls' dorms for their brother dorms. The boys were taken to the top of Ben Nevis, Scotland's highest mountain.

Church members and 30 Ambassador College students supervised activities.

"We were very pleased to welcome Mr. [Raymond] McNair, deputy chancellor of [Pasadena] Ambassador College, to Scotland when he visited on July 31 and spoke to everyone," said camp director Paul Suckling, pastor of the Borehamwood, England, church.

During the session Mr. Suckling initiated a Youth Awards Program. Youths may learn skills in activities at the SEP and progress toward a merit level of achievement during the year, according to assistant camp director John Meakin, pastor of the Maidstone, Brighton and Croydon, England, churches.

### France

Fifty-eight campers from six European countries and the United States participated in the SEP at Morhange, France, July 19 to Aug.

9. Olivier Carion, pastor of the Strasbourg, St. Avold and Mulhouse, France, churches, was camp director.

Nine Ambassador College students acted as counselors and assistant counselors.

It was the first year the session lasted three weeks instead of two. Mr. Carion "felt that the extra week was essential in creating a family atmosphere and strengthening the bonds of friendship among the young people" said Anthony Gallagher, an assistant to Mr. Carion at the SEP and ministerial trainee in the St. Avold and Strasbourg, France, churches.

Mr. Carion presented a Christian living forum each day. Activities included astronomy, basket weaving, music, dance, waterskiing and wind surfing. Campers also attended sing-alongs and dances.

Dibar Apartian, regional director of French-speaking areas, and his wife, Shirley, visited the camp for the first time July 21 and 22. Mr. Apartian toured activities, addressed the campers and ate with them in the dining hall.

"Mr. Apartian gave a forum in which he showed the campers how they could be more effective in their study of the Bible," said Mr. Gallagher.

Camp ended with a camp fire and awards presentation Aug. 8.

### Quebec

Seventy-two youths, 50 staff members and 20 minicampers attended the French-speaking SEP in Vendee, Que., July 12 to Aug. 2.

"Campers came from the six churches in Quebec, from New Brunswick, Alberta and from Haiti and Guadeloupe," said camp director Donat Picard, pastor of Montreal, Que., North and South French-speaking churches. "SEP is certainly a very large family."

The 12-acre campsite, in the Laurentian Mountains, was used for the first time since its purchase. Members from the Montreal French-speaking churches prepared the site for 20 months—about 6,000 hours of labor—before the session began, according to Mr. Picard.

An assembly was given to the staff and campers by Dr. Nelson July 14.

Campers participated in swimming, cycling, photography, carpentry, dance, fencing, archery, computer, astronomy, softball, tennis and horseback riding and Chris-

tian living classes. Campers also worked on campus improvement.

### Pasadena

The first Summer Educational Graduate Program (SEGP) for graduates of Youth Opportunities United (YOU) took place June 23 to July 5. Gregory Albrecht, dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College, was program director.

Mr. Tkach addressed the 96 youths from the United States, Australia, Bahamas, Philippines and Canada June 24. The pastor general challenged participants to "kindle a burning desire to achieve success."

### Alaska

Ten acres of the Denali wilderness, 270 miles from Anchorage, Alaska, was the site for an SEP for 23 campers June 29 to July 12.

"In the setting of the Alaskan wilderness the campers had the opportunity to develop people-skills as well as learn about themselves and their abilities," said camp director Samuel Butler, associate pastor of the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer and Soldotna, Alaska, churches.

Classes, including dance, music, art, riflery, archery, canoeing and horseback riding were taught by Church members. Campers took canoeing and horseback riding day trips. Christian living classes stressed the seven laws of success and each camper's personal relationship with God.

An awards ceremony took place July 12. Mr. Butler and assistant camp director Dennis Gentleman, a minister in the Fairbanks, Alaska, church, presented camper-of-the-session awards.

### Caribbean

One hundred eight campers from eight Caribbean church areas at-



**WORK PARTY**—A camper at the SEP in Morhange, France, helps clear the campground. [Photo by Toshia Peters]

tended the first regional SEP at the Mt. St. George Youth Camp in Tobago Aug. 12 to 25. Victor Simpson, pastor of the Bridgetown, Barbados; Kingstown, St. Vincent; and Castries, St. Lucia; churches, was camp director.

Thirty-five Church members served as counselors and activity supervisors. Before the session began, volunteers from the Trinidad and Tobago churches cleaned, improved camp facilities and prepared dormitories.

Campers participated in swimming, volleyball, soccer, journalism, craft, music and photography classes. A two-day hike also took place.

Dr. Nelson and evangelist Stan Bass, Caribbean regional director, visited the camp for two days. Dr. Nelson conducted two forums for campers, emphasizing their involvement and participation in activities.



**SONG FOR THE PASTOR GENERAL**—Salvador Barragan (middle), pastor of the Mexico City, Mexico, church, and Gilberto Marin, pastor of the Juarez and Chihuahua, Mexico, churches, lead campers in a song for Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach during his visit to the Mexican SEP in Orr, Minn., Aug. 20. [Photo by Steve Samuels]



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

# UPDATE

PASADENA—The *World Tomorrow* telecast has been accepted on a cable network in Helsinki, Finland, and will air Tuesday evenings at 10:30. About 125,000 households are capable of receiving the program, according to evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

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PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ordinations.

**Colin Adair**, regional director for the Church in Canada, was raised in rank to evangelist on the Sabbath, Sept. 5.

**Theodore Herlofson**, associate pastor of the Denver, Colo., East and West churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder Sept. 5.

**Lonnie Johnson**, a deacon in the Mountain Home, Ark., church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 5.

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PASADENA—Forty-one Feast business managers and assistants met in Pasadena Sept. 14 and 15 to "review procedures, be updated in changes and standardize Feast business affairs," said **Fred Stevens**, director of the Church's Accounting Department.

Addresses and workshops were given by evangelist **Leroy Neff**, Church treasurer; **Mr. Stevens**; **George McFarland** from mail receiving; **Gerald Seelig**, cash and banking manager; and **David Monaghan**, accounts payable supervisor in the Accounting Department.

Also attending were **Gordon McKill**, supervisor of data processing and the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) section in the Vancouver, B.C., Office; **Bryan Weeks** from the Caribbean Office; and, from Big Sandy Ambassador

### Last Issue Before Feast

This is the final *Worldwide News* before the 1987 Feast of Tabernacles. *The Worldwide News* will resume its two-week publishing schedule with the Nov. 9 issue.

College, **Paul Jarboe**, assistant to the business manager; **David Walker**, accounting coordinator; and **Tim Hazelip**, Purchasing director.

They ate lunch in the Ambassador College Student Center with students who will be selling *The Envoy* from booths at the 1987 Festival.

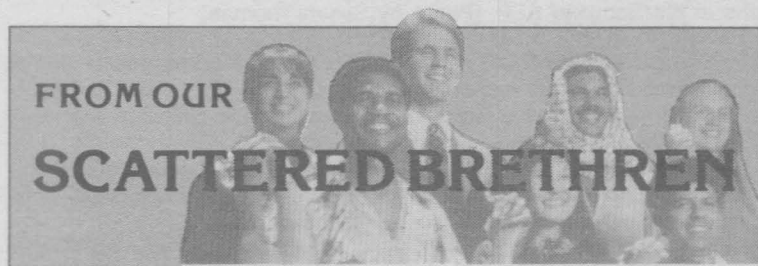
This year two business managers will serve in the Caribbean: **Melton McNeely**, business manager at Big Sandy Ambassador College, who will attend in the Bahamas; and **Don Miller**, budget coordinator in Pasadena, attending in Jamaica.

"Although most business managers and assistants have helped before, the workshop approach helps them review," said **Mr. Stevens**.

"The Feast is only once a year, so everybody needs a little refresher course to be up to date and to do a good job."

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### FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

PASADENA—A local church elder from Hungerford, England, and his wife were spared when **Michael Ryan**, England's first mass murderer, killed 17 people Aug. 19.

**John Shotliff**, a local church elder in the Reading, England, church, described what happened that day to him and his wife, **Ann**, in a letter to **Edward Smith**, *Worldwide News* correspondent.

"Each day we pray for protection, and on Wednesday 19th August, God answered that prayer in a remarkable way.

"When my wife and I look back on that day and see how events worked out for us, we know it was

—Alabaster Passmore & Sons Ltd., printers of several editions of *The Plain Truth* and *Good News*, received the Queen's Industry Award for Export Achievement Sept. 18, according to the Church's Regional Office here.

This award is one of the most prestigious awards available to British manufacturing industries, according to the British Office, and is awarded annually to a company that exports a significant percentage of its product to foreign buyers.

The company was host to a reception for several Church administrators and employees at their Ambassador Press in Radlett, England. This facility was purchased from the Church in 1981.

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PASADENA—Evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center, listed the most-requested literature offered on the *World Tomorrow* program this year through August.

*The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last!* is at the top of the list with 127,259 requests. Next on the list are *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?* with 125,321 requests; *Mystery of the Ages*, 113,630 requests; and *Where Are We Now in Bible Prophecy?*, 107,687 requests.



**SUPERMARKET PROGRAM**—Sheldon Hearst (left), president of Supermarket Communication Systems, Inc., visited Ambassador Publishing Services Sept. 16. For five years Mr. Hearst has helped the Church to distribute *Plain Truth* magazines and four-color brochures in more than 5,000 supermarkets across the United States. He is pictured here with **Boyd Leeson**, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager. [Photo by Hal Finch]

that left 15 people dead with another two dying of their injuries later.

"How did that day affect us? One week earlier my wife had been asked to attend a meeting 150 miles away in Suffolk. She left Hungerford the day before the shootings and returned the day after. She was spared the trauma and terror of circling helicopters telling everyone to stay indoors, of radio reports that police had lost contact with the killer and telephones that could no longer be used for outgoing calls.

"I traveled on the same road as **Michael Ryan** that morning, passing **Savernake Forest** and later returning along the same road to my Hungerford office at about 12:10 p.m.

"Normally I would have stayed at the office until 1 p.m. and then gone to lunch. That day my plans were unexpectedly altered in answer to a request to go to **Salisbury**. I went home early, had a quick lunch and headed out of town instead of taking my normal route through the town, where at that exact moment **Ryan** had started his indiscriminate killings.

"I returned to Hungerford at 7 p.m. to be stopped by a police roadblock and told of the killings. After approximately one hour came the news that the final shot had been fired—**Ryan** was dead.

"Hungerford cannot be the same again. Its peace has been shattered, its history distorted. It was somehow reassuring to look back to the 1300s and see how history and tradition have been preserved in this town, famous landmarks providing the townsfolk with a sense of security and continuity.

"Now Hungerford is the birthplace of **Michael Ryan**, multiple killer."

#### Trip to Malaysia

**Robert Fahey**, regional director for Australia and Asia, and his wife, **Evelyn**, visited Southeast Asia Aug. 20 to 25.

**Mr. Fahey** inspected the Summer Educational Program (SEP) site near **Kuala Lumpur**, Malaysia, and met with staff members who will attend the camp in December.

The regional director also visited the **Maxiyield** mailing office, which is owned by two Church members and sends Church publications to Southeast Asia and Pacific islands.

"The postage rates in Malaysia

are considerably less than those in Australia, and mailing the booklets and articles from there will reduce our postage costs and delivery time to our Asian subscribers," said **Mr. Fahey**.

After services on the Sabbath, Aug. 22, the **Faheys** ate a Chinese banquet with ministers and wives, including **Yong Chin Gee**, pastor of the **Kuala Lumpur** and **Johore Bahru**, Malaysia, churches; his wife, **Yuet Siam**; **Colin Kelly**, who assists **Mr. Fahey** in Asian areas; his wife, **Beverly**; deacon **Low Mong Chai** and his wife; and **Sio Oui Shia**, a ministerial trainee. Brethren then performed cultural dances for the group.

**Mr. Fahey** also traveled to **Johore Bahru**.

"All the brethren were encouraged and inspired by **Mr. Fahey's** visit and the potential growth of God's work in the area," **Mr. Kelly** said.

Returning from Malaysia **Mr. Fahey** stopped to conduct a Bible study in **Darwin**, Australia. He has now visited all of the Church congregations in Australia since becoming regional director last year.



**MALAYSIA VISIT**—**Robert Fahey** (center rear), regional director for Australia and Asia, and his wife, **Evelyn** (on **Mr. Fahey's** left), are photographed with Malaysian brethren who entertained ministers and wives at a Chinese banquet Aug. 22. The **Faheys** visited Southeast Asia Aug. 20 to 25.

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