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**CAMPERS MEET PASTOR GENERAL** — After his July 29 address to campers at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn., Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach takes time out for a group photograph with (from left) Philip Gadreau, Greg Burke and John Keyes. [Photo by Barry Baker]

## MPC director lists seven reasons

## Why people watch the telecast

**PASADENA** — The *World Tomorrow* television program brings new people into contact with God's Church in a variety of ways, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

"The program lends itself to holding the attention of a person who only inadvertently sees it or who just has a casual interest," said Mr. Rice.

"Many things do this — the compelling message, the articulate and forceful delivery of the speakers and the very professional graphics are just a few," Mr. Rice continued.

• Many hear about the *World Tomorrow* program through friends and neighbors, including Church members, co-workers, *Plain Truth* subscribers or other viewers.

• A large number of people are introduced to the telecast through a *Plain Truth* issue picked up at a newsstand or in a waiting room or someone's home.

• Others who spot an advertisement in *TV Guide* or hear about the Church's work through a newscast or newspaper are moti-

vated to look for the program.

- Some who feel they are performing their religious duty by watching religious programs instead of going to church on Sunday happen to catch the program.
- Some are confined indoors because of bad weather, health problems or other reasons. Browsing across the television channels, they stumble onto the telecast.

- People may discover the telecast while searching from channel to channel for a specific program, or before or after a favorite show is aired.

- Some who listened to the program on radio or watched the telecast years ago often decide to tune in again. The reasons vary widely.

Some viewers have commented

to the Church about how they first came in contact with the program.

One man related how he was forced to hear the program through the thin walls of his boardinghouse room. A neighbor who was hard-of-hearing turned up the volume of her television so loud that the man was unsuccessful in blocking it out.

He kept catching interesting bits of information, and after several programs he gave up and began to listen.

A man working in a television station said he was recording the telecast for his station and became interested in the message. He called in after the taping and was the first to respond to the program, since it had not yet aired.

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### Riddle answered

He asked the group a riddle, "What is greater than God and worse than the devil; if people lived on it they would die; if the dead had it over them they wouldn't be buried?"

Andrew Haden of Kansas City, Mo., correctly answered "nothing," according to Mr. Haworth.

Quoting from a speech by First Lady Nancy Reagan, wife of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, the pastor general described the experience of a 13-year-old who wrote to Mrs. Reagan. The young girl explained how her ordeal with drugs led to the delivery of a deformed, disfigured child who didn't live.

"Alcohol, pot, tobacco or drugs of any kind are not fun — they're deadly!" Mr. Tkach warned.

"When you go back to your respective church areas and homes, you ought to embrace your parents, your family, your mother and father, and thank God you came from a family that God decided to call."

Mr. Tkach reminded the campers that they are sanctified and set apart for a holy use, adding that the word *children* appears more than 1,700 times in the Bible. "That means you are quite important to God and to your parents."

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## Mr. Tkach urges SEP campers to 'be involved,' 'live God's way'

By Jeff E. Zorn

PASADENA — "What you learn here will be of benefit today, tomorrow, the next day — permanently, for all time," Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach told campers at the second session of the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Big Sandy July 23.

Speaking to 240 campers and 150 ministers, faculty and staff members assembled in the Ambassador College Field House, the pastor general added: "Make things happen at camp. Knowledge gained here is of no use if you don't put it into practice. You have to be participants. You have

to be involved."

The group responded enthusiastically with applause, cheers and whistles when Mr. Tkach began his address by asking, "Are you enjoying it or enduring it?"

Before the pastor general's address, camp director Larry Haworth presented to Mr. Tkach a card of appreciation and a pair of Tony Lama lizard-skin boots on behalf of the campers and staff.

For the daylong trip from Pasadena that began at 7 a.m., Mr. Tkach was accompanied by Michael Feazell and Joseph Locke, two of his personal assistants; Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration; evangelist Roderick C. Meredith, newly named deputy chancellor of Big Sandy Ambassador College; Dean May, director of the Church's Transportation and Fleet Department; Donna Patillo, executive secretary; and his Gulfstream III jet crew; captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and young Brothers.

After leaving the plane, the pastor general climbed into a golf cart driven by Mr. Haworth.

As they made their way to a limousine, campers lined the roadway ready to greet the pastor general.

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### Ground breaking

Before returning to Pasadena, Mr. Tkach directed a 6 p.m. ground breaking at the Roy Hammer Library, where an engraved stone will read, "The Word of God Is the Foundation of Knowledge."

On the Pasadena campus, such an inscription is etched on Ambassador Hall. "There is no similar inscription in Big Sandy, and Mr. Tkach feels there should be one," Mr. Feazell told *The Worldwide News* July 25.

"He wants it inscribed on a bronze plate imbedded on a massive rough-edged stone that will stand about four feet high."

"The stone will be at the left-hand entrance to the library building, opposite the monument inscribed with 'Roy Hammer Library.' Lights will shine on both stones."

Mr. Feazell added that the ceremony was videotaped by the Church's Media Services Department for use in the 1986 *Behind the Work* film.

Mr. Tkach and his party arrived back at the Burbank, Calif., airport shortly after 7 p.m.

### SEP at Orr

Mr. Tkach boarded the G-III again at 9 a.m., Pacific Standard Time (PST), July 29, for Orr, Minn., before flying on to England the next day. From England Mr. Tkach went to Scotland, Kenya and Northern Ireland. (That portion of the trip will be reported in the Aug. 25 *WN*.)

After landing at Orr regional airport at 2 p.m., CST, Mr. Tkach was greeted by ministers and SEP staff members. Accompanying Mr. Tkach on his trip to Orr were Mr. Locke; Mr. Feazell; his wife, Vicki; Mr. May; Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant; executive secretary Lois Weber; and the G-III crew.

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## PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

I am writing to you from London, England, on the first of my visits to our international regional offices.

We departed from Pasadena Tuesday, July 29, for the first order of business on this trip — to visit the second-session campers at our youth summer camp in Orr, Minn.

I had already visited the Big Sandy second-session campers on the previous Wednesday, July 23. Like the first session, I found these second-session campers enthusiastic, motivated and excited about the way of life they were being taught at the camps. On both these second-session visits I was able to schedule time to shake hands and briefly meet individually with most if not all the campers right after my main address to them.

Later that evening, July 29, Kermit Nelson, camp director and director of our Church youth programs, gave our travel party a demonstration of new

procedures and policies soon to be implemented in our Youth Opportunities United (YOU) basketball games. These new procedures will result in a much higher level of play for all and will promote unity, mutual support and respect, and encourage friendships among the players.

Dr. Nelson pointed out that all our teens are part of the fellowship of God's Church. Therefore, why should they go out on the court like the world does as *enemies*? They should be on the court as *family*, as friends — each doing his very best, and yet supporting and encouraging everyone else in the game!

They should look sharp and positive in the way they respond to the referee's calls and to substitutions. When one is substituted out of the game he should come out smiling because he's glad the other team member gets the chance to play and glad that he himself has had a chance to play.

As our young people learn how to play with top sportsman-

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# Why U.S. is losing the battle for its borders

PASADENA — Sunday evening, July 27, I had my first experience as a war correspondent. I only traveled three hours to reach the "front" — the U.S. border with Mexico at San Ysidro, Calif., a part of the city of San Diego.

Along with my son, Neal, and two *Plain Truth* photographers, I had been invited by Harold Ezell, the Western regional commissioner for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), to view what he calls "the invasion" — the nightly penetration of America's southern border by thousands of illegal immigrants.

The statistics presented to us at a briefing by Mr. Ezell and the chief patrol agent for the San Diego sector, Alan F. Eliason, were frightening. In 1985, 6,558 illegal aliens were apprehended in the San Diego sector.

Twenty years later, the number had skyrocketed to more than 427,000. This year the number could be more than 600,000. Arrests of aliens entering the U.S. illegally last year amounted to 1.2 million.

These figures are for the INS official — Harold W. Ezell, Western regional commissioner.

After the briefing we observed the most notorious illegal entry point in the San Diego sector. In the fading evening light, we looked



INS OFFICIAL — Harold W. Ezell, Western regional commissioner.

down from the Otay Mesa into a valley. Hundreds of illegal aliens were already standing just inside the unfenced border.

They were preparing for the nocturnal rush up onto the mesa, hoping to get through and across its thickened ravines. Many would make contact with "coyotes," waiting to take them in automobiles and trucks farther north, into the relative safety of the Mexican-American

these people through an infrared telescope that allows night vision — Vietnam War technology brought to bear on the border.

An estimated 2,300 are apprehended every night at San Ysidro. That is only 40 to 50 percent of those who attempt to break past the

## WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG



can community of East Los Angeles. Los Angeles County, observed Mr. Ezell, is "the illegal alien capital of the country."

### A nightly invasion

At another location, along the banks of the Tijuana River, where it veers north of the border, additional crowds were gathered. After nightfall we watched the movements of

thin line of border control agents, their four-wheel-drive wagons and the searchlights of hovering helicopters. Since most of those who are caught try again, the INS admits it eventually keeps out only 10 to 15 percent of those trying to enter illegally.

We were taken to the barracks to view the nightly roundup. While

the vast majority of those caught are Mexican nationals, the most startling increase so far this year — up 65 percent — is among those classified as "OTMs" — other than Mexican.

OTMs have been caught this year coming through Mexico from 66 countries. While the majority of these arrive from El Salvador and Guatemala, more than 200 came last year from India, 163 from mainland China and nearly a hundred from Yugoslavia.

"Almost a United Nations of illegal aliens are penetrating this border," said Chief Eliason.

The number of Mexican nationals apprehended is so great the government cannot prosecute them. They are simply held for six hours and returned to the border.

"We are in the people moving business," observed Chief Eliason. "It's the only choice we have right now." America's gates of entry are, in reality, revolving doors.

The OTMs present a different and perplexing problem for the INS. We went into the OTM male barracks. Most were from Guatemala and El Salvador.

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## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## 'Till death do us part'

Tuesday was not a good day for Matt, my youngest son. In his office he kept two fish — black Moors — in a large sphere-shaped glass bowl with red pebbles in the bottom to match his black and red office decor. My son is a graphics artist.

Ink and Spot seemed to be happy together. They were living the good life, with a beautiful home and all their needs promptly supplied. No financial problems, no in-law problems — no problems at all.

But their serenity was not to last. In spite of a lot of attention and care, Ink and Spot developed a disease common to fish and became terminally ill. As it turned out, according to my son, they were not even separated at death. They went down together.

What do the words "till death do us part" mean to you? To most of us, they're a solemn reminder of one of the few vows we will take in our lifetimes — the marriage vow. In a rosy glow of anticipation, our future mate beside us, we hear the words and we know the expected response and we give it.

But have we really counted the cost? Are we approaching that vow as seriously as we should? From the letters I receive, in many cases, no, we haven't and no, we aren't.

I'm writing to you singles as well. Are you really counting the cost of sometime developing and maintaining a permanent, very intimate relationship between yourself and another human being?

No, in many instances, you aren't. Why aren't you and why didn't those who are already married? Because you and they prefer your romantic illusion of what marriage is to the reality. We are all this way. We naturally think in terms of get, instead of give.

When we are contemplating marrying that so-special person, we don't like to think negatively about death and illness and hard times. But, like Ink and Spot, serious problems can and will come to any relationship at one time or another.

### A training ground

And don't think those difficult things others have faced won't happen to you. Marriage is a training ground for Christians. God com-

mends us to live joyfully with our mates in a society that ridicules His guidelines for marriage. We're human beings. We're bound to have problems.

Many of them we will bring on ourselves, but at times we're going to have problems in spite of everything we do to avoid them.

It's like when the apostle Paul warned the centurion against sailing to Crete. He tried to avoid the problems he knew would definitely happen if they sailed. Paul did all he could, but he still had to suffer through a tremendous storm and shipwreck, right along with those guilty of making that nearly fatal decision to sail. Read about it in Acts 27.

Life is like that. Storms and shipwrecks will come along in your marriage.

When they do, will you hang in there as Paul did, trusting God to deliver you? Or will you say nobody told me it would be like this — this isn't fair — I can't take it any more — and quit and give up on the whole thing? God expects more of us.

And I don't mean just enduring, either. God expects more than just enduring through a marriage. Maybe bad decisions were made or maybe you didn't really count the cost. That doesn't mean you can justly not working on perfecting your marriage relationship.

### Make the change

Where do you start? You start by first perfecting your relationship with God. I know that may sound pretty basic, but hear me out.

Some of your marriages have deteriorated to the point that you are deeply lonely. You singles may be surprised to learn that married people can be lonely. Their mates may be physically there, but the communication is little and unsatisfying or practically none at all.

There should never be a time when a Christian experiences intense, painful loneliness. If there is, you are not as close to God as you should be. Quite kidding yourself. Don't expect your mate to fill a vacuum you have created because you have allowed yourself to drift away from God.

God first in your life. Why

not start today to make a list of things that keep you every day from praying and studying and meditating the amount of time you need to establish and maintain your relationship with your Creator? Actually, it will be a list showing how you are breaking the First Commandment.

But go ahead, be brave and do it. I have, and it's frightening. But it's also a valuable motivational tool that can change your life.

Then set yourself to not let anything keep you from your time with God. Work out a time even if you must get up in the middle of the night to do it. Jesus Christ did. Talk to God about your hopes, your dreams. Ask Him to show you through your Bible study and through Sabbath messages and His publications how you can love and serve your mate more.

After the first few awkward tries, you'll find this two-way conversation with your best Friend not only truly satisfying, but rewarding in that you have the ear of a Being who can change things in your life. You will begin to look forward to that time with Him.

But, be aware, don't use God for an excuse to ignore your mate and family. You won't be blessed if you do, no matter how many hours you spend on your knees.

Quit blaming your mate or circumstances for your unhappiness and lack of peace of mind. You should be able to say, with the apostle Paul, that "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11).

He attained that state of contentment by staying close to God. There's no other way.

### Learn from others

What's your storm? What's your shipwreck? Get close to the Being who can deliver you completely from your problems or guide you successfully through them. And you singles, talk to some married folks about the kind of problems you can expect to face in marriage.

For example, if you plan to marry someone who has been married before, talk to several who have done so. Second marriages are made or maybe you didn't really count the cost. That doesn't mean you can justly not working on perfecting your marriage relationship.

Get to know your prospective mate well. People interested in one another tend to try to appear as compatible as possible.

Don't be pressured into making one of the most important and significant vows of your life. Get counsel, and once you've made that vow, stay close to God and trust Him to help you keep it.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## Eurowords help unite European Community

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Never underestimate the power of information. Never underestimate the power of words. Never underestimate the power of propaganda.

*Our Eurospounder wrote this diary on a visit to San Antonio, Tex.*

Used rightly — and for a godly purpose — words are wonderful tools. The whole universe was created by the Word of God. Jesus Christ is called the Word in the first chapter of John. "In the beginning was the Word" (John 1:1).

God's truth goes out to the world by the vehicle of words. God gets through to human beings by the thought process. And thoughts are expressed through words.

But as one philosopher put it: "Words can ignite genocidal passions and squash civilized societies. It is not hard for us to believe that words may eventually destroy our world."

Eurowords may help create the monster that will eventually destroy Western civilization. They are rife throughout Britain and Western Europe. Even here in San Antonio I saw a sign about Euro car imports.

About five years ago the Euro-prefix emerged as a new phenomenon in English verbiage. Eurowords will be with us for a long time. Some journalists coins a new one nearly every day.

Common Market parlance is replete with Eurowords. There are now Euromarkets, Eurobanks, Eurobonds, Eurocards, Eurocredits and Eurobonuses.

A bureaucrat is now a Eurocrat. Opinion polls are Europolls. A seat in the European Parliament is, you guessed it, a Euroseat. Parliamentary elections are, of course, Euroelections. One who supports the EEC is now a Euroenthusiast. When things go wrong, the Community is beset with Eurogloom.

Sometimes one sees the Euro-prefix joined as a single word (Eurotrade). Sometimes a hyphen separates the prefix (Euro-passport). Sometimes the expres-

sion entails two distinct words (Eurotourist). I'm still looking for a logical usage pattern.

Eurowords are a boon to the Common Market. They are powerful propaganda tools. They get people to think European. They are just one more indication of the 10-nation combine that will astonish mankind.

I have a large collection of Eurowords. All have been spotted in newspapers and magazines or on signs. My sole contribution is the expression *Euroword*. Watch its effect!

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# Foundation sponsors reception marking Sister Cities' 30th year

By David H. Evans

PASADENA — "What a great honor to welcome all of you and thank Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach and Ambassador Foundation for their generosity for permitting us to come to this magnificent facility [Ambassador Auditorium]," Tom Bradley, mayor of Los Angeles, Calif., said at a Sister Cities International reception July 16.

*David Evans is an assistant to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.*

The reception on the Ambassador College campus was the opening event celebrating the organization's 30th anniversary, according to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

In attendance were representatives from more than 200 U.S. cities and 25 nations, as well as representatives of the Church, Ambassador College and the foundation, including Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

Sister Cities International is "dedicated to furthering global understanding by forming and encouraging sister city relationships between U.S. communities and cities throughout the world."

The theme of the reception was "Fiesta Al Fresco" and featured Spanish and Mexican dishes prepared and served by brethren from the Pasadena Spanish church and Ambassador College students.

The Ambassador Foundation's involvement began when Mr. La Ravia attended a meeting of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

"They were discussing the need for support, and we offered to sponsor a reception on campus and host the opening of the conference in the Auditorium," Mr. La Ravia said.

The foundation was also host to a group from the Soviet Union.

After the reception groups from New Zealand, Taiwan, the Soviet Union and Israel performed traditional and modern songs and dances

in the Ambassador Auditorium. Afterward an informal reception was given for the performers, many of whom greeted Mr. Tkach. The dancers from the Soviet Union said that the Auditorium was such a fine facility that they found it unnecessary to spend much time rehearsing.

Of the evening's activities Mr. Tkach said: "To me it was a unique experience. It's a proven fact that when people of different nations come together with a common cause they leave prejudices behind. I believe this is a key to having a successful venture like this."

He continued: "The experiences we're having here are helping to sharpen us for the big event — when

we will be involved in bringing real and lasting peace with Jesus Christ. We can see events such as this to be training sessions preparing us for the time to come."

"God has given us a wonderful calling that is not for personal benefit only — that would be practicing the way of the world, which is based on get. What we are experiencing will be experienced by all the world," Mr. Tkach said.

The conference, which took place in Los Angeles, concluded July 19. Richard Neuheisel, president of SCI, said that "the high point of the conference was the event which took place on the Ambassador College campus."



**SCI RECEPTION** — Sister Cities International (SCI) officials pose with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach in the Ambassador Auditorium July 16, at a reception in commemoration of SCI's 30th anniversary. From left: Richard Neuheisel, SCI president; Juanita St. John of the Los Angeles, Calif., Mayor's Council; Ethelda Singer, conference chairwoman; and Mr. Tkach. [Photo by G.A. Bellucci Jr.]

## Peace takes action,' says pastor general

PASADENA — This article is taken from comments made by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, at a Sister Cities International reception July 16 at Ambassador College.

**Mr. La Ravia:** Greetings, and welcome to all of you. We're happy to have all of our guests here from not only the United States but from 25 countries from around the world.

Of course, it's the city of Los Angeles [Calif.] that is hosting the 30th anniversary of the Sister Cities International, but we are very happy this evening to host the opening reception here in Pasadena.

I would like to introduce to you now for some remarks the chairman of Ambassador Foundation, Mr. Joseph W. Tkach.

**Mr. Tkach:** Greetings and a pleasant good evening to everyone. This is indeed an honor and a pleasure for me to welcome you to Ambassador College, which is the home base for the Ambassador Foundation, as well as the headquarters of the Worldwide Church of God.

The Ambassador Foundation (and the Worldwide Church of

God) extend far beyond the shady tree-lined streets of Pasadena. And I believe all of you can attest to that because you're witness to the far-reaching effects that our work does have.

As our world increasingly shrinks in size via the modern miracles of communication and transportation, world problems, unfortunately, seem to be expanding. Common parlance today speaks of the First World, Second World and Third World. In reality, we're all on the same world. And more and more we either swim together or we sink together.

What we have accomplished up to this point with the Sister Cities program illustrates what can be accomplished as far as world peace is concerned.

Nearly 40 years ago, Ambassador College was founded as a coeducational, international institute of higher learning, training ambassadors for world peace. The founder, Herbert W. Armstrong, realized that knowledge, unless put to meaningful use, was of no real value at all.

Young people should not only be taught how to make a living, but how to live. And most importantly, how to live with one another in peace, such as the Sister Cities program is helping to bring about. Wishful thinking never produced anything.

We refer to Ambassador College as an institute of higher learning, because we look above to the Master Educator for revealed knowledge as to how to walk with our fellowman. On the wall of Ambassador Hall you will find inscribed the words that "God is the foundation of knowledge."

That same God has declared that He has made of one blood all nations, such as we have represented here this evening, to dwell on the face of the earth. Not to perpetuate war, but to make peace, and to live in peace and in harmony and unity with one another.

Here at Ambassador College we do have peace. We have a multilingual, multilingual, multicultural, multiracial college. And yet we have peace on this campus. The Worldwide Church of God teaches the way to peace.

Wherever the Ambassador Foundation reaches, peace, beauty and harmony between peoples is produced. Why? We have found God's way work, and they work the best.

Simply put, it is the way of give, outflowing, outgoing concern, which is away from self, an outgoing concern toward our fellowmen that the Creator and Master Educator has given us in the form of His laws that govern human relationships. This is the only way in which world

peace can be brought about. These show us the way to real happiness.

Mankind has not even begun to bridge the gap as to what real happiness can mean in their lives. One of the great beacons that He has given us to light the way is to love our neighbors as ourselves. And not until we learn that lesson, and put it into effect in our daily lives, will that ever be achieved.

Tonight before me lies a diverse mosaic of mankind enriched by human resources from around the world. We do appreciate the golden opportunity of being able to host the Sister Cities program here, and having the various delegates from around the world represented here today. To keep this concept alive and to strengthen the tiles of this mosaic, the law of giving must be applied again and again and again.

But this concept is not merely for "me and mine" — as far as we're concerned here on the Ambassador College campus. It also includes "thee and thine," if I could use that expression.

God says blessed are the peacemakers, not the peace-hoppers, or the peace-wishers, or the wishful thinkers, because peace has never been brought about simply by wishful thinking.

It takes action. It takes involvement, a hands-on experience, and getting involved in bringing together people who can bring about and produce the peace that mankind would like to achieve.

So, peace has got to be worked at, worked for and made to happen, just like anything else. It doesn't come by wishful thinking only. You being here as a part of the Sister Cities International tells me that you have rolled up your sleeves likewise, because you are concerned about wanting to have proper relations among all people. And you have shown by your fruits that you are willing to go to work as a committee of one, a city of one, to work for world peace, and how beautiful it can be.

Many hands, as the old expression says, can make a heavy task light. But that takes cooperation. It takes teamwork. It takes the attitude of walking together, and that we all be agreed in going in that direction.

So we all need to sit down together, to eat together, to work together, to play together. And if we broke bread more often, such as we did here this evening at the tables as we were here tonight, this would be a much better world in which to bring up our offspring, and to pass on a heritage to our children that they can look forward to and be proud of us as their parents who have left them this heritage.

Having such an auditing firm to evaluate and advise us has brought about continual improvement in the quality of our records, not only here in the United States, but in our offices around the world. We want to maintain our records in such a fashion that we know where all funds have come from and where they have gone. This requires continual vigilance and effort on the part of everyone involved in the hundreds of thousands of financial transactions each year.

Learning about one another as we sit down in breaking bread, talking

and listening to each other's needs, each other's problems, and expressing the kind of concerns we should have in fulfilling God's Word, to love your neighbor as yourself. That is why God gave us two ears and only one mouth. Obviously, that we should be listening twice as much as we are talking. Isn't that true?

Our God did not create man with a fist, but with an open hand to serve and to give and to build up, to extend that helping hand to our neighbor, our fellowman. And in so doing, helping to bring about what the world desires as far as peace is concerned.

So tonight, it gives me great pleasure to open up our hearts here at Ambassador College, the Ambassador Foundation and the Worldwide Church of God, which have sponsored all of these activities, and the facilities here, in offering you the opportunity this evening to help make the 30th anniversary of the Sister Cities International a most memorable occasion and, hopefully, something that cannot be topped anywhere else.

That may sound like I'm a little prejudiced, but "hopefully" because we truly reflect the way in which we have been commissioned to live our lives.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the vice president of the foundation, Mr. Ellis La Ravia, and his lovely wife, as well as the staff along with them, who have been responsible for the lion's share of all of the work that it took to put together this program in offering the services here at the Ambassador College campus. So let's give them a big applause.

You know, in helping to bring about the kind of peace that we desire to have in this world, it takes a great deal of understanding of what goes on behind the scenes to prepare for an event such as we do have here this evening.

But I'm not going to belabor the issue. I know you're probably tired of listening to me now. We have other people that we want to hear from.

But before doing that — if I had a glass of wine, I would like to make a toast here, such as I did in my office a few minutes ago. This evening in my office I made a toast with those who were up there. I said, "Here's to building bridges between all nations and all people."

And, as I said in my speech earlier, that can only come about with a hands-on experience, a personal involvement that goes beyond just a spectator's viewpoint, but from a participant, one who is actively involved in bringing all of these things.

So thank you. I wish you a very delightful evening for the remainder of the program.

### Report from

#### the Treasurer's Office

*Jerry Neff*

PASADENA — We are pleased that the July increase this year was 14.1 percent more than July, 1985. This is especially encouraging since last July was 17.1 percent higher than the previous year. The year-to-date increase now stands at 7.9 percent, which is almost 1 percent above budget.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach had a meeting with the Arthur Andersen & Co. auditors July 28. This was his first annual meeting with them as chairman of the board and chief executive officer. Representing Financial Services in the meeting were Fred Stevens, Accounting Department manager, and the treasurer.

The auditors gave Mr. Tkach a comprehensive overview of the audit process, how it was done, their evaluation of the financial records of the institution and suggestions for improvement. They had similar meetings with the late Herbert W. Armstrong each year since they were first engaged in 1979.

Their firm audits most of our international offices, as well as the United States. In 1985 their audit covered 95 percent of both the income and assets of the institution. Other auditors submitted their reports on other offices, and in a few very small areas no audit is needed. For 1986 Arthur Andersen will audit three additional international areas.

They rated our internal accounting controls for both income and expenditures as being above average. There has been great improvement in this area since they were first engaged. This has come about by our own desire to make improvements, and by their annual written suggestions on how to improve our controls and record keeping.

Having such an auditing firm to evaluate and advise us has brought about continual improvement in the quality of our records, not only here in the United States, but in our offices around the world. We want to maintain our records in such a fashion that we know where all funds have come from and where they have gone. This requires continual vigilance and effort on the part of everyone involved in the hundreds of thousands of financial transactions each year.

## Personal

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ship and crisp order, both they and the spectators will come to appreciate and enjoy a much higher quality of game.

I know God will be pleased with the fruit of the right attitude and approach by players, coaches and spectators (yes, there is even some instruction we all need as spectators, which will greatly enhance the quality of our games).

Even in the softball games at the camp you could see the fruit of the right approach to competition. I did not see any booing or jeering of the batters by the fielders. Instead there were shouts of encouragement from both teams for each batter. There was cheering for each good play from both teams. There were encouraging words of support for those who missed plays, or struck out from both teams.

All the players pulled together to help encourage and support one another. They were on the field as friends who showed concern for each other whether they were on the opposing team or not, and yet, each worked hard to do his best.

It can be done! And it pays off! The stronger players did not ridicule or sneer at the weaker players. They encouraged them, set a good example for them and cheered for them. And in that way inspired them to try even harder.

Brethren, what a blessing we



**BIG SANDY SEP** — Campers at the second session of the Summer Educational Program (SEP) site in Big Sandy share a communications class July 23 with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

and our children have to be able to be involved in God's patient, loving process of education, that we can grow to exemplify God's way in every aspect of our lives.

We had to leave Orr at 1 a.m., Wednesday morning, July 30, for the seven-hour trip to London. We tried to stay awake on the plane as much as possible in an effort to adjust to European time more easily upon our arrival. We landed at Luton Airport shortly before 3 p.m., London time.

As this was my first visit to London, Frank Brown, regional director of our British Office, had arranged a full day of touring for us on Thursday. Gerhard Marx, a local member and registered tour guide, explained the

rich history behind the buildings and monuments he showed us.

We walked through Prime Minister Winston Churchill's underground cabinet war rooms, from which he directed the government during the Nazi air raids on London during World War II. We also toured famous Westminster Abbey, coronation place of the monarchs of England, where we saw the stone of Scone, thought to be Jacob's pillow stone, under the coronation chair.

Later we toured the infamous Tower of London, literally a small city within a city, where enemies of the state were often imprisoned or executed. As Mr. Marx described details of the murderous intrigue behind the scramble to achieve and maintain power by some of England's

tour, but what is more important, it was a valuable experience. I have a much better understanding of the Russian people and the nation as a whole.

Red Oak, Tex.

Church with the help of an unconverted but supportive and loving mate. God has given me so much through them! YOU and SEP led me in the right direction during those vital teenage years. Ambassador College has added a dimension beyond words — and I look forward to another year of it. The college has offered me many unique opportunities. Studying in China is the latest of these wonderful open doors.

Pasadena Ambassador College

We are learning a lot and we are doing our best to be the kind of Ambassadors that you and Jesus Christ would have us to be. None of this would be possible without Ambassador Foundation which Christ is actively directing through you.

Thank you for the awesome leadership that you provide for all of us. I pray for you and this great Work every day, and thank God that He has given me the opportunity to be among the First Fruits as well. It is a very exciting time to be alive! Mr. Tkach you have my 100 percent support and prayers. Keep up the good work. We love you!

Pasadena Ambassador College

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### Russian tour

I was a participant on the Russian tour and I enjoyed it very much. It was my first time to travel overseas, and it was very interesting to see the differences and the similarities between the Soviet Union and the United States. We spoke with a few Russian people and it was particularly interesting to hear their feelings towards Americans. I learned that most of the people were very nice and that they want peace with the United States.

I always knew I had a lot to be thankful for, but this trip helped me to see how blessed we really are. I met a lot of YOU students and made some great new friends. I feel that the trip was a great success.

Flower Mound, Tex.

I was one of the few fortunate people to go on the recent YOU tour of the Soviet Union. I am very grateful for the wonderful opportunity to have toured the other world superpower and observe differences between it and the United States, to a small degree.

I enjoyed myself very much on the

monarchs, we had to be reminded of the similar history of ancient Israel.

On Thursday evening, July 31, Mr. and Mrs. Brown were hosts for a barbecue for us with a number of the local staff and members at their home in Bricket Wood. This gave us an opportunity to get to know many of the staff members before our tour of the office the next day.

On Friday, Aug. 1, after touring our offices at Elstree House in Borehamwood, we conducted our Annual General Meeting and our Board Meeting for the Church.

Present were Mr. Brown, regional director, Francie Bergin, regional business manager, Alan Brooks, Howard Silcox, David Finlay and Keith Watts, longtime local Church members who serve as members of the board, Ralph Helge, the Church's legal counsel from Pasadena, Michael Feazell, my assistant, and myself, board chairman.

After the meeting we had lunch with the regional office staff and board members in the office's conference room. There I was able to make presentations of a 25-years-of-service plaque and watch to John Jewell, pastor of our churches in Northern Ireland, and Lawrence Harlington, who though not a Church member, faithfully served our late Pastor General Herbert Armstrong as a driver for more than 26 years.

Friday afternoon we drove from Elstree House to Radlett to tour Ambassador Press Ltd., a division of the printing and mailing firm Passmore International,

where the European language editions of *The Plain Truth* are printed. A member of the Passmore family personally conducted the tour for us.

The Passmore family had acquired Ambassador Press from the Church when the press was sold in 1981. We have a fine relationship with them and they seem to take great pride in maintaining the high standards of quality of *The Plain Truth*.

From Radlett we drove a short distance back to Bricket Wood to tour the site of our former Ambassador College campus. The former campus is now a staff college and conference center for the Central Electricity Generating Board. It was easy to see the dignity and quality of Ambassador College in the grounds and buildings as we were shown around. The only thing missing was the most important — the students. Certainly the English campus performed a great service to God's work in its 14 years of operation.

We finally had the opportunity to meet a great number of the English brethren on the Sabbath, Aug. 2. Brethren from more than 24 congregations met together in the Wembley Conference Centre in London for services. And what a warm and enthusiastic reception we were given!

After services I was able to meet individually with the brethren for about two hours. What a joy! It is always so amazing that wherever you go God's people are the same! God's Holy Spirit binds us together in love infinitely more strongly than the bonds of family or national heritage.

Later that evening I had time to meet with all the local full-time ministers and local church elders. I hope it was as profitable for them as it was for me.

Sunday, Aug. 3, it was off to Loch Lomond, Scotland, to visit young campers from all over Europe at our Scottish summer camp! I'll pick up the story there next issue.

With love in Jesus' name,  
Joseph W. Tkach

## Letters to the editor

### Students in China

Greetings from China! I just want to let you know that our project is going well and that I'm extremely thankful for this opportunity. If it weren't for the College and the foundation, and God behind them, I couldn't dream of this sort of travel!

We're not just learning a language, we're learning about another kind of society. In many ways it's intensive training for the Kingdom, because it helps us see how we take both the good and the evil of Western society for granted. We can see that nothing has to be done the way it's done in America; instead, we can ask ourselves, what is the best way?

I feel I'm growing in understanding and wisdom in ways I wouldn't have done otherwise.

Life on a foundation project has its growth experiences as well. Some of us were friends before, and some only acquaintances, but now we're learning not just to coexist but to live in harmony, not just as friends but as family. When I think of the eight of us being the total Church of God in China, I felt an awesome responsibility to be a microcosm of the Church as a whole, an example and a light, representatives of the Work of the living God.

I can also empathize much more with our scattered brethren around the world, who have to keep the Sabbath and sometimes Holy Days on their own, perhaps not seeing a minister for weeks or months on end. All in all, I'm beginning to understand why Ambassador has so many foreign projects — travel is a lot of fun, and yet it's far more educational than I ever imagined! I hope many more Ambassador students can have such opportunities.

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I am one of the eight AC students here on the AICF summer program. Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity. We are learning to speak Chinese, but we are learning much more than just the language. We are learning how to find the true values in a way of life so different than the average American life-style. Our hardships here also help us to appreciate Manasseh's blessings.

God has blessed me greatly! My mother faithfully raised me in the

"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;

I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock.

God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day;

I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time to pray.

Winfield, Kan.

## Employees honored for 25-year labor of love'

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach awarded personalized plaques and watches bearing the Ambassador College seal to 31 employees who have worked for the Church or college for 25 or more years.

The presentations, made over the past three months, were, Mr. Tkach said, a way of "expressing our appreciation for the labor of love that these individuals contributed for 25 years . . . In most of these cases it was long overdue."

(Some employees received their 25-year plaques earlier and received their watches during this time.)

In April, Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La., churches, and his wife, Madeline, received watches during the fourth session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program.

May 10, at Sabbath services, Mr. Tkach announced that he had presented 25-year plaques and watches to Dale Hanway, Mary Hill, Mary Leskey, Marvin Lindsey and Larry Miller.

Also in May, Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, on behalf of Mr. Tkach honored the following people: Hal Baird Jr., Faye Carwile, Jack Elliott, Ray Fisk, Buck Hammer, Kenneth

Herrmann, Burk and Sue McNair, Kermit Nelson, Norvel Pyle, Edmund C. Smith, Paul Smith, Lynn Torrance and Donald Wendt.

In June, Mr. Salyer made presentations to Dexter H. Faulkner, James and Marjorie Fiddle, Ralph K. Helge, Clarence Huse, Werner Jebens, Carroll Miller, Leroy and Maxine Neff and Clayton Steep.

## For the record

PASADENA — Mabel Rogers, 94, was incorrectly identified as Clara Candiote in the page 1 photo caption of the July 28 *Worldwide News*. Shown pushing Mrs. Rogers' wheelchair is Edwin Gaugler, a deacon in the Harrisburg, Pa., church, who was baptized in July, 1959.

Mrs. Rogers, a Church member who was baptized in September, 1958, is a shut-in at the United Methodist Home in Lewisburg, Pa. She visited Mount Pocono, Pa., July 19 to hear Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

"It made her day to talk to Mr. Tkach," said Mr. Gaugler's wife, Gladys. "She really looked forward to shaking the pastor general's hand — and she did."



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

Traveling overseas for the Feast?

## Recognize the needs of others

By Samuel Kneller

"Hello, good evening. I'm calling you from New York. Is that Mr. Kneller in Paris? I'll be in your city next week on the way to the Feast in Europe. Can anyone put me up for two nights and show me the sights of Paris?"

*Samuel Kneller pastors the Paris, France, church.*

A reasonable request, you might be thinking. After all, the Bible says that if you forsake lands, homes, brothers and sisters, God will give you a hundredfold (Mark 10:29-30). Besides, Church brethren are usually hospitable (Romans 12:13) and willing to give a helping hand to someone in need, or serve when the occasion arises. So you may think this request is really giving someone an opportunity to serve.

True. God's people are a serving people. They do go out of their way to help others. This is a strong unifying factor in the begotten Family of God.

But let's take a closer look at this request, which I actually received, and see what it entails. The request, made in honesty and sincerity, intended no malice. Many of us have not traveled to a foreign country — or even to a different part of our country. When faced with all the exciting — and often perplexing — challenges of travel, we may accidentally ask some favors of our brethren that could cause them hardship. By looking at this telephone conversation, I'd like to point out a few ideas that may help avoid that.

### Time zones

"Hello, good evening. I'm calling you from New York. Is that Mr. Kneller in Paris?" Evening in New York at 8 p.m. is 1 a.m. in Paris. It is true that the ministry is here to serve at all hours of the day or night, but it would have been more considerate to call earlier in the day.

In this case, not wanting to turn on the light and disturb my wife, I slipped going down the stairs and cut my heel. To avoid unduly troubling someone in a foreign country, check the time zone of the country you're calling and note how many hours it is ahead of or behind your local time. Some atlases and telephone directories have world time-zone maps.

### Accommodations

"I'll be in your city next week on the way to the Feast." In other words, this guest wanted accommodations just a few days before the Feast began. This is a busy time when families are preparing for departure to a Feast site. It is not the best time to have a guest. Other

times of the year would not be as much of a problem.

The visitor should consider staying at a hotel. Yes, it will cost more money, but that should be budgeted into second-tithe expenses. And remember, hotels may not be readily available without reservations in some countries.

One way to decide where to stay might be to write to the Church office or minister in the area you will be visiting, state your budget and period of stay and ask for hotel information and recommendations. Do this at least two or three months ahead of your visit to avoid problems. Or check with a competent travel agent. Travel agents can offer a wealth of information, and their services are usually free.

"I'm on my way to the Feast in Europe." Sometimes people will buy round-trip (return) tickets (for example, New York to Paris and back to New York) and not worry about transportation to or from other areas. Some call the minister and ask to ride with a family heading in the direction they want to go. This can often cause difficulties for the family involved.

Instead, call or write to the embassy, consulate, tourist office or national airline office in your country to obtain information about means of transportation, times and fares.

Some words of caution: Handicapped people and singles — especially single women — need to remember they are traveling in "this present evil world" (Galatians 1:4), and prepare accordingly. Single women with no itinerary, no hotel reservations and little experience in a foreign culture or language are looking for trouble. Single men and women should avoid the appearance of evil in traveling together.

"Can anyone put me up for two nights?" In many countries brethren do not have spacious living quarters and extra guest rooms. These brethren may have the desire and willingness to serve but lack the means to do so.

"And show me the sights?" It's normal to want to visit the attractions of other countries. Remember, though, that in a foreign country it may be difficult to find a member who speaks your language. Even if one can be found, at Feast time he or she may be busy with Feast preparations, which may make this request impossible to fulfill.

We in God's Church are to be serving and hospitable people. This article is not intended to hinder hospitality, but to encourage brethren to recognize the needs of others, especially at this time of the year.

### Test Yourself

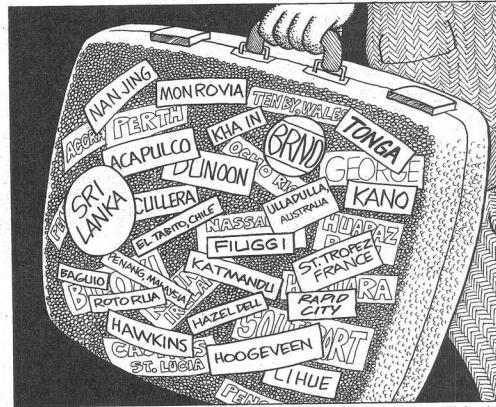
Test yourself! Here is a set of questions about information that appeared in the August issue of *The Good News*. See how many you can answer accurately. In parentheses after each question is the page number on which you can find the answer.

- (1) What is the foundation of all knowledge? (page 8)
- (2) True or false: About 900 years elapsed between the time of Adam and the Flood. (page 9)
- (3) How should the original Greek word *pascha* be correctly translated in Acts 12:4? (page 9)
- (4) What triggered Lucifer's rebellion? (page 22)
- (5) What false doctrine was foisted upon the Church in A.D. 325 by the Council of Nicaea? (page 26)

To make the best of an international visit, obtain as much information as possible about the areas you will see. Talk with others about their experiences.

Travel broadens horizons and helps us see that we are a worldwide Church, unified by the Holy Spirit in spite of cultural differences. Going overseas to a far-flung Feast site imparts wonderful memories that will be etched in your mind forever. Use wisdom and plan your voyage well. Think through all of the details ahead of time, and when you step off the plane you'll enjoy your trip that much more.

Bon voyage!



### A tool in conversion

## Build on the foundation of faith

By Frank W. Nelte

Faith is part of the foundation of a Christian life (Hebrews 6:1). Hebrews 11:6 tells us, "Without faith it is impossible to please him [God]."

But no matter how hard we try, we cannot work up faith by our own doing. Real, godly faith — the kind necessary for salvation — has to come from God: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves [the kind of faith that saves us does not originate with us]: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

*Frank W. Nelte pastors the East London and Port Elizabeth, South Africa, churches.*

So how can we receive more of the kind of faith we need? Let's understand.

### Godly faith

First, what is faith? Hebrews 11:1 gives us a straightforward

His life in place of us. With the death penalty for sin paid, we can have a new lease on life. This is a faith we ourselves are expected to have. The Bible calls it faith *in Christ* (Galatians 3:26).

But this faith is not the kind required for salvation! It is merely one of the prerequisites to start the process of conversion — much the same way as a high school graduation diploma is a prerequisite for university entrance, though it is by no means a guarantee that one will obtain a university degree.

After we have met God's conditions of repentance — faith *in Christ's sacrifice, baptism and the laying on of hands* — then God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). This infuses a new dimension into our human minds, giving us a spirit of power, love and a sound mind (II Timothy 1:7).

Now God expects us to put His Spirit that is within us to the right use. We should walk in good works

### The apostles realized they lacked saving faith, and they said to Jesus, "Increase our faith." We have the same request today.

Bible definition: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

In other words, faith has nothing to do with any of the five physical senses. It has to do with the things God has promised to do, which we are to "hope for," completely sure that God never lies (Hebrews 6:18, Titus 1:2).

God is working according to a precise plan, and He is working only with a small segment of humanity today — those called into His Church. God never withdraws His gift of faith from those whose minds He has opened and with whom He is working. However, in giving faith, God works according to laws.

Before we can be baptized God requires that we repent, turn from our old sinful ways to God's ways. We must begin to obey God, a prerequisite to receiving God's Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32).

At the same time God also expects us to have faith *in Christ's sacrifice* — faith that the Father accepted the penalty Christ voluntarily paid when He laid down

(Ephesians 2:10). Then the Spirit of God within us will bear fruits, one of which is faith (Galatians 5:22-23). The faith that God's Spirit will produce is not only faith *in Christ*. No, much more, God's Spirit gives us the faith of Christ (Galatians 2:16).

We cannot generate this kind of faith ourselves. It is produced by rightly using God's Spirit. It comes from Christ — He has to give it. And this is the kind of faith required for salvation — the kind without which it is impossible to please God!

This faith of Christ is strengthened in us through prayer, Bible study and fasting. If we neglect contact with God we will lack faith. But if we diligently seek God, then the Holy Spirit will produce faith in us.

### A vital principle

The apostles realized they were inadequate as far as faith was concerned, and they said to Jesus, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5).

You and I have the same request

today, don't we? So Jesus' answer is of the utmost importance to us. Let's examine it closely.

In verse 6 Christ spoke of the grain of mustard seed, showing the fantastic power of even a small amount of real, godly faith. But now notice verses 7 to 10. Many people miss the lesson these verses contain.

"But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? And will not rather say unto him, Make ready where with I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? Dost he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not."

Now notice verse 10: "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

Do you grasp the lesson of this incident? Remember, Jesus was answering the request to increase faith.

Jesus here showed that God does not thank us if we do only what He has commanded us to do. To please God, we must go above and beyond what God commands.

To go above and beyond the call of Christian duty is a most powerful tool for increasing godly faith! This was Christ's answer to the request from the apostles to increase their faith.

In this end time a person's spiritual growth is directly proportional to how much his or her heart is in the work of God. And this principle of doing more than is required applies to all of God's other laws: how faithfully we support God's work with our tithes and offerings, how wholeheartedly we are striving to come out of this world's society, how ardently we are trying to root out weaknesses and character flaws.

If we are striving to go above and beyond the call of duty to please God in all areas of our Christian lives, then, if a trial or crisis strikes, we need not fear a lack of faith. God will give us the faith of Jesus Christ to cope with the trial. That's God's promise (I Corinthians 10:13).

With the strength and power that can only come from godly faith, we can stand!

# JUST FOR YOUTH

## A page for kids 5 to 105

### American girls place first in Dutch contest

**NIEUWEGEIN, Netherlands** — Church youths Laura Barron, 17, and Heather Bonser, 15, received first place certificates in two categories of a literary arts contest April 19. Laura submitted a drawing, and Heather entered an essay.

Laura and Heather attend the American School of The Hague, Netherlands. Laura and her family moved to the Netherlands from Houston, Tex., in June, 1984. Heather and her family moved from Poland, N.Y., six months later.

April 19 was designated by the Congress of the United States as Dutch-American Friendship Day, and the contest was a tribute to Dutch-American friendship and John Adams, the first U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands. Students

from American and Dutch schools participated in the contest by submitting short stories, essays, poems or drawings.

Contest winners were honored at a banquet commemorating Dutch-American friendship April 19 at the Kurhaus on Scheveningen beach. Other honored guests included Arthur H. Hughes from the American Embassy; F. Korthals Altes, Dutch minister of justice; and former U.S. Sen. J. William Fullbright. Contest winners were awarded a framed certificate signed by the American ambassador and a bouquet of flowers.

The week after the banquet Heather and Laura went to the American Embassy in The Hague, where they had their pictures taken

with the American ambassador.

In her essay Heather wrote: "Before the pilgrims went to America they came to the Netherlands. The Dutch were friendly people and allowed the pilgrims to reside in their country. The pilgrims then built a society in Leiden and lived there for 12 years. They married Dutch people and accepted some of their customs . . ."

"After being to both ancestral homes if you asked me which place I would rather live in I would say Leiden. The Dutch were so very kind in letting my ancestors make a home for themselves. I'm proud that I also have Dutch, as well as American blood in my veins. It reminds me of the friendship between the Dutch and the pilgrims."



**WINNING DRAWING** — This drawing by Laura Barron, 17, a Church youth in The Hague, Netherlands, was awarded first place in a literary arts contest April 19. Heather Bonser, 15, also a Church youth in The Hague, placed first in the essay category of the contest.

### The mystery

#### STORY FOR YOUNG READERS By Shirley King Johnson

The first stars of a balmy summer evening began to appear. Jim and Susie were reluctant to go into the farmhouse as the last streaks of color faded.

Grandfather had burned branches over an old cottonwood stump beyond the chicken house, and he went over to check on it before they went indoors. Jim and Susie followed Grandfather to the glowing coals. Major went along too, careful not to get too close to the thing that had been burning so wildly and hot only an hour earlier. But there were only coals and ashes left and they all sat down a short distance away, listening to the sounds of evening.

Grandmother came out to join them. Major lay with his nose on Jim's shoe, dozing a little. Suddenly he heard his name spoken and he raised his head.

"Where'd you get Major, Grandfather?" Jim asked. "I remember the day you gave him to me. He was just a pup."

"Somebody dumped him out at the corner," Grandfather replied. "He came up to the house all hungry and shivering from the cold rain that day. I already had a collie dog so I decided it was time you had a pet. I knew you'd give him a good home."

"And we did!" Susie exclaimed. She flung herself down beside Major and hugged him. Major licked her arm with a warm tongue and his tail thumped on the ground.

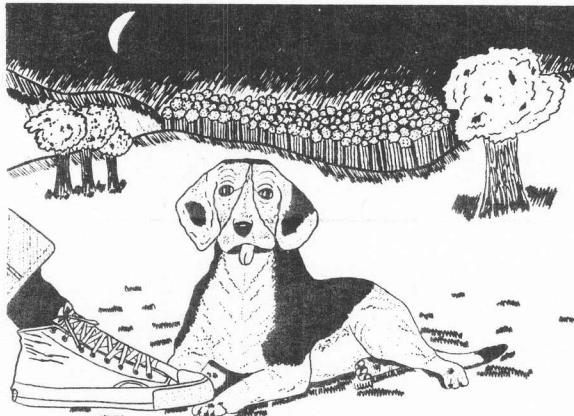
But Jim's face was sober. Something bothered him. "Harry told me he's going to get a registered dog. One that has papers and a pedigree. Major doesn't have a pedigree, does he?"

"We don't know about his ancestry," Grandfather replied. "If he's registered with the American Kennel Club, it's a mystery to us."

"Oh, I love mysteries," Susie chirruped. "Can't we find out about Major?"

"I don't know how, honey," Grandfather said. Taking up a rake, he poked at the ashes that glowed on the tree stump. "Whoever dumped him out didn't leave a single clue. But it doesn't matter. He couldn't be a better dog. You wouldn't trade him for a pedigree dog, would you?"

"Oh, no no!" Susie responded.



Artwork by Alisa Ferdig

"Of course not," Jim added.

"Dears, I think we'll have our bedtime story right here under the stars," Grandmother broke in. "I have a special story in mind and this is a perfect time to tell it." She looked up at Grandfather. "Do you think they're old enough to hear a true mystery story?"

"Another mystery?" Jim asked with interest as he settled down beside Grandmother. Major wagged his tail.

"Oh, yes, I love a mystery!" said Susie again. She climbed into Grandmother's lap. "Please tell us."

"I want to hear it again myself," Grandfather said as he stood on the opposite side of the fire. "You're thinking of the story of the early settlers in Iowa, aren't you, Jennie?"

"Yes, I am." She hugged Susie closer. "Let's go back to the days when the prairie schooners were going west across the plains."

"What's a Fairy Spoooner?" Susie asked.

"She means the covered wagons," Grandfather explained.

"The Overland Trail was just a trickle of wagons at first," Grandmother went on. "But year after year it grew until it was a river of traffic out to California — or up to Oregon. Finally it wasn't so dangerous — the Indians gave up their attacks on the settlers for the most part. But the women never got over their fear of them."

"Not all of the travelers went to

California or Oregon. Some settled along the prairie and built log cabins. Year after year people poured west until the middle states became dotted with log cabins. And the sod was broken up and crops were planted.

"There was one special log cabin just a few miles east of here . . ." she pointed into the darkness outside the circle of their fire. In the timber an owl hooted. "A husband and wife lived in their neat little cabin all alone. Only a few Indians remained and they would soon be gone north forever."

"Which tribe of Indians?" Jim asked, stroking Major's back.

"Iowa Indians," Grandfather answered for her. "And some Sioux."

"One evening at dusk the man and lady in the cabin were eating supper alone," Grandmother went on. "They had never had any children though they loved children very much. A fire crackled in their fireplace. A stew simmered in an iron kettle that hung over the fire. Suddenly the wife saw a face at the window of their little cabin."

"A face?" Susie asked, stiffening.

"Yes. It was an Indian face. Dark eyes and high cheek bones and black hair all pulled back . . ."

"Eeeeeeek," squealed Susie and she buried her face in her Grandmother's shoulder.

Grandmother smoothed Susie's hair. "Don't worry, it was a friendly Indian. They opened the door and invited

her in. She was a pretty young squaw and she carried a tiny baby wrapped in a blanket. She laid the blanket in the woman's arms and spoke in a strange language."

"What did she say?" asked Susie.

"The pioneer woman couldn't understand. She sat down and unbundled the blanket and saw it was a white baby with blue eyes and blond lashes."

"Is this a true story?" Jim asked.

"It certainly is," Grandmother assured him. "The woman asked the squaw where the baby's parents were, but she shook her head and motioned that she wanted to leave the baby with them. She went back out into the night. They never saw her again. They kept the little baby and raised her up to be a fine young woman."

"What did they name her?" Susie asked.

"Naomi. Do you know anyone named Naomi?"

Jim and Susie both shook their heads. "No."

"You do, but you've forgotten," Grandfather said. "Tell them, Jenny."

"My grandmother is the Naomi in my story," she said, smiling.

"Oh, how lovely!" Susie said as she hugged her grandmother.

"Did your grandmother ever know who her real parents were?" Jim asked.

"No, darling. To this day only God knows that."

"It's a perfect mystery," Grandfather said. "We can't trace Naomi's ancestry any more than we can Major's."

Jim put his arms around Major. "Jenny, you're not the only one who's been orphaned."

"That was a very nice story," Susie said, nodding her head up and down. "It has such a happy ending. The little baby got to grow up with those people who wanted a little baby just like her. I'm so glad."

"The best part of it all," Grandmother went on, "is that this Naomi — your great-great-grandmother — will find out who her parents were in the wonderful world tomorrow."

"That's neat," Jim said.

"Yes, it's going to be a great pleasure," Grandfather concluded thoughtfully, "to know things that people say can never be known."

"Yes, sir," Jim agreed.

Major waved his tail and smiled.

# Teens beat their personal bests at Canada's national track meet

By Robert Millman

OTTAWA, Ont. — Seventeen meet records were broken and two were tied at the seventh annual Canadian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) national track meet July 6.

*Robert Millman pastors the Westlock, Athabasca and Fort McMurray, Alta., churches.*

More than 250 teens from five regions participated in the meet at the Terry Fox Athletic Facility here.

The Ontario team placed first with 285 points; British Columbia was second with 209 points; Saskatchewan-Manitoba scored 207 points; Alberta, 176.5 points; and Quebec-Atlantic, 79.5 points.

Although medals were awarded to the top three finishers in each event, emphasis at national and regional meets is on each athlete doing his or her personal best.

"Our philosophy for YOU track and field is that any athlete who improves [his or her] personal best is a

winner, and we recognize their efforts by awarding them an improvement medallion," said Douglas Smith, national meet director and pastor of the Edmonton, Alta., North and South churches.

Teens whose performance showed improvement over regional meets in one event received a bronze medallion; in two events, a silver medallion; and in three events, a gold medallion. Colin Adair, regional director for the Church in Canada, awarded 11 gold, 66 silver and 94 bronze medallions.

Teens arrived in Ottawa July 4 and attended a dinner and social at the Nepean Sportsplex. Saturday, July 5, the group ate brunch and sang hymns. Mr. Adair presented each athlete with a certificate of participation and a maple leaf pin. The maple leaf is the symbol on the Canadian national flag.

Sabbath services took place at the High School of Commerce in Ottawa. Mr. Adair spoke about seven areas of personal responsibility each teen must face. Simultaneous trans-

lation was provided for French-speaking teens and coaches. After services a buffet dinner was served.

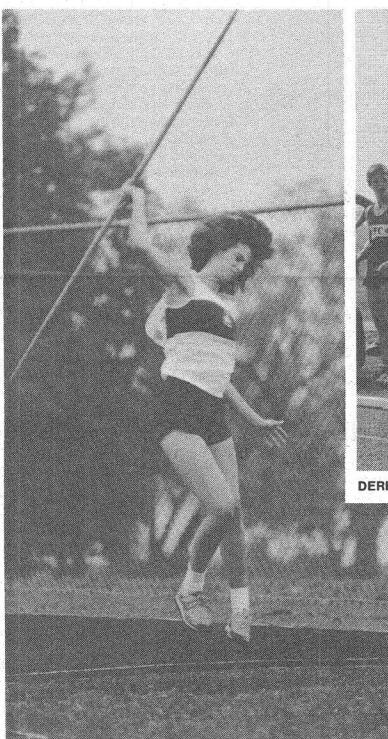
Monday, July 7, the group toured Parliament Hill, where they saw the House of Commons and the Senate chamber and watched the changing of the guard. Teens also visited the War Museum, the Supreme Court, Rideau Hall (official residence of the governor-general), the National Museum of Civilization and the National Museum of Science and Technology and took a cruise on the Ottawa River. That evening they attended a dinner and dance in the Penthouse Room at the Skyline Ho-

John Adams, then pastor of the Ottawa church, commented that being host for the five days of YOU activities was the most ambitious project ever for the congregation. "It did much to bring out a spirit of cooperation and unity, and members were delighted with the fine example set by teens staying in their homes," he said.

The teens went home July 8.



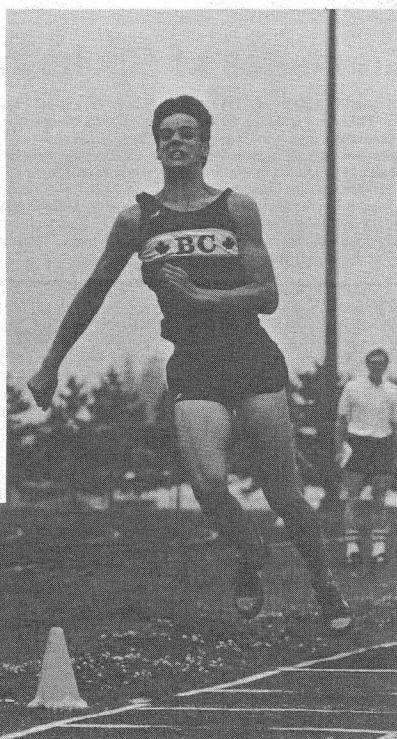
CHARLES SPECK (LEFT), BRITISH COLUMBIA  
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DEREK HAUGHTON (LEFT) AND BRYAN MURRAY, ONTARIO



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# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



## Graduates of Spokesman Clubs honored

The BRIGHTON, CROYDON and MAIDSTONE, England, Spokesman Clubs met for a ladies night June 22 at Effingham Park in Sussex, England. One hundred thirty members and guests attended the meeting at the Museum Suite, a circular auditorium surrounded by vintage cars and motorcycles.

Guest director for the evening was evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for the Church in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

Clive Walters conducted tabletops. Toastmaster Chris Reavill introduced speakers Stuart Rising, Peter Kousal, Sherwin Scott, Maurice Frohn and Simon Spykerman. Mr. Spykerman was the Most Improved Speaker, and Mr. Frohn gave the Most Effective Speech.

Mr. Brown presented graduation certificates to seven men. John Meakin, club director and pastor of the three churches, presented John Reed with an award for being the most improved speaker of the year.

NASHVILLE and MURFREESBORO, Tenn., Spokesman Club members, alumni, wives and dates attended a graduation banquet and dance June 22 at the Radama Inn South in Nashville.

A cocktail hour was followed by a buffet meal of roast beef and chicken.

Ron Davidson, president of the Nashville club, was master of ceremonies for the evening. Tim Lutz conducted tabletops, and speakers were Bob Hendricks and Johnny Johnson.

James Friddle, then pastor of the two churches and overall director, presented graduation certificates to Frank Beard, Michael W. Davey, Tim Duncan, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lutz and Robert Peterson.

The SUFFOLK and NASSAU, N.Y., Spokesmen Clubs ended their club year with a combined graduation ceremony and ladies night June 26. One hundred forty-three club members and guests attended the dinner meeting at the Huntington Town House.

Mark Camera was topicsmaster, and Don White was toastmaster. Speakers were John Leone, Joe Ambrosio, Doug Wolfe, Andrew Seaman and Anthony Bova. Mr. Leone gave the Most Effective Speech, Mr. Ambrosio was the

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After a meal and the club meeting, Leonard Holladay, director of the two clubs, who now pastors the Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minn., churches, announced the graduation of Radd Zedrik. The clubs presented gifts to Mr. Holladay.

Guests at the banquet included Thomas McLean and his wife, Charlene. Mr. McLean now pastors the Bangor and Portland churches.

*John Lamb; Wilma Vernich; Mark Camera, Berta Vesely; Jacqueline Swithelm and Andrew Seaman; Terry Wood; Carolyn Burchett; and Walter Warren.*

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## Youths get the travel bug

OTTUMWA, Iowa, Church youths and their families traveled to Kirksville, Mo., Saturday evening, June 28, to spend the night with brethren.

Sunday morning after breakfast, the group left for Hannibal, Mo., the boyhood home of author Mark Twain.

They first visited the Mark Twain Cave, referred to in *Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn*. After going through the cave, the group ate lunch and went on a tour of Hannibal.

The activity ended with an hour-long steamboat ride on the Mississippi River.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Church youths traveled to Nashville, Tenn., June 22 to 27 to visit the Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson; Opryland; and the space center near Huntsville, Ala.

The teens joined Church youths from the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches for a day of hiking, swimming and eating.

BECKLEY and SUMMERSVILLE, W.Va., Church youths traveled to New York and Canada June 26 to July 4.

The group first stopped in Gettysburg, Pa., a Civil War site. Friday, June 27, was spent at Hershey Park, an amusement park in Hershey, Pa., where Hershey's chocolate is made.

Youths attended Sabbath services in Queens, N.Y., had dinner at Mamma Leone's Italian restaurant and ended the day with a visit to the top of the World Trade Center in New York, N.Y., and a ride on the Staten Island, N.Y., ferry past the Statue of Liberty.

June 30 the group took a bus tour of Manhattan, N.Y., which included sights such as the Empire State Building, Greenwich Village, Park Avenue, Central Park, the Bowery and Harlem. They also attended a Broadway play.

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July 1, where they saw Old Montreal, Olympic Park (site of the 1976 Summer Olympics), the underground city and rode the subway. That evening the teens attended a dinner and pool party with Montreal Church youths.

July 2 the youths visited Toronto and Ottawa, Ont. That evening they arrived at Niagara Falls. The last day of activities, July 3, included viewing the falls, touring the Cave of the Winds and visiting a water slide park. The group returned to West Virginia July 4.

Zenda Cloninger, Miriam H. Simon, and Hurshel Rowan and Tina Neff.

## Clubs combine for ladies nights

The SAN PEDRO and IMUS, Philippines, Spokesmen and Graduate clubs combined for a ladies night July 5. Guests of honor were Guy Ames, regional director for the Church in the Philippines, and his wife, Helen.

Loyalty was the theme for the evening. Milo Campbell was topicsmaster, and Johnny Barit was toastmaster. Both are Graduate Club members.

Speakers were Graduate Club members Ruben Banaag, Manuel Corpuz Jr. and Diocesado Medina, and Spokesmen Club members Mamerto Evangelista and Maximino Noble. Mr. Corpuz was the Most Improved Speaker, Mr. Banaag and Mr. Noble shared the award for the Most Effective Speech and graduate Axel Lim gave the Most Helpful Evaluation.

A GALWAY, Northern Ireland, Spokesmen Club ladies night took place June 22 at the Ardilaun House Hotel.

Michael Murphy conducted tabletops and, after a five-course dinner, toastmaster Brendan Conachey introduced speakers Michael Burke, Joe Casey, Bob Cuffe, Donal O'Mahony and Paul Quinn.

Mr. Cuffe gave the Most Effective Speech, Mr. Casey was the Most Improved Speaker and Gerry Murphy gave the Most Helpful Evaluation.

Officers for the 1987 club year are Gerry Folan, president; Paddy McDonagh, vice president; James Culbert, secretary; Christopher Murray, treasurer; and Michael Lenihan, sergeant at arms.

*Epifanio M. Almeda and Christopher Murray.*

## Members say farewells

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., brethren said farewell to their pastor, William Gordon, and his family after Sabbath services June 21. Punch was served, and the Gordons received gifts on behalf of the congregation.

Mr. Gordon now pastors the Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan., churches.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, brethren bade farewell to Greg Achtemichuk at a dance June 21.

Mr. Achtemichuk worked in the Auckland Regional Office after graduating from Pasadena Ambassador College in 1985. He returned to Pasadena to teach at Imperial Schools.

While in New Zealand Mr. Achtemichuk assisted in the organization of Church events and activities, including the Feast of Tabernacles, the YOU Summer

Educational Program (SEP) and the Ambassadors to New Zealand cycling tour.

Peter Nathan, regional director for the Church in New Zealand, called Mr. Achtemichuk to the stage for a farewell song and dance by Polynesian members and their children, dressed in the traditional costume of the Maori people.

Mr. Nathan thanked Mr. Achtemichuk for his contributions and presented him with a gift.

SIOUX FALLS, WATER-TOWN and YANKTON, S.D., brethren combined July 5 for Sabbath services and to bid farewell to their pastor, George Affeldt, and his wife, Jacquelyn. (Mr. Affeldt now pastors the Huntingdon and Indiana, Pa., churches.)

Each church presented the Affeldts with an album containing pictures. (See FAREWELLS, page 9)

## Summertime means time for picnics

Six hundred brethren from the WINNIPEG, Man., EAST and WEST churches gathered at Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg June 29 for a church picnic.

The group bade farewell to Royston Page, pastor of the two churches, and his family, and to Robert Elliott, associate pastor of the Winnipeg West and Morden, Man., churches, and his family.

The Pages were presented with an eagle's head carved from Manitoba white pine by an area artist. The Elliotts received a silver tea set earlier in the week.

A cake, made and decorated by Luba Gorachuk, featured farewell messages to the Pages and Elliotts, along with a welcome message for Cecil Maraville, now pastor of the Thunder Bay, Ont., Morden and Winnipeg East and West churches.

The day's activities included softball, volleyball, flag football and races for the children.

The SARINA, Ont., church had its annual breakfast picnic July 13 at Canatara Park.

After breakfast the group participated in games, including a sack race, three-legged race, tug-of-war and balloon races.

About 200 BOISE, Idaho, brethren met for a family picnic June 29 at the Boise Municipal Park.

A raft and inner tube race began four miles upstream and ended at the picnic site. Other activities included softball, volleyball, children's games and races.

After a covered dish dinner a dessert box auction took place. Grant Knapp, a deacon in the Boise church, was auctioneer. Proceeds went to help finance a Fourth of July camping trip for 40 Church youths and chaperons

to Jackson Hole, Wyo.

The ROANOKE, Va., church's annual picnic took place June 29 at the Young Men's Christian Association's (YMCA) Camp Roanoke. About 150 attended.

Activities included softball, volleyball, horseshoes, walking and swimming. After a potluck meal, children's races took place. First-, second- and third-place and honorable mention ribbons were awarded, and watermelon was served.

The event was organized by Guy Estes, a Roanoke deacon. Deacon Calvin Webb and deaconess Lilian Hensley helped coordinate activities.

The WASHINGTON, D.C., annual church picnic took place June 29 at Cosca Regional Park in Clinton, Md. Homemade dishes and desserts were served buffet style.

Activities included horseback riding, fishing, softball, football, table games, a hike to a nature center, a train ride, paddleboating and rowboating.

The FLORENCE, Ala., brethren were hosts to a combined Florence and Huntsville, Ala., church picnic June 29 at the Reynold's Alloy recreation area near Leighton, Ala.

About 160 people attended the activity, which included a lunch of barbecue chicken prepared by Loyd Howell. Picnickers played volleyball, softball, horseshoes and

children's games. Joe Campbell coordinated the event.

A combined COURTENAY and VICTORIA, B.C., church picnic took place June 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Beresford. About 140 brethren attended.

Teens assisted the younger children in sack races and three-legged races. Adults and Church youths participated in horseshoes, volleyball and baseball.

The activity ended with the evening meal. A whole lamb, donated by Don Turner, was roasted over an open fire for the occasion. Venison, donated by Mr. Beresford, was also served.

The ST. LOUIS, Mo., A.M. and P.M. churches attended a picnic June 22 at Buder Park in St. Louis County. Two hundred fifty brethren attended.

Teens helped the younger children with games including a tea cup relay and canoe decoration, where groups of four to six children decorated cardboard canoes. The canoes were judged on color, creativity and originality and were used later for a relay race. Other games included a trash relay, overhead pass relay, team dodge ball, beat the count and an obstacle course.

After lunch games included a water balloon toss, a cup race and a balloon stomp. Volleyball, tennis and horseshoes were available all day.

Gary Smith, associate pastor of the churches, assisted by Ed Koehnemann, organized the children's games. Doug Graham and Tom Zefo organized the other activities.

Dave Adolfson, Janet Pray, Susan Whitlark, Sherry Kinzie, Dorothy M. Johnson, Jan C. Old, Ray Neuls and Bill and Betty Stough.



**ROCHESTER SENIORS** — Members who attend the Rochester, N.Y., congregation honored senior members in their congregation June 22. [Photo by Jake Hannold]

## Seniors honored at dinners

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, singles organized a dinner and movie for 31 senior citizens and area ministers, including pastor Andre van Belkum and his wife, Ann, June 28 at the Brownie Hall in Bergvliet, South Africa.

Coffee and biscuits were served before a dinner of curry and rice, wine, fruit juices and dessert. The lights went out just as dinner was to be served, so the group fellowshiped by candlelight while waiting for the electricity to be restored.

After power was resumed and dinner was finished, a video of the musical *Singing in the Rain* was shown.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., brethren honored members in the congregation age 55 and older with a dinner June 22 at the Rochester Highlands community center. Twenty-three guests shared a turkey dinner. Dessert was strawberry shortcake.

Tables were set with fine china,

candles and floral centerpieces. The meal was prepared by Jack and Theresa Beilstein assisted by Dick and Joyce Mitchell, Dave and Janet Hoadley, Rik and Marlene Newman and Marina Kulbida. Robert and Richard Newman, John Gnage and Robyn Feiok served the meal.

After dinner Leslie Schmedes, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches, led the group in a sing-along.

OCALA and GAINESVILLE, Fla., brethren honored senior citizens from the two churches with a luncheon June 22 at the Golden Hills Country Club in Ocala.

A chicken dinner was served, and Church youths presented a geography seminar. Spokesman Club members gave speeches about the role of senior citizens in the Orient, American history, God's Church and the Bible.

Daniel Boltney, Jake Hannold and Gavin Gray.

## Adventures lure youths

PERTH and BUNBURY, Australia, Church youths took a 20-kilometer (12½ miles) overnight hike June 15 and 16 near Serpentine Dam.

To minimize impact on the forest, the hikers divided into two groups and took different routes to their common campsite. The next day the groups switched routes to return to their starting point.

Peter Thomas, an Ambassador College graduate, planned the hike, and Kenneth Murray, assistant pastor of the two churches, and deacon Ron Thomas led the group.

FAYETTEVILLE and FORT SMITH, Ark., Church youths and parents took a float trip June 29 on the Elk River in Missouri.

The group canoe and swam from 10 a.m. until noon when they stopped on a gravel bar for lunch and a Bible study conducted by a Ya-Ka-Ama Indian School. They put up tents, made beds and prepared dinner at each campsite.

The activity continued until 5 p.m. and was coordinated by Neal Beaver and Charles May.

Colleen Dixon and Patti Brach.

## Call of the wilds inspires camp-outs

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla., and GENEVA, Ala., Church youths were hosts to a four-day camp-out July 6 to 9 at St. Andrews State Park at Panama City Beach, Fla.

About 65 Church youths and chaperons from Birmingham, Gadsden and Anniston, Ala., joined the group.

Activities included a trip to a water slide park. Fresh fruits and vegetables were donated by area churches.

FAIRFIELD and SANTA ROSA, Calif., brethren set up camp June 27 for a weekend camp-out at Ya-Ka-Ama Indian School. They put up tents, made beds and prepared dinner at each campsite.

Saturday morning, June 28, campers watched the *World Tomorrow* telecast at the home of Steve and Kathleen Nielsen. Later Matt Hickok conducted a Bible

study for Church teens and children. After a walk to the Russian River, outdoor Sabbath services were conducted by Emery Dann, a minister in the Santa Rosa church.

After services and a barbecue and potluck dinner, a sing-along took place around a camp fire. Bob Lindberg and Dan Shelly provided guitar accompaniment.

Sunday's activities included children's games, a barbecue and potluck lunch, badminton, hiking, horseshoes, table tennis, softball and volleyball.

Forty-five ABERDEEN, Scotland, brethren attended an annual weekend camp-out June 27 to 29 at Tarland in Aberdeenshire.

The group arrived Friday, June 27, to erect tents. Sabbath morning breakfast was cooked and served by the women. Open air Sabbath services were conducted by Alan

Brooks, a minister in the Glasgow, Scotland, church. A barbecue meal was served that evening.

Sunday, June 29, after a breakfast of porridge, sausages, eggs, toast and tea, a softball game took place. Other activities were a soccer match between the teenagers and those older than 21 and a walk along a nature trail.

About 200 HAGERSTOWN and CUMBERLAND, Md., brethren attended a family camp-out weekend July 4 to 6.

Activities July 4 included a hamburger and hot dog cookout, a hymn sing-along and an ice cream social. Brethren then went to their homes, hotels or camp sites.

Saturday morning Gary Jones conducted Youth Educational Services (YES) evaluations while William Pack, pastor of the two churches, gave a Bible study on marriage and the family to married couples under age 50. At the same time Davis Grove, a Hagerstown local church elder, conducted a study for others on dealing with a non-member mate, and Brian Drawbaugh, a Hagerstown deacon, led a YOUNG Bible study on competition. Wilmer Thompson, a Cumberland local church elder, gave a Bible study for brethren older than age 50 about God caring for His people.

Sabbath services took place at 2:30 p.m. after a buffet-style luncheon. Mrs. Ralph Gehr was responsible for the kitchen and food service. Mr. Drawbaugh gave the sermonette. Mr. Pack delivered the sermon.

Brethren stayed in Sabbath dress until after dinner, an Italian buffet-style meal.

Sunday, July 6, teens, under the direction of Mr. Grove, organized games for the younger children. Games included a 50-yard dash, a bean-bag-throw, archery target shoot and softball distance batting.

Roy Waterhouse, Roger and Dora Fossa, Jim Brown and John Thornton and John Cupler.

## New Jersey youths attend graduation ball

The sixth annual TRENTON and VINELAND, N.J., graduation ball for high school students took place in Chesterfield, N.J., June 22.

Graduates for 1986 were Diane Aversa, Stacey Bittner, Monti Di Giacomo, George Gergely, Matt Haines, John Hunter Jr. and Vince Lucas. A slide show given by local church elder Steven Gerrard depicted each of the graduate's lives. Vincent Panella, then pastor of the two churches, presented gifts to the graduates.

Other Church youths were recognized with awards. First-, second- and third-place finishers in the area YOU essay contest were Debbie Salato, Vince Lucas and John Hunter Jr. (senior division), and Conway Kuo, Jennifer Cavalli and David Zook (junior division).

Church youths who showed special effort and accomplishment in completing YOU Bible study assignments were also honored. Mr.

Panella presented the Pastor's Award to Andrew and Stacey Bittner, Heath Cardie, Donna and George Gergely and Debbie Salato.

Mr. Panella and his wife, Anne, were also honored. After seven

years of service in the two church areas, they were transferred. Mr. Panella now pastors the Canton, Ohio, church.

Refreshments and dancing ended the evening. John P. Cardie.

## Churches go international

THE NEWCASTLE, Australia, church participated in a Viennese evening June 28.

The church hall was decorated as an Austrian castle. Guests were greeted at the door, offered sherry and hors d'oeuvres, and were escorted to their seats.

A three-course meal featuring goulash, Wiener schnitzel and strudel was served, while entertainment was provided by Church members. Later Viennese coffee and chocolate tortes were served.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was John Daniell. An eight-piece orchestra played waltzes and

other ballroom music. Gordon Godfrey organized the event.

About 150 GREENWOOD, Miss., brethren gathered July 12 for a luau evening, which featured an erupting volcano, comments by Marc Segall, pastor of the Greenwood and Jackson, Miss., churches, and special lighting.

After the eruption, the group ate Hawaiian-style food and danced.

Sunday, July 13, Greenwood Church members attended a picnic at Grenada Lake, which included a chuck-wagon-style lunch, volleyball, tennis, softball and games. David Edson and H.B. Wells.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG, Ken and Joyce (Watson), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Kristy Ann, May 28, 8:28 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

BHUTTO, Nared and Minella (Afzal), of Mauritius, girl, Priscia Daisyani, May 11, 2:25 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

BOSTIC, Willie and Sharon (Johnson), of Brooklyn, N.Y., twin boys, David James and John Paul, April 15, 10:21 and 10:22 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce and 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BRIGNAC, Peter and Cindy (Richey), of Lafayette, La., girl, Pamela Joan, July 2, 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BUCEK, Daniel and Deborah (Gall), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Caleb Daniel, July 5, 3:48 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

CHORONIATZ, David and Donna (Branan), of Meriden, Conn., girl, Andrea Elizabeth, June 30, 10:48 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

CRAWFORD, F. Scott and Beth Ellen (Ricker), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Jonathan Bradley, June 23, 3 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

CULPEPPER, John K. and Sonya (Sowell), of Athens, Ga., boy, Charles Reese, April 8, 10:54 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

DAVIDSON, Ed and Dana (Dobson), of Monroe, Calif., boy, Noah Dean, May 16, 12:57 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

DAVIS, Richard and Debra (Kraus), of Texarkana, Tex., boy, Hunter Wayne, June 8, 11:20 p.m., 10 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DEMPSSTER, Alan Frank and Karan Ann (Worgan), of Manchester, England, girl, Rebecca Melina, June 30, 9 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

DOWNIE, Dennis and Gail (Begalski), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Leah Michelle, July 9, 12:25 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

FREEDGE, Ron and Carol (Stallions), of Mayfield, Ky., boy, Nathan Andrew, June 27, 11:45 a.m., 10 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GARCIA, John and Alice (Alarcon), of Las Cruces, N.M., girl, Loraine Trini, June 28, 7:25 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 girls.

GILCHRIST, Alan and Janice (Koester), of Houston, Tex., girl, Sara Delilah, May 23, 7:12 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

GREENE, Steve and Susan (Drake), of Albuquerque, N.M., girl, Adrienne Celeste, June 25, 7:30 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HARDING, Michael and Karen (Lutes), of Margate, Fla., boy, Michael Thomas II, June 13, 10:58 p.m., 9 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 boys.

HOPFERTH, David and Dorothy (Jackson), of Westaukum, Alta., boy, Jason David, May 31, 4:53 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HOWIE, Steven and Helen (Weigel), of St. Paul, Minn., girl, Alyse Lydia, June 23, 9:55 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

KINNEY, Ken and Ruth (Harris), of Rockford, Ill., boy, Joshua Eric, July 15, 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

LAI, Simon and Lauren (Loo) of Pasadena, boy, Byron Wai-Mui, May 23, 10:37 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

LAND, Michael and Robin (O'Donnell), of Macon, Ga., boy, Samuel Keith, May 18, 10:37 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MASPERSON, Kevin and Betty (Gurney), of Orwell Cove, P.E.I., boy, Justin Farrell, June 29, 5:06 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MAIOLO, Leon and Pam (Perigo), of Rochester, N.Y., boy, Michael Ryan, June 30, 5 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 sons, 1 girl.

MC GOY, Robert and Maggie (Salazar), of San Jose, Calif., boy, Derek June, 27, 7:25 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

MCCULLUCH, Jeffrey and Fleur (Tolson), of Townsville, Australia, girl, Claire June 22, 1:45 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MEDFORD, Wesley and Karen (Thomas), of Pleasanton, boy, Ryan Wesley, July 12, 6:17 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

MILER, Fred and Nancy (Davis), of Austin, Tex., boy, David Russell, June 19, 4:05 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

NANCE, Russ and Diana (Stephens), of Kalamazoo, Mich., boy, Timothy Russell, June 9, 11:42 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

NEILSON, Terry and Donna Mae (Wepler), of Westaukum, Alta., boy, Christopher Anthony, June 13, 2:06 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys.

NIXON, Bret and Shelly (Goethals), of Puyallup, Wash., boy, Tyler Morgan, June 25, 11:53 p.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

NOVAK, David and Frances (Lonberry), of Long Beach, Calif., girl, Danielle Frances, May 19, 4:26 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

OLLER, David and Bonnie (Shaw), of Washington, Pa., boy, Justin David, June 6, 4:15 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PAKER, Stan and Lisa (Bilartz), of Harbor City, Calif., girl, Stacey, July 1, 7:30 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

PANKIN, Herb and Shereen, of Lubbock, Tex., girl, Erika Page, June 22, 5:58 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

REYER, Dan and Ardy (Parman), of Pasadena, girl, Alicia Danielle, July 12, 7:48 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

RITCHIE, William and Patricia (Mulline), of Charlotte, N.C., boy, William Justin, July 7, 7:57 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

SAUCEDA, Larry and Marlie, of Salt Lake City, Utah, girl, Brittany Brooke Hall, May 29, 4:45 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SCHIMMERS, Steve and Laurie (Utschig), of Appleton, Wis., girl, Jolene Marie, June 20, 4:27 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

SHEERIN, Paul and Darla (Dudley), of Santa Maria, Calif., boy, Ephram Andrew, May 30, 8:10 a.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

SLAVEN, Allen and Debbie (Dayhoff), of Fort Myers, Fla., boy, Chad Michael, June 23, 10:14 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

STONE, Jim and Nella (Van Der Mey), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Dustin James, May 26, 8 p.m., 9 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

SWANN, Mark and Denise (James), of Clarksville, Tenn., girl, Ashley Rebecca, July 11, 6:18 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

THOKE, Roger and Rita (Beutoor), of Bellheim, Pa., boy, Eric Daniel, July 3, 6 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

TRISCHUK, Henry and Joyce (Langenhoff), of Saskatoon, Sask., boy, Nathan Andrew, June 28, 6 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 4 boys.

VELAZQUEZ, Indiana Ines (Lassus), of Bronx, N.Y., girl, Liana Ines, May 12, 2:54 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WALTERS, Edward and Tina (Castaneda), of Long Beach, Calif., boy, Charles Bradley, July 9, 11:11 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WENDT, Philip and Kathleen (Black), of Pasadena, boy, Logan Zachariah, May 11, 6:36 a.m., 9 pounds, now 1 girl.

WHITE, Brian and Connie (Nickerson), of Houston, Tex., girl, Natalie Nicole, July 12, 4:21 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

WHITESELL, Robert and Debbie (St. John), of Longview, Tex., boy, Carson Thomas, July 8, 9:44 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

Westchester, N.Y., church. The best man was Jim Whiting, and the maid of honor was Rita Dreyfus, sister of the bride.

WILLING, Jim and Linda (Clemons), of Mount Kisco, N.Y., boy, Andrew, June 28, 6 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 4 boys.

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## Borders

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While a few genuinely flee persecution, the vast majority of OTMs are seeking work. However, they often claim asylum, thereby delaying the deportation process up to seven years. During that time they are permitted to live — and work — in the United States.

Other people misconstrue, said INS national commissioner Alan C. Nelson, the message on the base of the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." They overlook the fact, he said, that Lady Liberty holds a book of laws in her hand.

"Although we remain an open harbor beckoning people over shores," Mr. Nelson continued, "they must come in under the light of legal immigration, rather than under the darkness of illegality ... Our parents and grandparents did not begin life in this country by evading the law."

Commissioners Nelson and Ezell feel that the only way to dry up the flood is through employer sanctions. There is no law against hiring a person who is living in the country illegally. Yet the U.S. Congress has dawdled over the issue for 15 years while the crisis has mushroomed.

The demand upon resources in California and elsewhere is soaring. The annual cost of providing schooling and public services to illegal aliens in Los Angeles County is estimated to be \$300 million. About

three fourths of all births at the five county hospitals are to illegal aliens. Immediately after each birth, we were told, the babies are signed up for food stamps and other services.

Since a child born in the United States to illegal parents is a U.S. citizen, there is a tremendous desire to have such children born here. There are many instances of mothers coming across the border 8½ months pregnant.

### Foretold in prophecy

This burgeoning crisis is too significant to be ignored in Bible prophecy. In the book of Lamentations, national calamity is foretold for the end-times descendants of Is-

rael because they have "sinned grievously" and have "become vile" (Lamentations 1:8, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

Look at our "entertainment," alarming drug epidemic, the condoning of homosexuality and the consequential spread of AIDS. Read through the rest of this short book.

Then, in the throes of national calamity, the people will cry out to

God. "Look, and behold our reproach! Our inheritance has been turned over to aliens, and our houses to foreigners." (Lamentations 5:1-2)

This is already happening. Two thirds of Los Angeles city-subsidized housing units are occupied by illegals. In New York City, 40 percent of such housing is similarly occupied.

Reading the book of Lamenta-

tions (note also Deuteronomy 28:43), one has the distinct impression that God is saying to sinning Americans that if they despise their birthright He will open the floodgates to other peoples, some of whom might better appreciate the blessings of the land. "He has caused the rampart and wall to lament" (Lamentations 2:8).

God's prophetic warning messages are for real and up to date!



**NIGHTLY RUSH** — Hundreds of illegal aliens, above, gather at the "soccer field," just inside U.S. border from Tijuana, Mexico, preparing for nighttime rush past border patrol agents. In left photo, Immigration and Naturalization Service official William King, foreground, questions alien apprehended during roundup. The man was returning from home to a restaurant job in Los Angeles, Calif. [Photos by Hal Finch]

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ber since 1964, and Mrs. Kellogg was baptized in 1975. They have one son, Edward, a member who attends the Oakland, Calif., church, and six grand-



**MR. AND MRS. EDWARD KELLOGG**  
children. One grandson, Jay, and his wife, Jackie, are members who attend the Fairfield, Calif., church.

**EGANVILLE**, Ont. — Otto and Lila Wilke celebrated 50 years of marriage June 24. About 100 friends and relatives attended an open house at the Wilkes' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilke became interested in the Church in 1955 and were baptized in August, 1956. They were unable to attend services regularly until 1965, when the Ottawa, Ont., church began.



**MR. AND MRS. OTTO WILKE**  
The Wilkes have four children, 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**MADISON HEIGHTS**, Ill. — Alfred and Stella Albiston celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary July 1 with their two children, family members, friends and brethren.

The Albistons were married in

Canada in 1924 and were among the first residents of the area that became Madison Heights. They lived in a tent when they were first married while they built a house, where they still live.

Mr. Albiston emigrated from England and worked as a cabinetmaker, a commercial radio operator, a construction superintendent for industrial buildings and a carpentry teacher.

Mr. Albiston's first contact with the Church was in 1964, and he has been a member since 1971.

Mr. Albiston is 90, and Mrs. Albiston is 95. They have five grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and six great-grandchildren. One grandson, Christopher Greenwood, has been a Church member since 1982.

## Obituaries

**NASHVILLE**, Tenn. — Margaret Regina Roscoe Valentine Mahan Hudgins, 69, died Feb. 8. She has been a Church member since 1984.

Mrs. Hudgins is survived by two sons, Robert L. Hudgins, a Church member, and Vonzell Thomas Hudgins; and a granddaughter, Linda Faye Hudgins.

Funeral services were conducted by Greg Johnson, now associate pastor of the Cleveland, Ohio, East and West churches.

**AUGUSTA**, Ga. — Hester Jackson Jr., 63, died of cancer May 10. He was baptized in 1985.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife, Louise, also a Church member; three sons, Hester, Andrew and Rommel; and two daughters, Winnifred and Rene.

Funeral services were conducted by Carlos Nieto, associate pastor of the Columbia, S.C., and Augusta churches.

**FORT SMITH**, Ark. — Opal Belicek, 68, died May 27 of kidney failure after years of ill health. She has been a Church member for 20 years.

Mrs. Belicek is survived by her husband, Emil, also a Church member; three children; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

**WICHITA**, Kan. — Mabel L. Joseph, 91, died June 13. She was baptized in 1966 in Wichita.

Mrs. Joseph is survived by a son, Cecil Davis, a member who attends the Wichita church, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Ervin Lenhart, a member who attends

the Oklahoma City, Okla., church. She is also survived by a daughter, Dorothy Fligger, a brother, W. Francis Price, sisters Hazel Rowland and Lula Zehr, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Judd Kirk, pastor of the Wichita church.

**CARLISLE**, Pa. — Evette Marie Frisicia, infant daughter of Joe and Sonia Frisicia, died June 5 of a chromosome disorder.

Evette is survived by her parents, two brothers, Adam, 10, and Todd, 4, and a grandmother, Mary Frisicia of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Graveside services were conducted by James Rosenthal, now pastor of the Trenton and Middletown, N.J., churches.

**HARRISBURG**, Pa. — Charlotte Virginia Long, 79, of Enola, Pa., died June 10. She has been a member of God's Church since 1970.

Mrs. Long, the widow of Eugene R. Long, is survived by a son, John F. of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; three daughters, Virginia Freeburn of Enola, Jean Long of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Joan Quelette, a Church member in Omaha, Neb., 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted June 16 by James Rosenthal, now pastor of the Trenton and Middletown, N.J., churches.

**FAYETTE**, Ala. — Paul D. Reese, 64, died June 20 of a heart attack. He has been a Church member since March, 1984.

Mr. Reese is survived by his wife, Ruby Lee, also a Church member; one daughter; three sons; four sisters; one brother; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Fayette, Ala., June 23 by Kenneth Smylie, pastor of the Birmingham A.M. and P.M., Jasper and Bessemer, Ala., churches.

**LEXINGTON**, Ky. — Lee Thacker, 50, died June 7 of a heart attack. He has been a Church member since 1982.

Graveside services were conducted by David Havir, pastor of the Lexington and Mount Sterling, Ky., churches.

**SAN DIEGO**, Calif. — Harry T. Frahm, 58, a deacon in the San Diego church, died July 5 at his home in Imperial Beach, Calif. He was born July 19, 1910, in Manning, Iowa.

Mr. Frahm is survived by his wife, Evelyn Rebecca; a daughter, Lorraine Braden, a member who attends the San Diego church; a granddaughter, Katherine Killebrew, a member who attends the Glendale, Calif., church; a grandson,

Nathan Braden, a member who attends the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church; and two great-grandchildren, Joshua and Shana Killebrew.

Funeral services were conducted July 9 at Riverside National Cemetery by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the Yuma, Ariz., and San Diego churches.

**SPEARFISH**, S.D. — Annajean A. Rayburne, 86, died June 23 after a lengthy illness. She was born in Buelah, Wyo., in 1899, and has been a Church member since 1953.

Mrs. Rayburne was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, in 1957. She is survived by six cousins.

Funeral services were conducted by Steve Buchanan, pastor of the Rapid City, S.D., and Chadron, Neb., churches. Burial was in Beulah, Wyo.

**CHAMPAIGN**, Ill. — Ruby Wait, 65, died June 14 after a long bout with cancer. She was a deaconess and has been a Church member since 1969.

Mrs. Wait is survived by her husband, Clyde, a deacon; two sons, Nicholas Allen Stacy, a deacon in the Memphis, Tenn., church, and Warren Ray Stacy, a deacon in the Butte, Mont., church; a daughter, Lola Kay Daniel, a member who attends the Dayton, Ohio, church; five stepchildren, Sherry Janet Wagner and Vicki Carol Wait, members who attend the Champaign church, Debbie Kay Greenaway, a member who attends the Gold Coast, Australia, church, Lanny Dean Wait of Lowell, Ark., and Jan Lee Wait of Tyler, Tex.; 18 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Wait is also survived by her mother, Prudie Wells of Hazard, Ky.; two brothers, Joe and Jerry Wells of Hazard; and two sisters, Rosa Jones of Hazard and Nancy Howard of Austin, Ind.

Funeral services were conducted in Atwood, Ill., by Randy Holm, pastor of the Champaign and Springfield, Ill., churches.

**CLEVELAND**, Ohio — Lula Burnett, 87, died March 23 of a heart attack. She has been a member of God's Church for 22 years.

Mrs. Burnett is survived by one daughter and one son.

Funeral services were conducted March 27 by Guy Engelbart, pastor of the Cleveland East and West churches.

**CLEVELAND**, Ohio — Anna Joiner, 91, died March 28. She has been a Church member for 21 years.

Mrs. Joiner is survived by two sons, one daughter, 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Guy Engelbart, pastor of the Cleveland East and West churches.

**LAFAYETTE**, La. — James Vincent Slocum, 60, of Henderson, La., died June 9 of a heart attack. He was baptized in 1985 and attended the Lafayette church.

Mr. Slocum is survived by his wife, Anna, and a daughter, Sharon.

Funeral services were conducted by Warren Wanam, assistant pastor of the Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., churches.

**TAMPA**, Fla. — Margery W. Minnick, 80, died of an apparent heart attack June 24, three days before her 81st birthday. She has been a Church member for 16 years.

Mrs. Minnick is survived by her husband, Ed, a Church member; one son; two grandsons; two great-grandsons; three sisters; and one brother.

A memorial service was conducted by Roy Demarest, pastor of the Tampa church.

**MINNEAPOLIS**, Minn. — Helen Roberts, 80, died July 7 of complications from diabetes. She has been a Church member for more than 15 years.

Mrs. Roberts is survived by two sons, one daughter, 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

**GREAT FALLS**, Mont. — Alisa Marie Love, 4½, died July 1 after a sudden and brief illness.



**ALISA LOVE**

Alisa is survived by her parents, Timothy G. and Donna M. (Schuerch) Love, Church members since 1974; a brother, Nathan, 1; grandparents, Thurman and Nina Baldwin, who attend the Salem, Ore., church; Paul and Nancy Love, who attend the Quincy, Wash., church; and Samuel and Helen Melnick of Billings, Mont.

Funeral services were conducted July 4 in Choteau, Mont., by Thomas Smith, pastor of the Butte, Great Falls and Helena, Mont., churches.

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

PASADENA — Church members contribute 77 percent of the Church's income, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center here. Members "continue to carry the overwhelming lion's share of the work's needs," Mr. Rice said. Co-workers contribute 18.3 percent, donors 3.8 percent and miscellaneous sources 0.9 percent.

"Clearly," Mr. Rice added, "these facts point out that members are deeply dedicated and have their hearts in God's work."

Readers and listeners often comment about God's method of funding His work, he said.

One reader from Mississippi wrote: "For you to operate with apparently no source of income is a mystery to me. Yet I know that God does work in strange ways. No doubt, you are an instrument used in the promotion of God's Kingdom."

A viewer in Hawaii commented: "I know why you don't ask for money. It is because you are doing the work of God, and He has provided the means by which to finance your program."

From Indiana: "I understand now why it costs me nothing for [your publications]. Through your

organization God is showing love to me. And love is one thing no one can buy."

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PASADENA — A record 3,228,310 copies of Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**'s spring semiannual letter were mailed to *Plain Truth* readers in the United States, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

The letter broke three records for spring semiannual letters, including the highest amount of money received, the highest average donation per person and the largest number of letter responses.

Since 1980 the average response for spring semiannual letters has been 10 percent. This year the letter drew an 11.8 percent response, said Mr. Rice.

The letters were mailed from the Postal Center in Pasadena, making it the center's largest single-letter mailing.

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PASADENA — Church Administration announced that **Joseph McNair** will serve as a ministerial trainee in the Elkhart and Plymouth, Ind., congregations. Before moving to Indiana, Mr. McNair and his wife, **Susan**, are attending

the Ministerial Refreshing Program now in session.

Mr. McNair, formerly employed by Music Services here, is the son of evangelist **Raymond McNair**, deputy chancellor of the Pasadena Ambassador College campus.

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PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinances.

**Jay Fields** of the Portland, Ore., East church was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, July 19.

**Alexander Harrison**, a deacon in the Christchurch, New Zealand, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, July 5.

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**BIG SANDY** — An article co-authored by **Larry Johnson**, chairman of the Mathematics Department at Ambassador College here, was selected by the Mississippi State Department of Education to train administrators of schools.

The article, "Retraining Principals for Productive School Management," appeared in *Educational Research Quarterly*, an academic publication of the University of Southern California, in the spring of 1985. It was written by Dr. Johnson and **Carolyn Snyder**, an associate professor and director of the management institute at the University of South Florida.

The purpose of the research was to take a look at what makes good schools, Dr. Johnson said. It is important for school administrators to

## HOLY DAY ENVELOPES

PASADENA — Holy Day offering envelopes for the Fall Festival season have been mailed to members in the United States. If you do not receive your supply by Sept. 19, please call the toll-free number (1-800-423-4444) no later than Sept. 23. This is the last date the Mail Processing Center can mail personalized envelopes with assurance that they will reach you by the Feast of Trumpets (Oct. 4).

understand their responsibilities.

"We looked at it in terms of the responsibility of top management," he said. "In so many schools administrators are conducting maintenance at the management level instead of looking at leadership."

Dr. Johnson has published more than 40 research papers and journal articles in the past five years.

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PASADENA — *The World Tomorrow* telecast, *The Secret of the Human Mind*, by **David Albert**, a rerun that aired July 26 and 27, produced 19,044 calls, 688 more than when it was first aired, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

The telecast, *The Middle East in Prophecy*, by **David Hulme**, also a repeat, produced 33,051 calls the weekend of Aug. 2 and 3. This is the highest response received during any summer month and the sixth highest response ever, according to Mr. Rice. The program also prompted 110 ministerial visit requests, the highest number for the summer.

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PASADENA — **Richard Thompson**, director of the Speech and Journalism Department and an instructor in theology at Big Sandy Ambassador College, was named dean of students for that campus. The decision was announced on the Big Sandy campus July 15.

Mr. Thompson "assisted Mr. [Larry] Salyer with a good portion of the student counseling load," said Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**. "I am confident that he will make an outstanding dean of students."

Mr. Salyer, former Big Sandy dean of students, now serves as director of Church Administration in Pasadena.

"It's quite a responsibility, but I am looking forward to working with the students," said Mr. Thompson. "We are anxiously awaiting the ar-

rival of the freshman class and helping them to get started here at college."

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PASADENA — Church Administration announced the transfer of **Kenneth Buck**, a local church elder in the Southampton, England, church, and his wife, **Hilary**, to the Blantyre, Malawi, congregation.

After attending the current session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program, Mr. and Mrs. Buck will visit Malawi for two weeks to arrange accommodations. They will return to Malawi by the end of the year or the beginning of next year, after attending the Feast in England.

Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** also approved a Church building for Sabbath services and the Feast of Tabernacles. It will also satisfy a government requirement that the Church have a physical presence in Malawi.

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**BIG SANDY** — Record-breaking responses to the *World Tomorrow* telecast caused American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) equipment, reacting to the flood of calls, to make a loud noise, which sounded like an explosion.

**Neil Matkin**, assistant to **Fred Gilreath**, manager of Communications in Pasadena, learned of the occurrence while at the AT&T facility in Longview, Tex., June 17.

Mr. Matkin was in Texas to study the feasibility of expanding Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines here. He coordinated a tour of the facility, which routes WATS calls into and out of the Big Sandy campus.

**Leon Foster**, a supervisor for the facility, told the tour group that when a call is routed through their machinery it makes a clicking noise. On three weekends when the *World Tomorrow* telecast produced record-breaking ring-ins, the simultaneous clicking made by the switches sounded like an explosion.

He told them the AT&T employees were so shocked by the noise that they called their supervisor out of his Sunday morning church service to investigate.

at 27 locations in the Philippines, according to regional director Guy Ames.

Mr. Ames reported a marked increase in attendance and offerings. Offerings, which rose 85 percent from 1984 to 1985, increased more than 35 percent this year.

"Although the economic conditions in the Philippines are still depressed, with little tangible improvements yet, the brethren are being blessed and have responded generously to the needs of the work at a time of encouraging growth and activity with new contacts," he said.

More than 60 new contacts have been registered each month in 1986 in the Philippines.

### French youth camps

A new youth camp opened July 11 in Vendee, Que., an hour and a half drive from Montreal, Que.

Donat Picard, pastor of the Montreal North and South French-speaking churches, "just informed us that there are 62 teens and 10 children between the ages of 6 and 12 at the camp," said evangelist Dibar Aparian, regional director of French-speaking areas.

The building on the camp, which was renovated by Church members, houses the youths, who were being chaperoned by about 20 adults.

"Since the camp is on a lake, our youths will be able to take part in many water sports and can practice their fishing," said Mr. Aparian. The camp will end Aug. 13.

## SEP

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When Mr. Tkach arrived at the SEP camp on Lake Pelican, "the campers lined up and gave him high fives," said Kermit Nelson, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU) and the Orr SEP camp. "He got out of the car and personally shook hands with the minicampers."

At a luncheon in the camp chalet, Mr. Tkach particularly enjoyed the walleye pike, caught during the first session of SEP, said Rick Sherrod, a local elder who will serve in the Chattanooga, Tenn., church and assistant camp director.

Mr. Tkach and his party, accompanied by the Church's television crew, toured camp activities, including waterskiing, softball, communications and education classes, until 5:30 p.m.

The pastor general again spoke to 240 campers and about 130 faculty and staff members, according to Dr. Nelson. (Four units of campers were on a wilderness canoe trip to Canada.)

Mr. Tkach "encouraged campers to live God's way of life because it produces the right results," Dr. Nelson told *The Worldwide News* before leaving Orr to accompany the pastor general to London.

"He encouraged them to return home and establish a closer relationship with their parents," Dr. Nelson added.

According to Dr. Sherrod: "After the speech, he invited the campers to come up and visit. I would say every single camper and every single staff member went up. I've never seen anything quite like it."

"If any of the campers didn't get to shake his hand, I don't know who they were," Dr. Sherrod continued. "He posed for photographs very frequently — about every third camper had a camera. He built a strong rapport between the campers and staff."

Then the pastor general and his party shared an evening buffet in the camp's executive home with ministers, wives and camp administrators, according to Dr. Nelson.

"At 9 p.m. Mr. Tkach and his party went to the gymnasium, where they watched a demonstra-

tion of what we teach in basketball skills," Dr. Sherrod said. David Goethals, a faculty member at Big Sandy Ambassador College and camp basketball instructor, was master of ceremonies for the demonstrations.

Afterward minicampers lined up in front of the pastor general and as their names were called stepped forward to receive gold YOU Merit Awards in recognition of achievement.

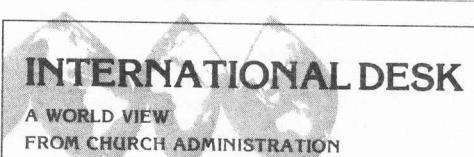
"Some of the little ones sprinted up to Mr. Tkach and gave him high fives — well, really low fives, since most of them were pretty small," said Dr. Sherrod. "That really made an impression on the kids."

After that Dr. Nelson explained the changes he wants to

implement in YOU basketball, including each team running in side-by-side to begin warmups and coaches dressed in suits to give an attractive appearance," said Dr. Sherrod.

"I don't want to say too much about it yet, but it gave everyone at summer camp a foretaste of how basketball will be in YOU as a whole, showing some of God's principles on the basketball court."

At 10 p.m., the group members returned to their accommodations before their 11:45 p.m. departure for the International Falls, Minn., airport, where the G-III was waiting with engines running and fueled to capacity for the seven-hour trip to Luton Airport. The G-III left the ground at 1 a.m.



PASADENA — An East German member who was given government permission to spend 12 days seeing his uncle in the West, visited the Church's Bonn Office in June, reported Frank Schnee, regional director for German-speaking areas.

"This was the first time he had ever been in the West," said Mr. Schnee.

"Recently, restrictions on traveling were lessened, and East Germans are now permitted to travel out of the country for golden weddings anniversaries, funerals and special birthdays of second-degree relatives such as aunts and uncles," Mr. Schnee continued.

Before then, East Germans could only visit first-degree relatives such as parents or children who live in the West.

Mr. Schnee traveled to Dresden, East Germany, June 13 to spend Pentecost weekend with the East German Church members. On the weekly Sabbath, June 14, the regional director conducted services in a Church member's home, with

19 people in attendance. After services the group, including some from the West, ate in an area restaurant.

Sunday, Mr. Schnee conducted two Pentecost services at the member's home.

"The work in East Germany is still very limited to the small group of members that we do have, since we cannot openly preach the Gospel there," he said. "There are private services every two months in a member's home."

In June, Winfried Fritz, pastor of the Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, and Munich and Nuremberg, West Germany, churches, visited three elderly Church members in Yugoslavia.

"Besides an occasional visit, these members have no services except when they travel to Austria for the Passover and to Bonndorf [West Germany] for the Fall Festival," said Mr. Schnee.

### Growth in Philippines

Just less than 4,000 brethren attended Pentecost services June 15

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