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Editor views anniversary pressrun

By Michael A. Snyder

PASADENA — "I have a plaque here, sir," said Robert Myers, group vice president for magazine sales for R.R. Donnelley & Sons, to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong Dec. 21 in Glasgow, Ky.

"It reads: 'Presented to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, founder and editor in chief, *The Plain Truth*, 50th anniversary issue, 1934-1984, by R.R. Donnelley & Sons, Glasgow Manufacturing Division.'

"And this is from everyone here, sir. This is the fondest day we've ever had in the 14 years we've been in Glasgow — and we so appreciate your coming."

"Thank you," replied Mr. Armstrong. "This is indeed the high point in my life."

Recounting his visit, Mr. Armstrong said during the Dec. 23 Bible study in the Ambassador Auditorium, "I think that we don't realize just how great *The Plain Truth* has grown. We think of *The Plain Truth* as one little division of the Church and its work."

"*The Plain Truth* is a great institution," the pastor general said. "I think that very few realize the real size and magnitude of the Worldwide Church of God and all of its various activities."

Donnelly trip

Aaron Dean, personal aide to Mr. Armstrong; Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications; Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services; Larry Omasta, manager of the Media Services Department; and Robert Brennan, Western district sales manager for R.R. Donnelley & Sons, flew with the pastor general aboard the Church's G-II jet to the Donnelley Glasgow plant Dec. 21.

There they viewed the pressrun of the English edition of *The Plain Truth*'s 50th anniversary issue, and toured the plant's facilities.

Those Church officials accompanying Mr. Armstrong were interviewed by *The Worldwide News* Dec. 23.

"It was a very emotional time for him and us," said Mr. Wright. "There was a special feeling in the G-II cabin as we flew out from California."

"We had hardly taken off [from Burbank, Calif., airport] when Mr. Armstrong came back and started talking about the history of the magazine," Mr. Faulkner said.

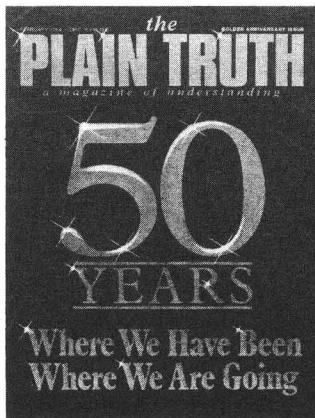
"During the flight, Mr. Armstrong explained how he had been trained from the time he was a teenager to become the editor in chief of *The Plain Truth*," Mr. Wright said. "He talked about the people he'd met and worked with in the early part of this century."

"When we landed, [Donnelly executive] Bob Brennan came over to me and said, 'Now that was an education.' Bob was amazed that Mr. Armstrong had personally known many of the financiers and industrialists that literally built the United States into the business power it is today."

Special relationship

Roger Lippross, production director for Church publications, flew to the Donnelley plant the day before Mr. Armstrong's visit with members of the Church's Photography and Media Services departments.

Mr. Lippross said he felt from the outset the visit would be very special. Ever since we began printing Church



50TH ANNIVERSARY PRESSRUN — Clockwise from upper left: Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong traces the history of printing after being presented a plaque marking *The Plain Truth*'s 50th anniversary from Robert Myers (right), group vice president for magazine sales of R.R. Donnelley & Sons, printers of *The Plain Truth*; the 50th anniversary cover; Mr. Armstrong and Dexter Faulkner (right), executive editor of

publications at Donnelley's we've been given special privileges. Mr. Armstrong's visit there was the culmination of a nine-year business relationship."

"The preparation made by Donnelly's for Mr. Armstrong went far beyond the business relationship," Mr. Lippross continued. "The people on the floor spent a great deal of extra effort to clean up the plant and prepare for the visit. Of course, we in the Church were excited about the visit, but I was surprised to see how excited the Donnelley people were."

He added that Donnelly relaxed their corporate rule not to allow photography and video cameras inside the plant. "This was a very special favor. Donnelly has some patents on phases of the printing process that they don't want aired — but they trusted us."

Plans for the trip began when Donnelly executives visited the Pasadena Ambassador College campus Dec. 6, according to Mr. Dean (See "Up-dates," *WN*, Dec. 19).

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Church plans 1984 advertising

PASADENA — The year 1983 was a year of "pursuing major new opportunities that opened up to us," said David Hulme, Dec. 21. A pastor-rank minister, Mr. Hulme is director of media purchasing for the Church.

He referred specifically to advertising in *Reader's Digest*, describing the year as "a very successful beginning to what we anticipate will continue."

Through international editions of *Reader's Digest*, more than 105,000 people began subscribing to *The Plain Truth* during 1983.

"The majority of these responses resulted from ads written personally by Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong," Mr. Hulme said.

The ads went to more than 20 countries, and were translated into

French, Spanish and Italian for appropriate regional editions.

Japanese subscribers

"In 1983 Mr. Armstrong directed us to begin developing an English subscribers list in Japan," Mr. Hulme said. The Church then placed ads for *The Plain Truth* in an English edition of *Reader's Digest* distributed in Japan, and four English newspapers in Tokyo. The newspapers are the *Daily Yomiuri*, the *Asian Evening News*, *Mainichi Daily News* and *The Japan Times*.

"We've received about 500 responses so far, but we consider this satisfactory, as for the first time we're concentrating on Japanese people proficient in the English language," he continued.

A project to translate Church

booklets and literature into Japanese (*WN*, Oct. 18, 1982) has been temporarily "put on the back burner. We're slowly expanding our advertising and will wait to see what happens in 1984," he said.

Looking to 1984

The Church plans an even stronger advertising effort in 1984. "We've begun a new series of newspaper and *Reader's Digest* ads written by Mr. Armstrong," Mr. Hulme said.

The ad first appeared in *The Times* of London's Dec. 4 Sunday supplement and the December British edition of *Reader's Digest*.

"The ads feature a new format developed by Mr. Armstrong in September," the media purchasing

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Europe to divorce America, court Soviets?

PASADENA — "The interests and objectives of the United States and the West European countries are increasingly diverging." So says Pieter Denkert, president of the European Parliament.

In his thought-provoking article in the Winter, 1983-84, edition of *Foreign Policy*, entitled "Europe Together, America Apart," Mr. Denkert stresses that the "sheer number of disputes between the United States and Western Europe has gradually eroded . . . mutual respect and confidence."

Conflicts over trade policy constitute a major irritant between the United States and its European allies. But trade problems, as serious as they may be, are secondary to a much more fundamental dispute — the approach that the West should take toward the Soviet Union.

Simply put, many West Europeans do not have the same black-and-white view toward the Soviet Union as does the administration in Washington. A growing feeling on

the Continent is that President Ronald Reagan is trying to impose his world view on the European allies, and to enlist them in a new crusade against communism everywhere.

This fundamental foreign policy difference is producing some rather remarkable suggestions.

'Divorce' from America pondered

The conservative, generally pro-American columnist for the *Sunday Telegraph* in Britain, Peregrine Worsthorne, wondered, in fact, whether the time might not be ripe for Western Europe to consider an amicable "early divorce" from the United States.

Mr. Worsthorne arrived at this rather startling assessment, he said,

because there is, despite the continuing Soviet military buildup, a "reduction in fear of the Soviet Union" among West Europeans. The commonly held view on the Continent is that the Soviets are having such economic difficulties in their own Eastern bloc that a War-

saw Pact attack on Western Europe is simply out of the question.

Thus, according to Mr. Worsthorne, the basis for having established NATO in 1949 — to protect war-ravaged Western Europe from Soviet encroachment — "no longer applies."

with regard to Europe's security.

Influential circles in the United States as well are wondering out loud whether there should not be a new order of things. To these people, the lack of West European support over the U.S. military intervention in Grenada was a prime

"is that our NATO partners are interested exclusively in . . . [being] protected by American troops and America's nuclear umbrella while reserving the right to undermine American security everywhere else. That removes the 'mutual' from mutual defense . . ."

"If that is the case," continued Mr. Safire, with a surprising proposal, "the time is coming for an independent European defense, with the U.S. offering for sale the latest intermediate missiles but not the rental of our troops . . . 'Wayward sisters, depart in peace,' Horace Greeley told the seceding states [before the U.S. Civil War]."

'Emancipation of Europe'

What is to be the outcome of the strained U.S.-West European ties? One far-reaching and sobering speculation was presented in the Spring, 1983, issue of *Foreign Policy*. Entitled "Freedom for Europe, East and West," the article was written by Klaus Bloemer, an official in the Press and Information Office of the West German government. Mr. Bloemer states that the views expressed are his own, not necessarily those of his government.

"It is a harsh truth," writes Mr. Bloemer, "that the political emancipation of Europe — East and West — will proceed with difficulty as long as Western Europe remains utterly dependent upon the United States."

Instead of perpetuating close ties to the United States, Mr. Bloemer maintains, "countless historical, geographic, cultural and strategic interests require that West European countries enter into some kind of security relationship with the Soviet Union."

As far as the nations of Eastern Europe are concerned, continues

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A wife's test of love

Several weeks ago (*WN*, Nov. 21) "Just One More Thing" included a test of love for husbands. We shouldn't leave you women out; so here's a test of love for wives. Ladies, it's your turn to answer a few questions.

Test

Answer yes or no. In the last six months did you do the following:

1. Prepare a favorite meal or dessert just for your husband? (For some special occasion or because you were having guests doesn't count.)

2. Slip a note in with his lunch or in the socks drawer telling your husband to admire and appreciate him?

3. Make an effort to improve your appearance before your husband returned home from work?

4. Praise him in front of the children or others?

5. List all his strong points and thank God for all of them?

6. Tell him you loved him so he knew you deeply meant it?

7. Ask his advice and follow it?

8. Buy him a little gift or make something for him for no special reason?

9. Ask him to pray for or with you about a certain problem?

10. Respond to him in faith without complaining even when you disagreed with his approach to a problem?

How did you rate? Ten points for each yes answer. If you didn't get 100 percent, you should continue reading this article.

In the beginning

When God created Adam He knew he would need a wife. So God created a companion for him, a friend to inspire and encourage and help him, to share the highs and lows of life, to begin with him the human family on this earth.

God made it quite clear that this was a natural union, but a divine institution. Women — and men — are bound by law to their mates as long as they live (Romans 7:2 and I Corinthians 7:39). Therefore whatever excuses husbands or wives might use to justify not loving and respecting their mates won't stand up before God.

One third of one of the principles of living chapters in the Bible is dedicated to husband-wife relationships (Ephesians 5). In these 12 verses God emphasizes one point to husbands: to love their wives.

Only three of those 12 verses are

addressed to wives, and again, God emphasizes only one point: Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands. Why is this? What does submission have to do with love?

Have you ever noticed what exhortation to Christians in general precedes this instruction to wives? It's a command for all Christians to submit themselves to one another in the fear of God (verse 21). So it isn't just wives who must learn to submit to God's Church, is it?

Submitting to those over us is commanded throughout God's Word. Men and women, children, servants, must learn to cheerfully submit, whether to God, civil authorities, teachers, employers, supervisors, ministers, deacons — or to husbands. But, again, what does submission to authority have to do with love?

Everything! God says to those who would love Him, "keep my commandments" (John 14:15). He says love is the fulfilling of His law (Romans 13:10).

God is not asking the impossible. He requires all Christians to step out on faith and learn to submit to authority. And not halfheartedly, but as in submission to God Himself (Colossians 3:23-24). For truly, in Christian submission to Jesus Christ we not only serve Him, but we love Him.

And, women of God's Church, in Christian submission to your husbands you love them.

Characteristics of love

What then are the qualities of a loving wife?

A loving wife is appreciative. A woman who frequently counts her blessings finds it easier to show her husband how much she appreciates his efforts to provide for and lead the family. God has a lot to say about appreciating what we have. Tell your mate you appreciate him and often. Be specific in your praise.

Respectful. This is a command from God included in the marriage ceremony. A loving wife respects the position and authority that God delegates to her husband in the home. She knows in doing so she not only shows love to her mate but honor and respect toward the government of God.

Always speak to and answer your husband with respect, even when you are expressing a difference in opinion. Then family discussions won't turn

into family fights. There is a way to disagree and not be disagreeable.

Loyal. A husband should be totally depend upon his wife's loyalty. Can your husband depend upon you never to reveal a confidence he has shared with you? What about criticizing him to your friends or relatives? Be careful to show by all your words and deeds loyalty to your mate.

Encouraging. Every one needs encouragement once in a while and better known when a man needs a boost than his wife. Be sensitive to your husband's emotional needs. Learn to read your mate's moods.

Ask him if he may not be feeling well or if something is bothering him when it's apparent that he's discouraged. A sympathetic ear at the right time and place works wonders toward building a loving relationship.

Diligent. A wife shows love to her mate by diligently carrying out her responsibilities in the family team. Read Proverbs 31 and set your standards high. You're the manager under your husband of a small kingdom. Read time management articles or books. Be more organized and efficient in performing your duties.

Close to God. A wife who honors and obeys God is a husband's greatest treasure. Never let physical responsibilities limit the time you should be spending communicating with God. Staying close to Him will smooth out the rough spots in your life, physically and spiritually.

A loving wife is submissive. Again, how important is the submission of a wife to the authority of her husband in the home?

So important that God is able to use that Christian attitude to call an unconverted mate into His Church. "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation [margin, 'submissive behavior'] of the wives" (I Peter 3:1).

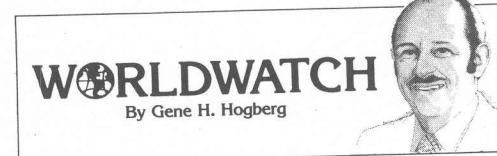
God's Church is bound together in love under the government of Jesus Christ. He will not return from heaven to claim a stubborn, disobedient, unloving wife as His wife.

All of us, male and female, are in training to learn to submit to those in authority over us — to prepare ourselves as a body to be the loving, caring, cooperative, faithful wife of Christ. He will accept nothing less.

May I suggest that you begin a personal notebook. As you reread this article, jot down in one column attitudes and habits in your life that need to be changed.

What are you going to change for the better in your personal attitudes and activities that will benefit your partner? What practices are you going to set in motion? Little things first! What pleasantries are you going to develop to make your mate happier almost immediately?

Ask God to show you creative steps



example of Allied unconcern for U.S. security in the Western Hemisphere.

To make matters worse, the West Europeans unanimously went along with a U.N. General Assembly resolution condemning the U.S. action.

"The lesson," fumed *New York Times* columnist William Safire,

you can take to change each wrong attitude or habit.

But remember changes take time, so be patient and let God do the changing. Rely on Him through His Holy Spirit to build or rebuild your marriage.

A wise woman will build a successful marriage by meeting her husband's needs in the manner described in Proverbs 31:12: "She does him good and not evil all 12 days of her life" (Revised Authorized Version).

Use this verse as a measuring stick to determine your own attitudes or actions. As you act wisely, you will see a miraculous blossoming of your marriage relationship.



Another EC cliff-hanger

BOREHAMWOOD, England

— In the wake of the European Economic Community conference in Athens, Greece, the headlines were "European Disunity," "Market Muddlers," "Summit Collapse," the "EEC on the Brink," and "Crisis in the Community."

The Wall Street Journal (now with a European edition) summed up the general feelings Dec. 7: "The European Community's critical summit meeting here collapsed in disarray, with members unable to agree on a single question or even issue a final communiqué."

But before going on, let's take a look at preconference thinking.

Only hours before the meetings began, no less, a weekly magazine than *The Economist* wrote Dec. 3: "A turnaround by the French government caused unexpected optimism immediately before the EEC Athens summit. The feeling in Brussels [Belgium] was that the summit, beginning on Sunday, December 4, could after all produce wide agreement on the EEC's budget problems."

In retrospect, the conference produced few positive results. Nothing substantial was solved. Old wounds were even exacerbated.

The British press placed the lion's share of the blame on the French. Said *The Times* of London Dec. 7: "The largest share of the responsibility must be borne by M. [François] Mitterrand, who suddenly abandoned positions which had been regarded as holding the key to compromise." *The Financial Times*

went so far as to term the French turnaround as "President Mitterrand's Exocet."

The papers were full of bitter statements of disappointment and foolish blame placing. Negative (See CLIFF-HANGER, page 7)

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"He wanted to go and watch the 50th anniversary issue come off the presses," Mr. Dean said.

"I could not see how people could avoid being impressed even as he arrived," Mr. Lippross said. The chairman of the board of Donnelley's had planned to be present to greet the pastor general, but severe weather prevented him from taking off from Midway Airport in Chicago, Ill.

"The weather during the entire time we were there was generally terrible," he said. "More than a few were impressed when the blustery, snowy weather cleared and a little while later the G-II jet came thundering in to land on Donnelley's private airstrip."

Entering the plant, which covers more than 400,000 square feet and is called the Big Green Machine by Donnelley employees, Mr. Armstrong stepped into an electric cart for a tour.

"I think I was most surprised by the size of the plant and of the *Plain Truth* pressrun," Mr. Omasta said. "It was like walking into a forest, not of trees, but a forest of printing presses and binderies."

Three presses were running with the 50th anniversary issue when Mr. Armstrong arrived. According to Mr. Wright, it takes about 20 acres of trees to provide 360 tons of paper per issue for the *Plain Truth* printing at Donnelley.

"They try to bring the paper in by train." Mr. Lippross said [the paper] "takes about 13 or 14 boxcars to carry. If they have to bring it in on trucks, it takes between 22 and 25 trucks in a convoy over a mile long."

The presses began running with the anniversary *Plain Truth* Dec. 14. Three presses are used to print the magazine, Mr. Lippross said. More than 5.6 million *Plain Truths* in English, Spanish and French were printed at Donnelley's in December.

Presentation ceremony

Walking the length of the first press, Mr. Armstrong was presented the first three copies off the press.

"They stopped the presses and made a little formal presentation," Mr. Faulkner said.

Mr. Faulkner said that several times during the visit the pastor general recounted the early days of *The Plain Truth*, when he and his wife, Loma, would hand-print and label all of the magazines.



"After they were all printed and labeled, Mr. Armstrong would pick up all of that month's issue and carry it across the street to the post office while his wife would carry a few and hold the doors open for him," Mr. Faulkner said.

"Several times during the visit Mr. Armstrong had tears in his eyes and said softly, 'I wish Loma could have seen this,'" Mr. Faulkner said.

Mr. Dean recounted one event during the trip. "After we first got there, one of the Donnelley executives started explaining the various parts and procedures of printing to Mr. Armstrong."

"After a few minutes, Mr. Armstrong gently interrupted him and said, 'You don't have to explain what a

printing press is to me. I've been around printing presses since 1911.' That brought smiles all around," Mr. Dean said. "The Donnelley vice president hadn't even been born in 1911."

While Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Wright and Mr. Dean toured the plant, Mr. Lippross walked ahead to make sure all was ready. "I was impressed with the respects shown Mr. Armstrong," he said.

"As Mr. Armstrong came by, Donnelley employees would peer around presses and machinery for a glimpse. Many brought cameras to take snapshots of his visit," Mr. Lippross said.

"The employees were struck with Mr. Armstrong's warm personality," Mr. Wright said. "As one Donnelley official said to me, Mr. Armstrong



PAPER STOCK — Left: Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (center) pauses in front of paper used to print *The Plain Truth* during a tour of the R.R. Donnelley & Sons Glasgow, Ky., plant Dec. 21. From left: Ray Wright, director of the Church's Publishing Services Department; Robert Brennan, Donnelley Western district sales manager; Wayne Angstrom, Glasgow plant manager; Mr. Armstrong; William Pollom, Donnelley customer service representative for *The Plain Truth*; Chuck Johnson, Donnelley account executive for Church publications; and Dexter Faulkner, *Plain Truth* executive editor. Above: Mr. Armstrong and Roger Lippross, production director for Church publications, check copies of *The Plain Truth*. [Photos by Warren Watson]

reminded them of a kind grandfather — a man who cared."

After the tour Mr. Armstrong and his group went to a room in the Donnelley facility for a dinner. There Mr. Armstrong was presented a plaque with a 50th anniversary issue of *The Plain Truth*, and a Bible printed by Donnelley.

Before Mr. Myers' comments, Mr. Brennan of Donnelley's remarked: "We'd just like to say that in our span of time I have never met a more professional group of people that we've been associated with in the publishing business."

"We've been told by the Donnelley people," Mr. Wright said, "that the [magazine] film they receive from the Church is best in quality."

The Editorial and Publishing departments handle the entire operation of the Church's publications up to and including prepress, sending only finished film to printing facilities.

After the presentation Mr. Armstrong outlined the history of printing, saying that "the printing press

has made possible the diffusion of knowledge . . . education never expanded until the printing press."

He told the Donnelley executives and Church officials present that printing had opened education to the masses, formerly being reserved for the wealthy and politically powerful.

After the dinner Mr. Armstrong boarded the G-II with Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Wright, Mr. Lippross, Mr. Omasta and Mr. Dean for the trip back to Pasadena.

"I've never seen anyone like that man," Mr. Wright said. "Here we were emotionally and physically drained and he comes right on back after takeoff and gets us all charged up and inspired again."

Mr. Omasta said the pastor general is planning to use footage from the visit to tape a *World Tomorrow* telecast about *The Plain Truth*. "He said on the plane that he wanted to make a broadcast explaining the history and purpose of the magazine, and how the name of *The Plain Truth* was selected," Mr. Omasta said.

Mr. Hulme said, "It's now been used successfully in Canada and South Africa as well."

The direct mail package contains a letter from Mr. Armstrong and a return envelope. Subscriber lists from other national magazines are rented and the direct mail package is mailed to those subscribers.

Scandinavian start-up

"The other major project we're working on right now is developing a strong beginning circulation for the Scandinavian *Plain Truth* [Den Enkle Sannhet], . . . which debuts with the 50th anniversary issue," Mr. Hulme said. "We're preparing a fairly intensive campaign for Norway and Denmark to run during the early spring."

Asked what opportunities the Church took advantage of during 1983 for its print advertising campaigns, Mr. Hulme replied: "I think that Mr. Armstrong's direct, personal involvement in writing ad copy and shaping the scope and depth of ad campaigns has led to some very positive gains in *Plain Truth* circulation. His over half a century of ad experience benefits all of our advertising."

Direct mail

The Church's Publishing Services Department in Pasadena developed a direct mail package offering a year's subscription to *The Plain Truth*, which brought 45,000 new subscribers in a national U.S. test in September and October, according to Boyd Leeson, U.S. circulation manager for the magazine.

"Mr. Armstrong carefully went over the package and approved it."

15 take part in Canadian national contest

Pianists win YOU talent contest

By Philip Hopwood

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Pianist Linda Nowak, 17, daughter of Elvira Nowak of Cumberland, B.C., placed first in the senior division of Canadian Youth Opportunities United National Talent Contest in the Centennial Theatre Dec. 4.

Philip Hopwood, a 1983 graduate of Pasadena Ambassador College, is a ministerial trainee in Vancouver, B.C.

Linda played a selection from the first movement of Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*. She was awarded a trophy and a choice between a scholarship to Ambassador College, if accepted, or a paid session to the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn.

Second place went to pianist Charlotte Penner, 18, of Douglas, Man., who played Chopin's *Waltz in C sharp Minor*. Kirsten Hart, 16, of Sundre, Alta., placed third with her piano solo, *Fantasia in D* by Mozart.

First place in the junior division went to pianist Daniel Prociuk, 15, son of Joseph and Ann Prociuk of Barhead, Alta., for his performance of

Beethoven's *Fuer Elise*. Andrew Melville, 16, of Raymond, Alta., placed second with a clarinet rendition of *Minuetto* by Nila W. Hovey and Meldon Leonard. Third place was awarded to pianist Shauna Pettenuzo, 14, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., who played Kahliav's *Sonatina in C*.

Other contestants in the senior division were Marcel Schnee, 16, North Battleford, Sask.; Gayle Asselstine, 17, Edmonton, Alta.; Marina Simons, 18, Surrey, B.C.; and Susan Tibbo, 17, Toronto, Ont.

Carol Sparks, 13, Courtenay, B.C.; Ghislaine Bouchard, 15, St. Paul, Alta.; Tamara Rawnsley, 13, Toronto, Ont.; DeAnn McKinnon, 14, Terrace, B.C.; and Stephen Nordstrom, 13, St. Albert, Alta., participated in the junior division.

To participate in the national contest, contestants had to place first or second in regional semifinals during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Colin Adair, Canadian regional director, presented certificates to the 15 contestants and trophies to the first three in each division.

Master of ceremonies for the event was Thomas Ecker, pastor of the Vancouver church. Judges were Ronald Langlo of Calgary, Alta.,

Robert Bertuzzi of Castlegar, B.C., and John Dyke of Victoria, B.C.

After the show members of the Vancouver and Abbotsford, B.C., churches attended a reception for the contestants.

The talent contest ended a weekend of activities arranged for the contestants by Mr. Ecker and Philip Hopwood, a ministerial trainee in Vancouver.

After arriving in Vancouver Friday, Dec. 2, with their chaperons, participants were given a tour of the Canadian Office.

Brunch was served Saturday, Dec. 3, in a revolving restaurant with views of Vancouver and surrounding mountains and water.

The group attended the Vancouver church where a sermonette was given by Terry Johnson, pastor of the Kitchener, Ont., church, and George Patrickson, assistant to Mr. Adair, gave the sermon on the subject of faith.

The contestants had dinner at The Salmon House.

A rehearsal Sunday morning, Dec. 4, was followed by an afternoon boat cruise of Vancouver Harbor and Indian Arm. Contestants returned home Monday, Dec. 5.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Groups raise funds selling food items

As a fund-raising activity, KINGSTON, Ont., YOU members served more than 100 brethren a hot turkey dinner with trimmings Dec. 3 after Sabbath services. The meal was topped off with Black Forest cake.

YOU teens in the MIAMI, Fla., church raised \$275 selling grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, homemade ice cream, baked goods, homemade fruit juices and an assortment of miscellaneous items at a picnic and fund-raiser at Larry and Penny Thompson Park, Nov. 13.

The afternoon activity, attended by about 175 Miami brethren, proved one of the "most enjoyable," according to Al Kersha, pastor of the Miami church. Brethren participated in water sports, volleyball, children's activities and other games.

More than \$13,000 in profits was raised by about 500 brethren of the DAYTON, Ohio, church who ended a five-week campaign Nov. 13, having taken orders for 5,400 cases of oranges and grapefruit.

Part of the funds will be sent to Pasadena to support the great commission. The rest will go to support YOU and YES programs, senior citizen's and singles' activities and to acquire equipment to benefit the entire church.

The campaign, which more than tripled last year's sales efforts, was "a huge success," according to pastor Ray Meyer, who said the citrus sale strengthened church unity.

The fruit sales program was the Dayton church's most successful effort to raise funds, said Ken Plummer, program coordinator.

The campaign was focused on personal sales, supplemented by 30,000 fliers advertising citrus sale information and a telephone number. The fliers were distributed in the greater Dayton area.

Person-to-person sales resulted in 70 percent of the sales, with the flier program contributing the rest. Mr. Plummer said the fliers drew a 5 per-

cent response. The most successful flier was printed in script on orange paper.

The fliers also resulted in a list of prospects for follow-up citrus sale in February.

More than \$1,100 was raised by YOU members at the NEW ORLEANS and SLIDELL, La., family night in Chalmette, La., Nov. 19. YOU members served an Italian dinner that was donated by brethren to 450 people.

After dinner, a show was presented with James Servidio, pastor of the New Orleans and Slidell churches, serving as master of ceremonies. Acts included five preteens

who played piano, trumpet, saxophone, clarinet and drum; adult musical and comedy skits; adult poetry reading; and preteen girls tap dance and singing solos.

The show ended with a four-member singing group playing guitars and leading a sing-along.

A fund-raising project of the ROANOKE, Va., church Nov. 12 and 13 was making apple butter — 585 quarts of it. Apples, jars, kettles,

a time and place and expertise were solicited by pastor Robert Persky.

Saturday evening, Nov. 12, about 50 brethren assembled at Mike Kinzie's apple-packing house to peel 50 bushels of winesap apples. At 6:30 Sunday morning fires were started under clean, bright, copper kettles, supervised by Maxine Hall and Lillian Hensley.

Fresh cider and apple slices were poured into the kettles, with Roanoke members taking turns stirring. Sugar was added with two to three hours of cooking time left, and cinnamon and clove flavoring were added in the last minutes. As each kettle came off the fire, sterilized jars were filled with apple butter.

With more apples than they could use, the members advertised a second cooking to take place Nov. 27. A sign was erected on the Kinzies' property overlooking Interstate 81. Customers and visitors stopped by to watch the apple butter making and to buy quarts and pints of apple butter.

Tina Yendi, Gene Fox, Louetta S. Jones, Maurice Ledet and Sherry Kinzie.

Thanksgiving Ball organized

More than 200 singles from 26 churches throughout the northeastern United States attended a semi-formal Thanksgiving Ball Nov. 27, sponsored by the SPRINGFIELD, Mass., church and organized by Dave Garstka, Jim Powers and Springfield assistant pastor David Myers.

More than 90 singles arrived in time to attend Sabbath services Nov. 26, enjoy a potluck and play games at a social afterward. Area brethren provided housing.

Main events Sunday took place in the Empire Room of the Oaks Inn in downtown Springfield. Coffee and muffins were served to welcome about 234 single brethren from Maine to Delaware and as far west as

Ohio. One guest was from Pasadena, while 101 were New England area residents.

A Bible study given by Mr. Myers explained how to deal with low self-esteem. He showed that a certain amount of self-confidence is necessary to be used effectively by God. Dinner afterward featured roast dinner with capon.

From 2 to 5:30 p.m. singles danced to the music of the Gary Densmore band, a five-piece group from the Concord, N.H., area.

Twenty-six activity coordinators for each church area were assigned by the pastors. These coordinators received attendance and housing forms, lists of area motels, maps to Sabbath services and the dance and posters for bulletin boards. Attendance information was then funneled to Springfield. Ken Blanchard.



FRUIT SALES — Dayton, Ohio, member Charles Roach (left) and his son Charles Jr. carry boxes of oranges and grapefruit sold during a fund-raising activity that brought in \$13,000. [Photo by Bob Bull]

Churches put on fall socials

In preparation for international foods night in BAKERSFIELD, Calif., recipes were distributed to women in the church a month beforehand. Nov. 19, dishes representing such countries as Nigeria, Thailand, Germany and Mexico appeared in Bakersfield's Munsey school. The event was directed by Penny Thompson and Rosemary Stogner.

Gloria Frederick enhanced this second annual event's international flavor by adding colorful flags, travel brochures and curios on tables and walls.

Exotic drinks and desserts, background music and native costumes completed the fare for about 100 brethren, some of whom came from Pasadena and Mojave, Calif.

The TERRE HAUTE, Ind., church put on an Evening of Elegance Nov. 26 at the Holidome. The menu for the dinner-dance was chosen by pastor Steve Nutzman, and entertainment was provided by Jeff Osborn, a former Terre Haute member now living in Arlington Heights, Ill., and Mike Wood of Indianapolis, Ind.

Suddenly two acts fell through. What do to with only one act: a piano solo by Melody Puntney? The idea of a takeoff of the television show *Family Feud* (*Family Brood*) was decided upon with commercials before and after. Friday, Nov. 25, was spent preparing props and skits.

The Dean and Higginbotham families agreed to participate. The Dean family won top prizes and the Higginbothams won consolation prizes. Commercials for Weeeds Cereal and Blast Beer were performed by Terry and LeDean Bruns, Guy Swenson and Sarah Osborn. After the last commercial Terry Bruns accompanied Jeff Osborn on the guitar as Mr. Osborn sang "I Walk the Line."

Dancing contest winners were Chris and Tammy Higginbotham, circle dance; John and Terri Dean, broom dance; and Virgil Thompson and Madeline Shrader, freeze dance. Betty Rayce won a door prize.

The GAINESVILLE, Ga., church sponsored a fall social Nov. 13 in Gainesville. The 37 booths fea-

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Avoid food poisoning

Food poisoning is caused by eating foods that contain germs, toxins or parasites. One of the most common ways that food poisoning occurs is through group meals served at buffets, picnics, potlucks and on camping trips.

Because these activities are popular among Church brethren, we would like to offer some tips that can aid you in preparing and serving food as well as minimizing the possibility of food poisoning.

Potlucks often occur after services. Several hours may pass from the time you leave home with food until it is eaten at the potluck. Eating foods that have been left at room temperature for this length of time can result in food poisoning.

When deciding what you will bring to a potluck, consider how long the dish will be at room temperature.

Certain foods should not be allowed to be set out at room temperature: egg-rich foods including cream or custard-filled desserts such as pies, cakes and meringues, and salads and sandwiches made with dressings containing little vinegar or other acids. They should be kept refrigerated until serving time.

Fully cooked meat, poultry and fish and cold cuts should not be allowed to stand at room temperature for more than two hours. Meats and poultry should not be partially cooked, cooled and then cooked completely later. To serve

precooked meats, be sure to reheat them thoroughly and bring all broths and gravies to a full boil for several minutes.

When you travel, and food cannot be heated or refrigerated, an insulated ice-filled styrofoam chest can keep foods sufficiently hot or cold.

Hot foods should remain at 140 degrees Fahrenheit (60 degrees Celsius) and cold foods should be stored at less than 45 degrees Fahrenheit (7 degrees Celsius) until serving.

Other measures you can take to avoid food poisoning are:

- Be sure your hands are clean and free from cuts and infected areas. Wash hands and utensils between working with different foods.

- When buying foods, don't choose foods that are outdated or in broken or bent containers. Pick up meats and frozen foods last and put them away immediately when you arrive home.

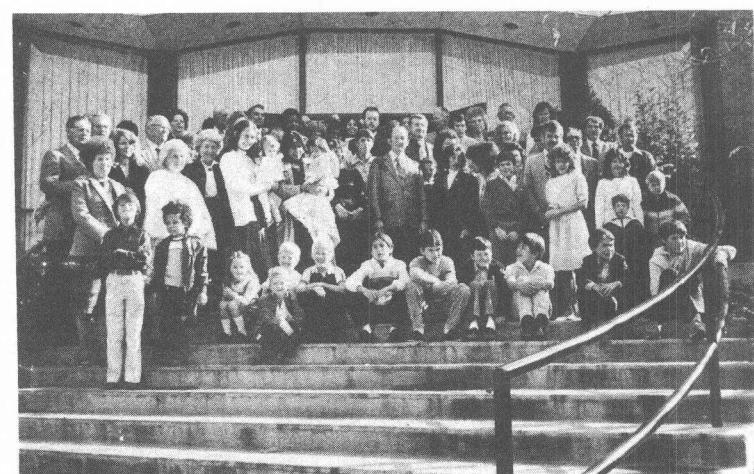
- Don't use utensils containing toxic materials in preparing or storing foods. These materials include such metals as antimony, zinc, cadmium and lead.

- Thaw foods in the refrigerator or cook them frozen. If something needs to be thawed quickly, put it in an airtight plastic bag and immerse it in cold water.

- Speed cooling of hot foods by refrigerating them in shallow containers. Kerri Miles.

Swanson, who also pastors the Salt Lake City church.

"This is a significant beginning for brethren in the Ogden area," said Mr. Swanson. "The establishment of a church in Ogden will provide better service for brethren not only in the northernmost corners of Utah, but for those as far away as Evanston.



NEW CHURCH — Some of the 93 members of the newly established church in Ogden, Utah, pause with their families after the first Sabbath service Nov. 12. [Photo by Jan. C. Carden]

Churches

(Continued from page 4) tured a space walk and a turkey shoot.

Hot-air balloons, a dunking machine, an arts-and-crafts display and food rounded out the day's activities.

The first autumn social of the SARNIA, Ont., church took place Nov. 26 in honor of Thanksgiving in the United States. A turkey dinner with trimmings was followed by the films *Solo* and *Night Crossing*.

Ballroom dancing is not a lost art for brethren of the EVANSBURG, Alta., church. Nov. 5, after Sabbath services, brethren enjoyed a potluck, fellowship and dancing taught by

'Plain Truth'

Bible lecture draws 68 subscribers

Colin Adair, regional director in Canada, conducted a *Plain Truth* Bible lecture in VICTORIA, B.C., Nov. 20.

The lecture, which took place at the University of Victoria McLaurin Building, was attended by 68 *Plain Truth* subscribers — 3 percent of those invited. Mr. Adair spoke for an hour on "Will Man Reach the Stars?"

A passerby, Zhu Zhizong, professor of linguistics for eastern China, also heard Mr. Adair's talk. Mr. Zhu was familiar with the Ambassador Foundation and visits by the Chinese acrobatic team to Victoria and the Ambassador Auditorium.

Special music for the occasion included a solo, "The Lord's Prayer," by Pat Crompton, accompanied on piano by Margaret Sherwood. Reenie Jodrell, accompanied by Kathryn Bullock, sang "The Holy City." Most of the new attendees stayed for refreshments and conversation after the lecture. Joseph Cheperdak.

Southern U.S. churches focus on sports

Nov. 5 a dinner took place for adults and youths of the HUNTSVILLE and FLORENCE, Ala., churches who took part in sports activities throughout the year.

YOU members served spaghetti during the affair, which took place in Huntsville. Pastor Lawson J. Tuck reminded the group that the major purpose of sports is to build character and godly attitudes.

Coaches should strive to instill perseverance, patience, zeal, courage and emotional control into the players, said Mr. Tuck.

After his lecture, Mr. Tuck presented certificates to the outstanding young people for the 1982-83 season. Those who received certificates are:

Track-and-field, junior division: Shane Phillips and Beverly Jackson;

Europe

(Continued from page 2) this West German official, they no longer adequately fulfill their function as a buffer zone for the Soviet Union. Economically, their bleak economies constitute an acute drain on Soviet resources.

This presents West Europeans with the opportunity to offer the Soviets and their East European partners what Mr. Bloemer calls "a New Deal-Marshall Plan-type proposal" to modernize their economies.

"An essential precondition for such an evolution," he adds, "would be ending both Soviet and American military presence in East and West European countries," with a West

Ray Schwabe, a member of the Edmonton, Alta., North church.

Mr. Schwabe, who has taught for Arthur Murray dance studios, will teach biweekly dance lessons until next spring. In the first lesson adults and YOU members were encouraged to improve their posture for more

graceful dancing and to minimize back problems.

Basic steps of the triple swing and fox-trot were demonstrated and practiced.

Craig K. Jackson, Sarah Lee Osborn, Wayne Whited, Janet Pray and Dawn Day.



MIX MASTERS — Girls of the Trinidad YOU prepare *peau*, a native dish, for lunch during a YOU hike to Cyril's Bay Nov. 20.

Island church hikes to sea

TRINIDAD YOU members started out early Nov. 20 and hiked about 2 miles downhill to Cyril's Bay on the north coast of the Caribbean island. When the group arrived, girls prepared lunch while others played games in the sea.

In the afternoon pastor Victor Simpson gave a tabletop session and a Bible study on the rocks overlooking the water. The most challenging part of the day came when youths had to climb back along the rather steep slope. *Rawlins Jaijal*.

Walterboro High School in Walterboro, S.C. Men's teams were from Greenville, S.C., Jacksonville, Fla., Savannah and Charleston. The weekend began with a sermon Nov. 12 by guest speaker Ron Jameson, pastor of the Greenville church.

Gay Chaney and Ken Jackson.

Teens serve on YOU day

YOU service day took place Nov. 19 in MEMPHIS, Tenn., featuring YOU members in various capacities. Jeff Childress was song leader; Susan Forester played piano; Allen Russell, Anthony Bland and Paul Forrester were ushers; and a quartet, Jeff Childress, Tom Jones, Erin Kelly and Sandie Wells, performed special music.

Security officers were Brent Fielder, Juan Smith, Mike Smith and Chris Gober. Dylan Birkenstock, Nathan Taylor, John Harper and Joey Kosloski were in charge of songbooks.

Thirty-seven YOU members served a potluck, followed by a family movie, *The Snowball Express*. *Manya N. Gustafson.*

European defense organization arising to replace the departing Americans in the West.

Western Europe would continue to recognize the Soviet Union's "legitimate security requirements," but in return for this recognition and the offering of massive economic assistance, the Soviets hopefully would allow much greater freedom for its East European satellites, more like that enjoyed by Finland.

The end result, Mr. Bloemer hopes, will be the "Finlandization of Moscow's European allies" and — note this — the emergence of "two self-governing halves of Europe" (emphasis added).

This development, he professes, "would provide the foundation for a secure world peace based on an

As the former U.S. ambassador

expanded definition of security that emphasized economic stability and the right to self-determination."

One wonders whether Mr. Bloemer's prognostication might not be close to the way events will materialize, as indicated in Daniel 2. Might the Europe to come be composed of two confederated halves: one leg (and foot and five toes) representing Western Europe, the other leg comprising the nations of Eastern Europe, existing in a "Finlandized" form, giving consideration to the security interests of the U.S.S.R.? Only time will tell.

In addition, the vast economic potential of such a grand settlement of the European problem calls to mind the end-time economic system prophesied in Revelation 18.

As the former U.S. ambassador

Social has pre-1900s flavor

Northern gentry, Southern belles and Indian squaws joined country folk Nov. 19 for a CLARKSBURG, W. Va., church social, centered on a theme of "Yesterday's People: 1850-1900."

Evening activities, organized by Steve and Rose Grimm, started with a family style meal brought by some of the women.

After the meal, brethren browsed among tables displaying articles from the 1850s to the 1900s, including pictures, hats pins, beaded purses and schoolbooks, arranged by Rex and Gayle Groves.

Master of ceremonies Tim Sparr introduced entertainment, 1850-style. Mr. Sparr welcomed the church's new pastor Steve Schantz, his wife, Carol, and son, Benjamin, by presenting them with a plaque.

Six contestants then joined in a turkey-calling contest, won by Gary Morgan. This was followed by 21 brethren who competed in a corn-shelling race. After several rounds and

a playoff, John Harsh announced David Brock, a YOU member, as the winner.

Seven YES children entered the stage for a spelling bee, won by Kim Ash, a sixth-grader. Joyce Batson and Sarah McCloud placed first in the pie- and cookie-baking contests. Baked goods were then auctioned off by Jim Myers, the highest bid (\$7) being paid for the first place pie baked by Mrs. Batson.

Activities wound down with a sing-along, led by John and Carolyn Harrison, featuring pre-1900s songs like "Dixie," "Daisy" and "You're a Grand Old Flag." Tim Groves and his sister Wilma added a touch of country by playing guitar and banjo. The evening ended with the group singing a West Virginia favorite: John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads."

Steve Schantz and Josie Cott-Rausch.

Over-50s tour attractions

Thirty-two members of the BALTIMORE, Md., Young-At-Heart (age 50 and up) group took an educational outing around Baltimore on a chartered bus Dec. 4. Under the leadership of associate pastor Thomas Oakley, the group saw the B&O train museum, the Baltimore Street Car Museum and Ft. McHenry.

After lunch on the bus, the group toured the main attraction of the day:

Baltimore's National Aquarium. Then they watched a film on marine life, walked through the aquarium and observed 8,000 animals living in a million gallons of water. The top floor of the aquarium features a tropical rain forest.

"We plan to have more of this type of activity," said Mr. Oakley, "possibly a bus tour of Maryland or a trip to the Smithsonian Institute." *Jon and Ginnie Cook.*

Church throws fish fry

Nearly 300 RALEIGH, N.C., brethren attended a fish fry and fun show Nov. 19 at Camp Durant, a city-owned facility. The menu featured fresh fish, boiled potatoes, hush puppies and cole slaw.

Roger King Jr., master of ceremonies for the fun show, introduced acts ranging from musical clowns to Johnny Denton and Jack Williford to the Young Dixie square dancers: Gina Clarke, Paul Hobbs, Roxie and Timmy MacIntyre, Angela and Michelle Quesenberry and Kenny and Levi Swarey.

A musical skit, "What Would It Be Like?" if God had not called us, was presented by Harlan Brown, Steve and Saloma Kelsey, Horst and Sue Obermeier and Miles and Myrna Walden. Other acts included a guitar duet, song-and-dance acts, comedians, a pantomime, a harmonica and guitar solo and a flute solo.

Roger O'Quinn, a deacon in the Raleigh church, was responsible for the social. Sonny Quesenberry was in charge of food preparation. His wife, Margaret, headed the kitchen crew and the food-serving line. *Harlan Brown.*



FISH FRY — From left, Ralph Hollyfield, Max Adams, Alan Shepherd and Carl Clark fry fish and hush puppies at the Raleigh, N.C., church social Nov. 19 [Photo by Bruce Jinnett].

to Finland, Mark E. Austad (now ambassador to Norway) said in Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 9, "Finlandization" is a much maligned word, used to connote all-too-willing West European subservience to Moscow."

But this term is highly offensive to the Finnish people, who, faced with a grim reality (an 800-mile shared border with the Soviet Union), have nevertheless managed to preserve their independence. Looking at it from the perspective of the East Europeans, said Mr. Austad, "the East Europeans would love to Finlandize."

But the new Europe (at least the Western half, the East in this case presumably remaining neutralized) would still need to protect itself with the Americans gone.

The 78-year-old French philosopher-author, Manes Sperber, while not necessarily subscribing to the views called for Europe to become its own superpower.

"Instead of being the bone of contention between two superpowers, Europe itself must become a superpower, neither expansionist nor revengeful, but utterly determined through its own sufficiently strong defense forces to deter anyone who might feel emboldened to want to take possession of it because of its weakness."

Not far down the road, there will occur a political realignment that will astound the whole world, when a new superpower system arises in Europe (Revelation 17:8).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AINSWORTH, Robert and Marlene (MacLeod), of Perth, Australia, girl, Lara Jean, Nov. 9, 9:34 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BALMER, Richard and Susan (Livesey), of Richmond, Va., boy, David Jonathan, Dec. 3, 10:50 a.m., 5 pounds, first child.

BALANDA, Fred and Julie (Gray), of Bethlehem, Pa., girl, Jessica Julie, Oct. 22, 7:46 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BEER, Peter and Vicki (Shapcott), of Sydney, Australia, boy, Nathan Paul Henry, Nov. 14, 7:50 a.m., 3.654 kilograms, now 2 boys.

BETTSCHART, Alois and Verena (Kurmann), of Zurich, Switzerland, girl, Gloria Joy, Dec. 1, 12:20 a.m., 2 kilograms, now 2 girls.

BRADDOCK, Joseph and Emma (Hollenbeck), of Augusta, Ga., boy, Jonathan Edward, Nov. 15, 4:22 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 4 boys.

BRANSON, Kevin and Andrea (Grantham), of Medford, Ore., girl, Holly Kandra, Nov. 29, 6:07 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BRUNZ, Jeff and Teresa (Seead), of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Tamara Renae, Nov. 28, 8:30 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

COMINGO, Karen and Christine (Hoyer), of Sydney, Australia, girl, Kyriakoska Louise, Nov. 26, 7:08 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

CREAMER, William and Gretchen (Vernon), of Takoma Park, Md., girl, Ashleigh Marann, Nov. 22, 8:21 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

DANCE, Allen and Pamela (Kelle), of Pasadena, boy, Daniel Eric, Dec. 7, 12:11 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

DEMMONS, Lloyd and Mattie (Johnson), of Dayton, Ohio, girl, Brandi Alexandria, Aug. 9, 6:24 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DORWARD, Ronald and Olinda (Lee), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Kathleen Isobelle, Nov. 2, 4:41 p.m., 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, first child.

GOLDSWORTHY, Thomas and Susan (Kehler), of Brandon, Man., girl, Stacy Marie, Oct. 27, 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

HAUSEN, Alan and Lillian (Prischak), of Cleveland, Ohio, boy, Jonathan Andrew, Nov. 8, 9:07 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 5 boys.

HAZAN, Joseph and Kathy (Dimitry), of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Jonathan Michael, Nov. 25, 2:13 p.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

HENN, Keith and JoAnn (Puk), of Selden, N.Y., boy, Trevor, Nov. 26, 8:57 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

HOWE, Russell and Teresa (Greenberg), of Normal, Ill., boy, Ryan Jennings, May 28, 11 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

JEFFRIES, Joey and Pamela (Allen), of Lafayette, Ind., girl, Josie Elizabeth, Sept. 27, 8:12 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

KEELER, Gene and Diana (Costello), of Toledo, Ohio, boy, Jessie William, Oct. 31, 4:30 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KROEKER, Eric and Nora (Loewen), of Abbotsford, B.C., boy, Joshua Nathan, Oct. 31, 7:11 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LARSON, Michael and Melanie (McCadden), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Sara Nicole, Aug. 2, 3:17 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

LASITER, Larry and Treon (Adams), of Russellville, Ark., boy, Michael Ray, Nov. 25, 7:22 p.m., now 1 boy, 3 girls.

LETWINETZ, Samuel and Vera (Zagel), of Ste. Rose du Lac, Man., boy, David Samuel James, Nov. 12, 4:35 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

LIGHTBODY, Ed and Leesa (Schultz), of Gold Coast, Australia, boy, John Edwin, Nov. 12, 10:45 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

LOO, Gary and Claudia (Char), of Pasadena, boy, Jonathan Kin Neng, Oct. 12, 12:20 p.m., 8 pounds, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

MARYAVS, Michael and Linda (Eichorn), of Washington, D.C., boy, Matthew Jason, Nov. 22, 7:21 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

MATHEW, Samuel and Susan (George), of Union, N.J., girl, Tina, Nov. 20, 5 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MCDUFFIE, Dewitt and Charlene (Nicholas), of New Orleans, La., girl, Gloria Anne, Dec. 2, 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MILLER, Henry and Bonnie (Hetzell), of Pasadena, boy, Timothy Ray, Oct. 19, 6:34 a.m., 10 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MORRIS, Phillip and Deborah (Lalande), of Castlegar, B.C., boy, Nathaniel Zane, Aug. 31, 9:49 a.m., 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys.

MURRAY, Kim and Eva (McCracken), of Kingport, Tenn., boy, Joseph Michael, Nov. 19, 11:03 p.m., 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, first child.

NGETIE, Charles and Irene (Wainjir), of Nairobi, Kenya, boy, Moses Nyinjira, Oct. 18, 4:40 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

OBUJA, Clement and Anne (Nyaboke), of Nairobi, Kenya, girl, Ruth Deborah, Nov. 18, 5:40 p.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 girls.

PALMER, John and Jan (Jacobsen), of Mansfield, Ohio, girl, Theresa Bailey, Nov. 30, 10:17 p.m., 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

REID, James and Beverly (McHarg), of Calgary, Alta., boy, James Matthew, Nov. 21, 3:21 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

ROE, John and Kitra (Moxley), of Houston, Tex., girl, Tess Minette, Nov. 22, 10:49 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 4 girls.

ROGERS, Stanley and Lisa (Cozad), of Springfield, Mass., girl, Chastina Leah, Dec. 9, 11:49 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SCHWARTZ, Norm and Shelly (Henderson), of Prince George, B.C., girl, Elizabeth Eva, Aug. 21, 9:30 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 girls.

SMITH, Jim and Marlene (Droney), of Pasadena, boy, Justin Jonathan, Nov. 25, 8:30 p.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

SOS-TAK, Chuck and Shelley (Jones), of Hillsdale, Ill., boy, Jeffery Robert, Nov. 30, 1:21 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys.

THOMPSON, Virgil and Carrie (Jones), of

Albuquerque, N.M., boy, William Joseph Robert, Oct. 9, 2 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

TOLIVER, Scott and Cynthia (Green), of Pasadena, boy, David Scott, Nov. 17, 6:53 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

VESTAL, Terry and Renee (Griffith), of Durango, Colo., boy, Curtis Micah, Nov. 16, 11:52 p.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

WAGNER, Jon and Cathy (Wilson), of Columbia, Mo., girl, Kristin Beth, Nov. 15, 11:24 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

WILSON, David and Susan (Hassbrook), of Battle Creek, Mich., girl, Jamie Kaye, Nov. 7, 11:53 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

YATES, Dale and Twila (Fike), of Tampa, Fla., girl, Amber Brienne, Nov. 23, 3:47 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Yarrell C. Barnes of the Salina, Kan., church are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Tina Marie to Albert W. Kline Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Kline Sr. of Denver, Colo. A March 4 wedding is planned in Salina.

Karen Lynn Gieselman and Thomas Tristan Anderson, both of the Kansas City, Mo., East church, are happy to announce their engagement. A February wedding is planned.



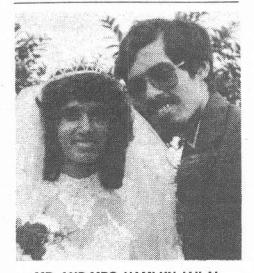
MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH KAMERER

was the best man. The couple reside in Kenton, Wash.



MR. AND MRS. HAMLYN JAIJAL

in marriage May 29 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. The ceremony was performed by Victor C. Simpson, pastor of the churches in Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada. Conrad McIntosh was the best man, and his wife, Glenda, was the matron of honor.



MR. AND MRS. HAMLYN JAIJAL

Ham Jaijal and Sunita Rambheria were united in marriage May 29 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. The ceremony was performed by Lincoln Jaijal, brother of the groom, and a minister in the Bridgetown, Barbados, Castries, St. Lucia and Kingston, St. Vincent churches. Frank Tamble was best man, while the bride's sister, Drupatra Rambheria, was matron of honor.



MR. AND MRS. ABRAHAM BLACKMAN

Pearl Dan and Abraham Blackman were united in marriage June 10 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. The ceremony was performed by Victor C. Simpson, pastor of the churches in Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada. Carol Rajaram was the matron of honor, and her husband, Wayne, was the best man.



MR. AND MRS. FERNANDO BARRIGA

Matthew St. Bernard and Corine Lincoln were united

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Obituaries

GREENWOOD, Miss. — LaWanda Holland, 54, died Oct. 1 after suffering from cancer for several months.

Services were conducted at the Oliver Funeral Home in Winona, Miss., and at the gravesite by Robert Peoples, pastor of the Greenwood and Jackson, Miss., churches.

Mrs. Holland is survived by her husband, Henry, daughters Sheryl Newton and Susan Bennett, and sons Joe and Allen. She has been a member of God's Church since 1974.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Sadie B. Carroll, 81, a pioneer member of the San Antonio church, died Sept. 1. She was baptized on a baptizing tour from Ambassador College in July, 1949.

Mrs. Carroll is survived by her daughter, Martha Douglas, also a member; one sister; one niece; and two nephews.

Graveside services were conducted Sept. 6 by Martin Yale, a minister in the San Antonio and Uvalde, Tex., churches.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Lillian McMullin, 66, wife of John McMullin Sr., a deacon here, died Dec. 6 at their home in Vista, Calif., following a year's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. McMullin were residents of Leamington, Ont. They were married in Windsor, Ont., in 1938, and moved to San Diego in 1961.

The McMullins were baptized in December, 1968, by Thomas Blackwell, now pastor of the Harrison and Mountain View, Ark., churches, and Jim Peoples, now pastor of the San Bernardino, Banning and Glendora, Calif., churches.

Graveside services were conducted Dec. 8 by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor

of the Yuma, Ariz., and San Diego churches, at El Camino Memorial Park, where she was interred.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. McMullin is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dennis Guenther; son John Jr.; and four grandchildren.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Lela Hinson Welch, 62, a member of the Church since 1951, died Oct. 25.

She is survived by her husband, Josh, of Nashville; sons Jerry and Ronald Davidson of Nashville, and Kenneth Davidson of Spring, Tex.; daughters Marie McFall and Dorothy Fields of Springer, N.M., Carlene Fine of Smyrna, Tenn., Elizabeth Raines of Sibley, La., and Jeanine Church of Dickson, Tenn.; stepson J. David of Duck River, Tenn.; brother J. D. Hinson of Dickson, Tenn.; sisters Jessie Shepard, Pearline Daniels and Adell Hinson, all of Centerville, Tenn.; 29 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Oct. 28 by James Friddle, pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches.

ROSEVILLE, Calif. — Caroline Affeldt, 80, a member since 1964, died Oct. 20 in the Roseville Hospital after being admitted that morning for a checkup. She was preceded in death in January, 1982, by her husband, August, who was also a member.

Survivors include a son, George, the pastor of the Watertown, Yankton and Sioux Falls, S.D., churches; daughters Mildred Cole, Lois Hamiel, Lucy Noschka, Anna Noschka and Lorraine Culien; 23 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Oct. 26 at Mount Vernon Memorial Park in Fair Oaks, Calif., by Joel Lillengren, pastor of the Sacramento, Calif., church.

TOLEDO, Ohio — Scott L. Myers, 20, died unexpectedly Nov. 14 after a brief illness. The coroner's report stated that death resulted from a massive pulmonary thromboembolism.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Myers, members, and brothers Eric, 17, Joseph, 13, Bruce, 7, and sister Merle-Lynn, 16.

Funeral services were conducted by George Kackos, pastor of the Toledo church.

Edward Ruiz of Glendale, Calif., and Fernando Xavier Barriga were united in marriage by the father of the groom, Fernando Barriga, pastor of the Mexican and Tigray, Mexico, and Sepulveda Pasadena Ambassador College lower gardens. Matron of honor was Marcia Del Castillo, sister of the groom, and best man was Luis A. Ruiz. Carlito and his brother-in-law, the couple reside at 1905 E. 4th St., Los Angeles, Calif., 90033, and attend the Pasadena Spanish church.

ANNIVERSARIES

To Frank and Sarah Ashfield of the Greensboro, N.C., church: Happy 26th anniversary Dec. 21 Mom and Dad! We love you. Ruth and Lesley.

Happy anniversary Dec. 28 to Tom and Carole Due. Thank you Mom and Dad for always being such wonderful, loving, caring parents (and now grandparents). Best wishes and many more happy anniversaries. Come with us from Erik, Ryan, Ronda, Ross, Jarrel, Diana and Jay.

You made it! Congratulations Dad and Mom (and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bone) on your 25th anniversary. We love you very much and hope you have many more. Your children: Franklin, Naomi, Rebecca, Sheba, Nehemiah, Stephanie, Lisa, Lett and Tasha.

Happy seventh anniversary Feb. 13, Mr. Erwin Schmidt: Thanks for your love and support. Your wife, Mary.

Happiest 28th anniversary Jan. 8 to Bill and Vera Gordon of San Bernardino, Calif., from your wonderful children and both sons-in-law: Micky and Leslie, Mike and Christy, Todd, Andy and Sue, with much love.

Weddings Made of Gold



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH PERRONE

LONG ISLAND, N.Y. — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perrone celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 5. They were baptized together in 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrone were given a surprise reception by their children and grandchildren Nov. 6. The couple went on a Caribbean cruise Dec. 3 to 10 as a gift to themselves.

The Perrones have one daughter who is also a member. Mr. Perrone is 82, and Mrs. Perrone is 72.

LEON, W.Va. — Bryan "Budley" Thomas, 76, baptized in 1983, died Nov. 26 of lung cancer. He attended the Parkersburg, W.Va., church.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife, Myrtle, also a member of the Parkersburg congregation.

Funeral services were conducted by Steven Botha, pastor of the Parkersburg, Charleston, Huntington and Logan, W.Va., churches.

DONIPHAN, Mo. — Hilda Blair, 82, died Nov. 22 in her sleep. She attended church in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Mrs. Blair is survived by two daughters and one son.

Funeral services were conducted by Clyde Kilough, pastor of the Jonesboro, Ark., and Poplar Bluff churches.

MIDLAND, Mich. — Gertrude Krueger, 69, a member for 12 years, died of a stroke Dec. 4. Garvin Greene, pastor of the Midland and Cadillac, Mich., churches, conducted funeral services in her hometown of Harbor Beach, Mich.

FORT PAYNE, Ala. — Emily D. Griffin, 74, died at home Nov. 17.

Mrs. Griffin, who was known by her friends as Grandma, was born in 1916.

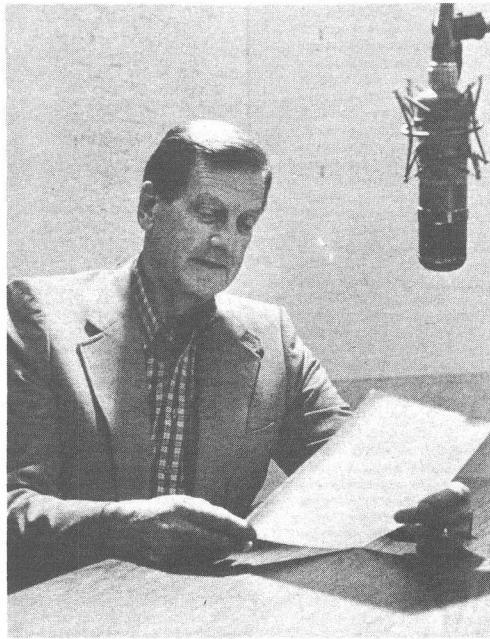
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FAMILIAR VOICE — Art Gilmore, a veteran of nearly 50 years in broadcasting, has been the regular announcer for *The World Tomorrow* for 25 years. He met Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in 1939. "I always try to give Mr. Armstrong, or anybody I work for, his money's worth," he says. [Photo by Craig Clark]

Filipino man serves president's mother

By Thomas C. Hanson

MANILA — When Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong conducted a campaign here May 17 to 19, 1974, Josefa Edralin Marcos, mother of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, attended. One of her assistants, Evaristo Edralin Sibayan, sat backstage as an uninterested member of the entourage.

On the first night Mr. Armstrong talked about how 6,000 years of mankind's rule was about over. That caught Mr. Sibayan's attention, and he went straight to his Bible when he got home to study about the two trees in the Garden of Eden.

What Mr. Armstrong said made sense. The next night Mr. Sibayan taped Mr. Armstrong's talk. In July he began attending services. That fall he attended his first Feast of Tabernacles, and Dec. 8, 1975, he was baptized.

Early years

Mr. Sibayan was born in Manila March 20, 1927. He moved with his family to the Baguio City gold mines area later that year.

One morning during the flag-

raising ceremony at his high school, he and the other students noticed airplanes flying in a V-formation. They thought the planes were friendly, but suddenly they broke formation and started bombing. Manila and Clark Field in the Philippines, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Hong Kong and Malaya were bombed at that time also.

The date was Dec. 8, 1941 (Dec. 7 in Hawaii, across the international date line). The planes were Japanese.

The Americans shut down the gold mines in the Baguio City area, and his family moved to Cavite, nearer to Manila, in April, 1942.

In October the Sibayan family moved to Manila. In November, 1943, they were evacuated to Ilocos Norte, where President Marcos was born. Mr. Sibayan finished high school here in 1947. The family returned to Manila later that year.

Mr. Sibayan graduated from the University of the East in Manila in 1952 with a degree in business administration.

From 1952 to 1963 he was a messenger and typist for the Philippine International Fair, a semigovern-

ment division of the Department of Commerce. He was transferred to the Department of Commerce in 1963, where he worked as a photographer before becoming an assistant to Mrs. Marcos Jan. 1, 1966, two days after Mr. Marcos became president.

Future wife

In June, 1958, Mr. Sibayan saw a woman getting a sandwich and soft drink at a roadside store at the Luneta Park in Manila. He immediately decided he wanted to meet her, introduced himself and invited her to visit his office at the Philippine International Fair. Her name was Lolita Aspenc Refuerzo.

The day of her visit they went for a walk with a chaperon and he asked her to marry him. Somewhat startled by a marriage proposal on the second meeting, she exclaimed, "What?"

However, six months later they

were married. And on Dec. 3 they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

The Sibayans have five daughters: Annie Laurie, 24, with a degree in nutrition; Kathryn Dorothy, 22, with a degree in economics; Myrtle Stephanie, 20, who is studying electronic engineering; Frances Gretchen, 17, in her first year of college, studying mass communications; and Holly Marie, 15, in her third year of high school. All attend the Worldwide Church of God except for the eldest, who is away in another country.

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"serious things," he said. "The programs we did were completely live. You did it right or you did it wrong. That was it."

He moved over to KNX, where he met Mr. Armstrong. "He came out of Oregon, bought some time, and went on the air at KNX. We had good coverage at the time," he remembered. "He liked the way I read the *World Tomorrow* opening, and every time he'd come back to town to do the program, he'd call me."

Over the years Mr. Gilmore has had hundreds of announcing assignments, including 16 years for *The Red Skelton Hour* on television and a few seasons with *Amos 'n' Andy* and other radio programs. He also appeared as an actor on such television programs as *Dragnet*, *Adam-12* and *Emergency!*

A free-lance announcer since 1941, Mr. Gilmore served as president of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists from 1961 to 1963 and was the founding president of Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters in 1966. He also coauthored *Television and Radio Announcing* with G.Y. Middleton, first published in 1946.

Mr. Gilmore lives with his wife, Grace, in Sherman Oaks, Calif., about 16 miles from the Ambassador College campus. Among his hobbies are flying and golf.

Mr. Gilmore obviously enjoys his work. And, after nearly 50 years in the broadcasting business, he has strong feelings about the proper role of the professional announcer.

"I've been sort of a purist on words," he said. "We hear a lot today about common usage. But I don't like usage to be common, because then it's sloppy and it's not correct."

"I think if you are on the air you owe it to your public to be the authority you're supposed to be."

He believes in the "old-fashioned" work ethic; that is, to give your employer his money's worth.

"Nobody owes you a living," said Mr. Gilmore. "When you go to work for somebody, he's paying you money, and you have to give him something in return. Give him a little more, there's nothing wrong with that."

"I always try to give Mr. Armstrong, or anybody I work for, his money's worth," he said. "I think that's what we owe people. We should do the job right."

Cliff-hanger

(Continued from page 2)
journalism abounded on every side.

However, the very next day, Dec. 8, brought a decidedly different flavor from the morning papers. Headlines were captioned with statements like: "European Leaders in Pledge for New Effort After Summit Failure," "Thatcher Message of Calm on EEC," "Time to Sit Tight" and "Thatcher Urges Patience on Reform of EEC Finances."

A *Guardian* editorial Dec. 7 came to the rescue with some much-needed clear-thinking on the crisis. Under the headline: "The Time to Hang In and Hang Tight," their main editorial writer had this to say: "Just as important, the EEC has a nerve-racking habit of progressing through 'crisis,' so that the stock in trade of rove journalists on the

Brussels beat has always been 'crisis looms . . . hopes rise . . . hopes dashed.' Contentious matters such as the ticking away of the budgetary bomb under the EEC do not get settled until they have to be settled. In the case of the Community running out of its legally voted money, that means midsummer at the earliest."

Continued the *Guardian* editorial: "There will no doubt be a good few horror headlines before then."

The lesson for us is fairly clear. We need to maintain our balance when a big story is breaking. We need to view major happenings in a clear historical context. We need to keep matters in perspective.

One day's newspaper headlines may be misleading. With the passage of a whole week, one gets a clearer picture. Expand that to one year and one begins to get a clear overview. Sometimes we need to view a crisis not just in terms of one year — but many, many years.

The WORLDWIDE NEWS

TV broadcast announcer sticks to 'old-fashioned' work motto

By Tom Delamater

PASADENA — "He just came in, bought time, and I, being on staff, was assigned to him."

That's how Art Gilmore describes his meeting with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong at radio station KNX in Hollywood, Calif., in 1939. That meeting led to Mr. Gilmore's long association with the Worldwide Church of God as announcer for the *World Tomorrow* program on radio and television.

"I guess the chemistry must have been right between Mr. Armstrong and me because we've been getting along quite well ever since," said Mr. Gilmore, who has been the regular announcer for *The World Tomorrow* since 1958.

While coincidence may have led to his involvement with the Church, it was no coincidence that by 1939 Mr. Gilmore had taken the first steps leading to a career in broadcasting.

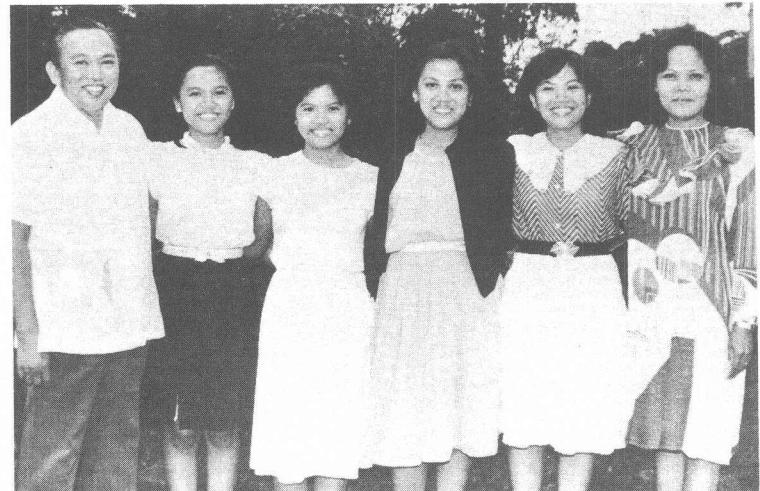
Born in Tacoma, Wash., in 1912, Mr. Gilmore found himself looking for work in 1930, in the depths of the Great Depression. He had an interest in business, so he began working for his father selling insurance on a commission basis.

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FILIPINO FAMILY — Evaristo Sibayan, an assistant to Josefa Edralin Marcos, mother of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, is shown with daughters Gretchen, Holly, Kathryn, Myrtle and his wife, Lolita. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

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

UPDATE

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** met the king and queen of Nepal at a Los Angeles World Affairs Council meeting Dec. 15, according to **Aaron Dean**, the pastor general's personal aide.

Mr. Armstrong, through the Ambassador Foundation, was host to a reception for King **Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev** and Queen **Aishwarya Rajya Lakshmi Devi Shah** before an address by the king. For the address Mr. Armstrong was seated at the head table at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel here.

Mr. Armstrong had met the king twice before in the early 1970s. Mr. Dean said. He first met him in 1971, when the king was crown prince.

"I spoke with an aide to the king who remembered Mr. Armstrong's visit quite vividly," said evangelist **Ellis La Ravia**. Mr. La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, attended the reception and dinner with his wife, **Gwen**.

The aide said that a clock given by Mr. Armstrong to the king as a protocol gift was still displayed "and running perfectly," Mr. La Ravia added.

Also attending were evangelist and Church treasurer **Leroy Neff**, and his wife, **Maxine**; evangelist **Raymond McNair**, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College, and his wife, **Evelyn**; evangelist **Joseph Tkach Sr.**, director of Ministerial Services; **David Hulme**, director of Media Purchasing and his wife, **Robin**.

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PASADENA — Employees of the Church's Publishing Services Department received "a morale booster that will last for months" Dec. 22 when Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** toured the department's facilities, said **Ray Wright**, director of Publishing Services.

"During his visit at Donnelley's [see article, page 1], Mr. Armstrong realized he hadn't visited the Publishing building for several years," said **Aaron Dean**, a personal aide to the pastor general.

The pastor general arrived for the visit at 4 p.m. and stayed until after 7 p.m.

"Many of our employees have been here for over 20 years and never really had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Armstrong," Mr. Wright said. "He toured the composing, graphics design, film assembly, multiview and other areas of publishing."

"Even though it was the first time he'd toured the building since 1969, he still remembered where the old Linotype [typesetting] machines and the Art Department were," Mr. Wright continued. Publishing Services now uses two computer phototypesetting systems to typeset the Church publications.

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PASADENA — A plaque commemorating 25 years of service to the Worldwide Church of God was presented to **Ralph Helge** of the Legal Office Dec. 17. The presentation was made during Pasadena Auditorium P.M. Sabbath services by evangelist **Joseph Tkach Sr.**, director of Ministerial Services.

The plaque read: "December, 1958 — December, 1983, Ralph K. Helge, In recognition of faithful service and commemorating his 25th Anniversary of steadfast dedication toward fulfillment of The Great Commission. In deep appreciation, Herbert W. Armstrong."

Mr. Helge received his law degree from DePaul University in Chicago, Ill., in 1954. He was baptized in 1958 and moved that year to Pasadena, where he began working for the Church. He graduated from Ambassador College in 1963.

Mr. Helge lives in Pasadena with his wife, **Ingrid**, and their two children, **Eric**, 20, and **Kristie**, 15.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Ten ministers and office personnel from the Caribbean attended a four-day conference in Barbados Dec. 12 to Dec. 15, according to **Stan Bass**, regional director of the office here.

Mr. Bass said the purpose of the conference was to discuss plans for the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles and to update the men on the regional directors' conference in Pasadena Oct. 30 to Nov. 7 (see "Regional Directors Hear HWA," *WW*, Nov. 7).

"Anytime you have a group of people separated like we are in the Caribbean it's important to get together and discuss policies," said Mr. Bass.

Also attending the conference was **Ronald Urwiller**, supervisor of the international mail section of the Mail Processing Center in Pasadena. During his trip Mr. Urwiller also traveled to Jamaica.

"We've experienced rapid growth in Jamaica as a result of the television and radio broadcasts, which have caused a tremendous upsurge in mail," said Mr. Urwiller, who met with the deputy postmaster general of the island to discuss plans for mailing

The Plain Truth to the Church Office there.

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OXFORD, Ala. — A tornado struck here Saturday evening, Dec. 3 at a shopping center 3 miles from where the Anniston, Ala., church meets, according to **Michael Hanisko Jr.**, pastor of the Rome, Ga., and Anniston churches. The tornado hit about 15 minutes after the conclusion of a Bible study.

Mr. Hanisko said the tornado destroyed a grocery store and severely damaged other buildings, killing two people and injuring about 60 others.

One family from the Anniston church, Mr. and Mrs. **Ford Langley** and their three daughters, had just entered a store next to the grocery store when the tornado struck. Mr. Langley, feeling the pressure change, told his family to get down on the floor, which they did just as the roof and back wall of the building collapsed, showering them with glass and debris.

Although there were serious injuries in the store, none of the Langleys were injured.

According to Mr. Hanisko, before the tornado struck, Anniston was almost entirely without electricity because of power failures caused by the storm. "I found out the next day that the only section of the city that did not lose power was a section just a few blocks long and a few blocks wide, with the Anniston church hall in the exact center," he said.



MEETING ROYALTY — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong talks with King Birendra of Nepal (left) at a Dec. 15 meeting of the Los Angeles (Calif.) World Affairs Council. (See "Updates," this page.)



INTERNATIONAL DESK

BY ROD MATTHEWS

on the edge of a lake near Makurdi in the central region, not far from the planned capital city of Abuja.

Subject to approval, it is hoped that this area can be developed more each year into a site where young people can be taught the principles of God, and where Church members can have activities promoting family life.

Two local church elders and a deacon were ordained in Nigeria. Lazarus Ekwelobeni and Adebayo Ogundale were ordained local church elders.

Netherlands

November was a difficult month for God's Church in the Netherlands. For one month Dutch public service workers disrupted public transportation, postal services and garbage collection.

The strike began when the government introduced wage cuts to cope with severe economic problems.

As one manager in Utrecht (where the Dutch Office is located) said, "People dependent on state spending have been sheltered from changes in the world economy, and over the past few months what we have witnessed is social shock therapy."

Bram de Bree, regional director for Dutch-speaking areas, said that many Dutch brethren depend on public transportation to attend services. Somehow public services were only slightly disrupted during the weekends, and regular services could take place at all locations.

Although unemployment is at an all-time high in the Netherlands, God is providing for His own household. Among brethren the unemployment rate is 2.9 percent compared with the national average of 17.7 percent.

Mr. de Bree mentioned that the brethren realize that the Netherlands is still blessed compared to other parts of the world.

Asia

Colin Kelly, a minister from the Australian Office responsible for coordinating the Asian churches, returned from an extensive visit to

that area. Nov. 15, he traveled to Hong Kong and met three people for the first time.

While there he had a Bible study attended by six people and baptized one woman. There are now three members in Hong Kong. *Plain Truth* circulation there has risen to 800.

Nov. 18, Mr. Kelly flew to Kota Kinabalu, the capital of the east Malaysian state of Sabah (on the island of Borneo) where he met with Yong Chin Gee, resident minister in Malaysia. They conducted a Bible study with a record 19 in attendance and contacted one interested new person there.

They then flew to Bandar Seri Begawan, capital of Brunei, which gained independence Jan. 1. They met the first two men from that country to request a visit.

One man had an excellent grasp of doctrine, but was experiencing problems in getting off for the Sabbath from his job as a teacher. Because the country is staunchly Moslem and was a British protectorate, the two nonwork days are Friday and Sunday.

Brunei is an oil-rich country on the northwest coast of the island of Borneo, sandwiched between the South China Sea and the Malaysian state of Sarawak.

Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah is head of state and his relatives fill many important posts in the country.

The oil revenues provide the country with sufficient income so that no personal income taxes need be levied. Generous social benefits are accorded the population of near 265,000.

Nov. 21, Mr. Kelly had a Bible study in Kuching, the capital of Sarawak, and six attended there.

Bolivia

For the first time in the history of God's Church, a minister will visit Bolivia. Reginald Killingley, pastor of the Lima, Peru, congregation, will travel to the Bolivian capital, La Paz (elevation 12,000 feet), in January to see a man requesting a visit, and to make arrangements for public Bible lectures in March.

Mr. Killingley was born in Bolivia, and was last there when he was 12.

Bolivia, a landlocked nation with a population of 5.3 million, has a 60 to 70 percent illiteracy rate and is principally populated by Aymara and Quechua Indians (who speak the language of the Incas).

At the end of 1980, there were

only about 20 subscribers to *La Pura Verdad* there, but because of efforts of a Church member employed at the time by the U.S. government in La Paz, a series of newspaper ads were placed and several other promotions undertaken. The *Pura Verdad* list stands at 1,977, a hundredfold increase in three years.

Argentina

Alberto Sousa, pastor of the congregation in Ezpeiza, Argentina, reported that the church there is growing. The number of donors increased by 132 percent over 1982, and co-workers are up 400 percent for the same period.

Mr. Sousa is working with a group of 20 to 25 people in Buenos Aires, Argentina, who became interested in the Church because of *Pura Verdad* lectures there last July. He hopes to conduct more lectures before the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Mr. Sousa's territory of responsibility also includes Brazil and Uruguay, where he plans to visit the capital, Montevideo, to arrange for promotions to build the subscription list.

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