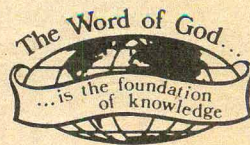


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HOW THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD CAME INTO BEING

By Herbert W. Armstrong

TO SET the record straight, once and for all, I give you here the actual FACTS relating to my fellowshiping with the *Church of God, Seventh Day*, Stanberry, Mo., and the A.N. Dugger "Church of God," Salem, W. Va.

Rumors have been started that Garner Ted Armstrong is now doing the precise thing his father did in the years 1933 to 1937. Like most rumors started for wrong reasons, this one is FALSE!

Mr. Armstrong's conversion
No biblically organized
true Church still existed

Errors usually originate from a false premise carelessly ASSUMED, unproved.

The true original Church of

We are really in the third generation of the present era of the WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD. Few are still living who remember how God started it. HERE IS EYE-OPENING NEWS to most members of God's Church TODAY. And it corrects a false rumor concerning Herbert W. Armstrong and the "Sardis" era of the Church. Mr. ARMSTRONG DID NOT "LEAVE" THE CHURCH OF GOD (Sardis era) TO START THE PRESENT WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD. Nor did he ever seek to draw away any of their members after him! He was never a member of either of the two factions of that church — though he fellowshiped and gave help to each of them. Mr. Armstrong's relation with "Sardis" was one of "GIVING" not "GETTING."

God was founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ. It was a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM — not a worldly organization — yet well organized on GOD'S PATTERN.

It was headed by Jesus Christ, who already had ascended to God's throne in heaven. It was

founded on a SOLID FOUNDATION — a spiritual foundation — the apostles (New Testament) and prophets (Old Testament) with Christ the actual HEAD.

Under the apostles and the very few prophets after A.D. 31 were evangelists, pastors, other elders

and teachers, deacons and deaconesses. It was truly the "... household of God ..." In whom all the building fitly framed together ... unto an holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:19-21), "... the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth ..." (Ephesians 4:16).

But after A.D. 33 violent persecution set in (Acts 8:1). But about A.D. 53 to 59 another gospel was taking over the churches, and before A.D. 70 the Gospel Christ had preached was SUPPRESSED! The Church was

forced virtually to go underground, holding meetings secretly.

The apostle Polycarp (a disciple of the apostle John) and a later apostle, Policrates, had heated controversies with the Roman bishops in the false "Babylonian Mystery" religion (Revelation 17:5), which, under Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8), had adopted the name "Christianity."

In Revelation 2 and 3 are the messages inspired by Christ from God's throne.

The seven churches

The apostle John relates, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day ..." (Revelation 1:10). In other words, John was taken IN VISION, by the Spirit of God, into the far future DAY OF THE LORD. From the time of Adam to now — approximately 6,000 years — we have been in the day of MAN, deceived and led by Satan.

The period foretold in more than 30 prophecies called the "Day of the Lord" is the time when God supernaturally intervenes and begins taking over the world — starting very shortly, perhaps one to three years, before the second coming of Christ to RULE ALL NATIONS.

The apostle John, in vision, (See HOW, page 3)

'78 Feast is 'spiritual revival'

PASADENA — Worldwide Church of God brethren gathered at 75 sites this year from Anchorage, Alaska, to Suva, Fiji, for eight days (Oct. 16 to 23) of spiritual food, fellowship and fun.

For the first time in the history of the Feast members of God's worldwide family had the opportunity to see and hear Herbert W. Arm-

strong speak at the Feast.

As the Festival got under way the evening of Oct. 15 it was Mr. Armstrong who greeted Feastgoers, whether they were meeting in coconut-palm huts or Church-owned tabernacles such as the ones at the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., and Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

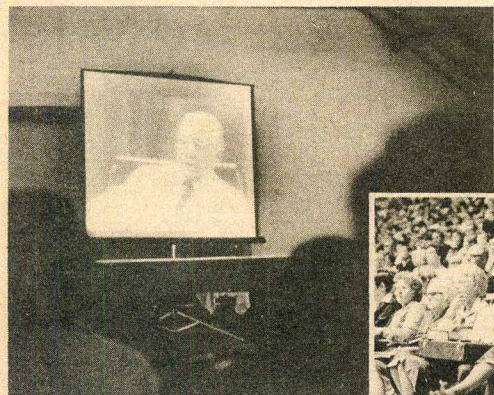
Films that Mr. Armstrong had

made before the Feast for this purpose were shipped to all points of the globe. For German-, French- and Spanish-speaking brethren the film was translated.

Some attending the Feast in African sites had never seen Mr. Armstrong before. Festival coordinators reported delight at being able to have the films, with many calling the presentations the highlight of the Festival.

Mr. Armstrong himself made personal appearances at three U.S. sites. Accompanied by his assistant, Stanley Rader, he spoke before a combined total of 28,000 brethren in St. Petersburg, Fla., Big Sandy, Tex., and finally Tucson, Ariz. Mr. Rader also gave talks at the three sites.

Mr. Armstrong hailed the Feast as (See FEAST 78, page 8)



FESTIVAL SERVICES — Members watch Herbert W. Armstrong's opening night film at the Sierra de la Ventana, Argentina, site, above, and listen during services at Fresno, Calif., right. (Photos by Tom Williams and Dave Knight)



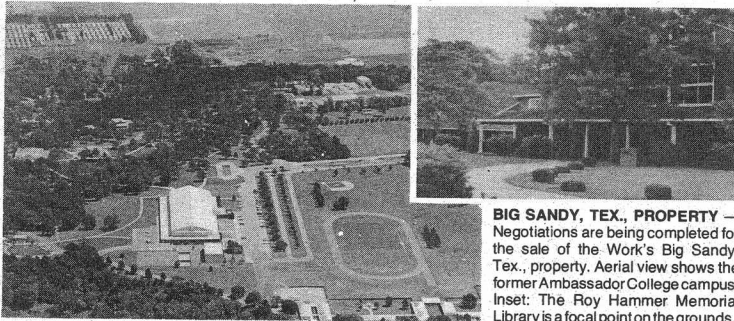
'GOOD NEWS' TO CHANGE FORMAT, 'WORLDWIDE NEWS' TO RESUME PUBLICATION

As announced by Herbert W. Armstrong in a co-worker letter dated Oct. 16, *The Good News* will soon be changed into a full four-color magazine and the tabloid paper will continue publication under the name *The Worldwide News*. Work has already begun on the first two issues of *The Good News* magazine, and it should begin regular publication within the next few months.

As explained by Mr. Armstrong, the new *Good News* will be devoted to biblical and spiritual food for members. *The Worldwide News* will resume its emphasis on news of the Work and its leaders throughout the world and continue its coverage of local church activities, announcements of personal news, features on members and additional articles of a spiritual nature.

We welcome your comments and look forward to serving you with continued news and encouragement through the pages of *The Good News* and *The Worldwide News*.

Dexter Faulkner
Managing Editor



BIG SANDY, TEX., PROPERTY — Negotiations are being completed for the sale of the Work's Big Sandy, Tex., property. Aerial view shows the former Ambassador College campus. Inset: The Roy Hammer Memorial Library is a focal point on the grounds.

Treasurer details campus sales

By Stanley R. Rader

PASADENA — Now that we are completing the negotiations for the sale of the two campuses (Bricket Wood, England, and Big Sandy, Tex.) I would like to share some of the details with you.

As early as 1973, Mr. Herbert Armstrong had determined that both the Big Sandy and Bricket Wood colleges should be closed. This is a task that could not be accomplished overnight as there were a number of personnel and financial considerations to be handled. The rest of the story has already been told.

In 1974 we closed the Bricket Wood college and approached the firm of Cluttons of London to assist us in the sale of the campus. We had a number of interested parties, both from England and foreign countries, but we were unable to come to a equitable agreement until the middle of this year. We finally agreed on a

price of 2 million pounds (approximately \$4 million) for the sale of the campus. This is more than our investment in the property.

The Big Sandy campus, closed in 1977 when all college operations were consolidated in Pasadena, has now received one offer of purchase that is being considered by the executive committee. The offer is \$100,000 higher than our original asking price and about 25 percent higher than the estimated market value we had obtained in July. We have been carrying the campus' value on our books at approximately \$8.4 million.

We feel that we have been good stewards in these transactions. We have not lost money on these transactions nor have we obtained unreasonably high returns. It is our intention to utilize the funds received from these sales as an investment that will provide much-needed underpinning for our working capital, and at the

same time provide interest, which can be added to our income in the years ahead.

HOLY DAY OFFERING UPDATE

We are still in the process of entering all the Holy Day offering information into our files for the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day, so we do not have final figures at this time, but we would like to give you the preliminary numbers in this report (United States only).

	1977	1978	Change
Total offering	\$2,099,107.29	\$2,205,465.67	+5.1 percent
Average attendance	66,072.00	66,555.00	+0.7 percent
Per person	\$31.43	\$33.13	+5.4 percent

There will be additional offerings coming from U.S. citizens who attended Festival sites in Canada and in the international areas, so these figures will go up slightly.

Mr. Armstrong is encouraged by the financial support of all the loyal members and wants to thank each of you for your part in this great Work of God.

Stanley R. Rader
Treasurer

Feast over, but challenge remains — what do we do with what we learned?

By Val J. Aspenns

With the singing of the final hymn and a closing prayer, another Feast of Tabernacles becomes history. We can easily recall the inspiring, meaningful messages given from the pulpit and can still savor the millennial-like, abundant, joyful living experienced during the eight days or more. Probably we all feel encouraged, uplifted and spiritually rejuvenated. And as a result of the Feast, we've come away with a greater sense of commitment, dedication and resolve towards God, His Work and life in general.

But will this resolve and renewed enthusiasm last? Or will it be as short-lived as the proverbial New Year's resolution, which lasts about as long as the hangover? Will this year's Feast give us an added spiritual boost that will raise us to a higher spiritual plane of existence whereby we will personally reflect the image and character of Jesus Christ more profoundly than ever before?

Knowledge put to use

The answer lies not so much in what we've heard, or seen or experienced, but in what we will personally do right now and in the days ahead. As Herbert W. Armstrong has often said, knowledge is of no real value unless it is put to use. This is especially true in respect to spiritual knowledge. What will we do with our Feast experience? Will we use it? Will we ponder over it and build upon it, or will we let it lie dormant and die a slow death?

It's quite clear that unless we use the knowledge and apply it to our life and circumstances, it will be lost, perhaps never to be regained. There is an old motto, "use it or lose it." It's simple, yet so profound. When viewed in this light, it seems that our options are somewhat limited. It is hoped we all will make the right choice and with God's help will use the spiritual momentum of the Feast to successfully project us through another year, no matter what obstacles or trials this life may bring, individually or as a Work.

Paul led the way

In another time, in another setting, a man named Paul trod this same Christian road before us. He was not unfamiliar with the trials and tests of life. Few can match his record "of labours, of beatings, of imprisonments, of perils, of fastings . . ." (see II Corinthians 11). His life is a glowing example of how to be a

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Christian no matter the circumstances, be it in poverty or wealth, in sickness or in health. If the stress of life is seemingly too much, take heart, Paul has been there. He overcame and freely gives us the benefit of his experience.

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, predated the recent jogging fad; on a number of occasions used an interesting analogy comparing our calling to a race and exhorted us to " . . . run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

To participate in this race you don't have to be a beautifully conditioned athlete. There is no specific age qualification, and the race chairman doesn't even discriminate against women. But you do have to be a Christian—willing to work hard and put out a lot of effort.

A long-distance run

The race Paul alludes to is not a short 60- or 100-yard dash over a perfectly level artificial running turf encompassed by stands filled with admiring, cheering fans. It is more like a long distance cross-country run winding over unpaved dirt or gravel roads as well as hard concrete, with stretches of level ground and hilly, gut-wrenching terrain.

Because of the long distance, the field of runners spreads out quickly and you may feel you're running all alone. At other times, you see runners pass you and you're tempted to drop out in discouragement. After all, who would know (or care)? And then there's the pain of blisters or just plain fatigue. What a relief it would be to quit. There's also the double threat of heat and humidity, which can sap your strength, but you go on. The drive and resolve has to come from within as there are no cheering throngs to encourage you along—but, finally, the long-awaited finish line.

While only one can come in first, when you've run hard and done your best, you know you've won. Those who have experienced this know the joy of running. At the end of his life the apostle Paul expressed this joy, knowing he had run his spiritual marathon well and won the crown of righteousness (II Timothy 4:8).

We must run

We Christians have been called

and chosen to participate in this race for eternal life. To reject this opportunity could mean our salvation. So run we must, day by day, week by week. Along the route we might stumble at times or have to stop momentarily at an aid station for some thirst-quenching water, but remember that Paul, who was tried and tested in much the same manner, is cheering us on, "So run, that ye may obtain [the prize]" (I Corinthians 9:24).

The Feast of 1978 is over, but for us the challenges and trials of life remain. We have been given the knowledge, and we have the tools, it is now our responsibility to meditate on the blessings we have been given, to assimilate the rich spiritual nourishment received and renew our resolve and commitment to back up Mr. Armstrong and this Work in its end-time commission.

The apostle Paul met his challenges, accomplished his work and ran his race. He won his crown. We too have a crown prepared for us. "Behold, I come quickly; hold fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Revelation 3:11). So in the coming year when the road of life gets tough, remember Paul and keep on running.

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A Feast farewell

The Feast of Tabernacles, 1978, is over. For some it may have been their first; for others their fifth, 12th or even 25th. For my family it was the 20th. From all indications as reports come in to *The Good News* from around the world others felt as we did—that it was a moving, encouraging and uplifting Feast. A Feast that depicted peace and unity. One that we will not soon forget.

However, it is easy to slip back into our routine of life and forget the spiritual and physical lessons we learned during this past Festival season.

The following poem, written by Michelle Briden of the Toronto West church, first-place winner in the 1977 Feast of Tabernacles Canadian YOU Talent contest, was read on the Last Great Day at the Festival site we attended. I felt it was worthy of sharing with all our readers.

Feast

Gather ye together now,
Here in the place of God.
A place where angels guard your sleep
With holy staff and rod.
Enjoy this time of happiness,
Of peace, of joy, of love.
Grow closer to your fellow man
And to the Lord above.

This issue's column was written by Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of The Good News.

Take in the beauty of this time
When summer turns to fall.
The glory of the changing leaves,
Of creatures large and small.

Drink in the words
Of all the wise,
Of heaven's holy men.
And understand old things anew.
Stir up your zeal again.
Picture a time when life will be
As it is now today.
Remember, all you chosen ones,
To study and to pray.
Plug in your mind.
Recharge your heart.
Grow solid in this word.
And when you go back to your home
Remember what you've heard.

For if you do I'm sure you'll find
Your smile will never fade.
And you will leave a happy heart
In every place you've stayed.
You'll find your feet have
Grown quite light;
Your hand will work with ease.
Your faith will soon come naturally.
And love will be a breeze.
Remember, you must reach for God,
Then He will reach for you.
And when you know Him as your heart,
Then He will know you too.
So as you leave this place of God,
Remember what you've viewed.
And go with love, with peace,
with joy
And with your faith renewed.

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was taken into this "Day of the Lord" called "the Lord's day" in Revelation 1:10. This period, "the Day of the Lord," especially that phase of it PRIOR to Christ's coming (although it shall continue through the millennium), is the THEME of the book of Revelation.

Continue in Revelation 1:10: "... and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega [A and Z], the first and the last; and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia..." Then Christ named the churches, starting with Ephesus and ending with Laodicea.

Then, in his vision John turned and saw seven golden candlesticks and "... in the midst of the golden candlesticks one like unto the Son of man [Christ]..." And he had in his right hand seven stars..."

Then He (Christ) said, "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches" (Revelation 1:20).

Then follow, in chapters 2 and 3, Christ's messages to the angels of these seven churches.

I studied deeply into these seven churches and Christ's messages to them 51 years ago. And I concluded, on exhaustive re-

discouraged — had lost their first love. But, also, that has been true of every era of the Church — only not so dominant as in the first two centuries.

The Church did become scattered! Never again after the first century was it ONE WELL-ORGANIZED, COMPACTED BODY!

This is a fact that most today have not realized — and perhaps most have supposed there existed a centrally organized closely knit Church from the first century

by very disturbing dual challenges. My wife, after nine years of happy marriage, had begun keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. I was aghast! That, to me, was religious fanaticism! She claimed to have found this teaching in the Bible.

My first upsetting thought was, What will my business contacts and friends say? It was a devastating thought, humiliating!

All the arguments came quickly to my mind. They were of no

in Genesis. First I delved thoroughly into the works of Darwin, Lyell, Haeckel, Huxley, Spencer, Vogt, Chamberlin and Moore, and even into the earlier works of Lamarck and his theory of "Use and Disuse," which preceded Darwin's "survival of the fittest" hypothesis.

Immediately those writings appeared convincing. They necessarily are, to have won virtual universal acceptance in the world of higher education. I read-

Also I had the enjoyment of being able to cause my sister-in-law to "eat those words" branding me as "ignorant." All of which was merely vanity on my part, which I had not yet eradicated.

I had proved the reality of THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD! But my wife's challenge was still tormenting my mind. Already, in the evolutionary research, I had studied Genesis. I knew each of the world's religions had their own sacred writings. Once God's reality was proved, I had expected to continue in the pursuit of comparative religions to see if any such sacred writings proved authoritative. Through which of these did God speak to mankind — if any?

Bible research continued

Since I had to research the Sabbath question anyway, and already I had delved into Genesis, I decided to continue my study in the Bible — intending to examine in depth the writings of other religions afterward.

In my biblical study I came across early the passage in Romans 6:23: "... the wages of sin is death..." I stopped, amazed. Wages is what one is paid for what one has done. Here I was staring at a statement diametrically opposite to my Sunday school teaching prior to age 18.

"Why," I exclaimed, "how can that be? I was taught in church that the wages of sin is EVERLASTING LIFE in an eternally burning hell."

Another shock came on reading the last part of the same verse: "... but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"But," I questioned in disillusionment, "I thought I already had eternal life — I am, or I have, an immortal soul. Why should I need it as a gift?"

I researched the word *soul* by means of a Bible concordance. Twice I found the words, "... the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4 and Ezekiel 18:20).

Then I remembered I had read in Genesis 2 how God said to the first human, "But of the tree of

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Yet, when Christ comes, He is coming to a Church that IS well-organized — the "... household of God... in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:19-21).

THAT IS THE TEMPLE TO WHICH CHRIST SHALL COME. THAT IS the one and only Church that shall, RESURRECTED, MARRY CHRIST!

But, when I first was converted and came on the scene, the Church (Sardis era) was widely scattered. There was a U.S. headquarters at Stanberry, Mo.

But there were a few very small scattered groups, which we have discovered since, in Central and South America and Europe. These brethren were still keeping

avail. She said she found this teaching in the Bible.

"But the Bible says," I protested, "thou shalt observe Sunday."

"Can you show that to me in the Bible?" she asked.

"No," I replied, "I don't know much about the Bible. My interest and studies have been in the area of business. But I know the Bible teaches Sunday observance, because all these churches can't be wrong, and they receive their beliefs from the Bible."

"If," she smiled sincerely — but to me exasperatingly — "you can show me where the Bible commands Sunday observance, I'll go back to it."

There was no dodging the challenge. My marriage depended on it!

A second challenge

Coincidentally, a sister-in-law, newly married and fresh out of college, hurled at me a second humiliating challenge.

"Herbert Armstrong," she accused contemptuously, "you are just plain ignorant! Everybody who has any education knows human life has come by evolution."

I was proud. I had not neglected study and education. I thought I knew the facts about evolution, and I didn't believe in it. But now I had to admit I had never pursued a thorough, in-depth research of the question.

The dual challenge drove me into a determined almost night-and-day research. That intensive study continued for six months before I found the *proved* answer. Yet the study to this day has never ceased.

I was not only humiliated and angered by these challenges, I was determined to prove both my wife and sister-in-law wrong. Both challenges focused on a common starting point, the book of Genesis in the Bible, although that was only the beginning.

These challenges came at a period in life when I had ample time on my hands. I plunged with intense concentration into the study.

Evolutionary writings researched

But I did not begin the research

ily understood how the field of education had been gripped in the clutch of the evolutionary concept.

Evolution, as I finally learned, is the atheists' attempted explanation of the presence of a creation without the preexistence of a Creator.

This initial stage of my research rudely shook my faith in the existence of God. It brought me to realization that I had assumed the reality of God, because from childhood I had heard — and therefore assumed — it. For a while my head was literally swimming. Was all I had ever believed mere myth and error after all? I was awakened to the realization I had never seen PROVED the reality of God! Now I was determined to know the TRUTH! My mind was being cleaned out from ideas and beliefs previously taken for granted.

Of all the writings on evolution Moore, alone, had culled out many discrepancies in the theory. Yet he, too, went along with the doctrine overall.

But now I had, first of all, to prove or disprove the existence of God. It was no casual or superficial study. I continued in this research as if my life depended upon it — as in actual fact it did, as well as my marriage. I studied books also on the other side of the coin.

God's existence proved

Suffice it to say here that I did find irrefutable PROOF of the exis-

"I began to ask, 'WHERE, then, is the real true Church which CHRIST founded?'"

tence of God the Creator, and I found proof positive of the fallacy of the evolutionary theory. I had the satisfaction of winning the admission of one thoroughly steeped in evolutionary thought — having spent years in graduate work at the University of Chicago and at Columbia — that I had definitely chopped down the trunk of the evolutionary tree, though like Dr. Moore, she had been so thoroughly brainwashed in it she had to continue in what she had seen and acknowledged was PROOF of its falsity.

the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

In Genesis 2:7 I read how God "... formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man [dust — matter] became a living soul." This stated plainly that a soul is physical — formed from matter. I found that the English word *soul* is translated from the Hebrew *nephesh* and that in Genesis 1 fowl, fish and animals, (See HOW, page 4)

"But God's Church, though continuous through all generations from A.D. 31, LOST much or all of its original organizational pattern established BY CHRIST..."

search, that they represented the seven conditions that would be found in the Church of God at all times, from A.D. 31 until Christ's coming — BUT ALSO the seven ERAS of God's Church during these more than 1,900 years. God showed me that the Ephesus condition here described would be PREDOMINANT during the first era, the Laodicean condition described in the last era just prior to Christ's second coming, predominant just before Christ's coming. But definitely they depicted SEVEN SUCCESSIVE ERAS.

Loss of first love

The predominate characteristic of the Ephesus era — the first, beginning A.D. 31, — was loss of its first love. The Church in A.D. 31 on the day of Pentecost started out with great rejoicing and deep spirituality. But by approximately A.D. 58 to 59, they already were turning to ANOTHER GOSPEL — the GOSPEL MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST WAS BEING SUPPRESSED!

A violent persecution had set in by A.D. 33. By A.D. 70 the true Church was virtually forced to go underground. They were

the Sabbath, the Holy Days (which the Sardis people in America WERE NOT), and still kept the NAME, Church of God. They are now part of the Worldwide Church of God.

NOW — Herbert W. Armstrong and the Sardis era

I was born of stable and upright parents with an ancestry in the Quaker faith that had emigrated from England to Pennsylvania with William Penn, a hundred years before the United States became a nation.

At age 18 I dropped all but the most passive interest in religion. I had put myself through an intensive self-examination, coupled with a survey of the various occupations and professions, to determine where I belonged — to avoid fitting the proverbial square peg in the round hole. This led into the advertising profession and a business life. I was unusually successful. I had continued through the years diligent study and application. I had planned that my business contacts were largely with the great and the near-great.

Then, at age 34, I was assailed

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all three, were *nephesh* as Moses was inspired to write.

Next, I happened to read where Jesus said, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man . . ." (John 3:13). I researched the heaven and hell teaching further. I saw where the inspired Peter, on the day he received the Holy Spirit said, "For David is not ascended into the heavens . . ." (Acts 2:34).

Taught opposite of Bible

I was, in utter astonishment, coming to realize that what I had been taught growing up in church was the precise opposite of what the Bible says in clear language.

This is not the place for a lengthy, detailed account of my intensive search in the Bible — bent on proving to my satisfaction that "all these churches can't be

of no world religious leader who arrived at his teachings in such manner. Perhaps that is why GOD'S INSPIRED WORD *alone* — as I proved — is TRUTH. Only GOD is infallibly correct!

I was brought, by the spring of 1927, to a complete MIND-SWEEPING — my mind swept clean of previous assumptions and beliefs — surrendered to the WORD OF GOD, which by then I had *proved* TRUE, and the SUPREME AUTHORITY.

More, I had been brought to realize my own inadequacy and nothingness. I had been brought to a real repentance — CONQUERED by the GREAT MAJESTIC GOD — and with a solid rock-based FAITH in Jesus Christ. I was baptized, and the infilling of God's Spirit opened my mind to the JOY UNSPEAKABLE of knowing God and Jesus Christ — of knowing TRUTH and the warmth of God's divine LOVE!

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wrong, for their teachings came from the Bible." The essential point here is the simple fact that I did find irrefutable PROOF of the divine inspiration and SUPREME AUTHORITY of the Holy Bible as the revealed Word of God as originally written. Even all the so-called contradictions evaporated upon unbiased study.

Yet, to my utter dismay and chagrin, I was forced to "eat crow" in regard to my wife's supposed "fanaticism." It was not what I *wanted* to believe, THEN! But by now I had taken a real beating. I had *proved* truth contrary to what I wanted to believe.

Let me pause here to add a point to what I wrote above, saying most people believe what they have repeatedly heard or read or been taught. There are two other psychological truisms in regard to why people believe what they do. One is, people carelessly accept what those around them believe. Most Thais are Buddhists because those around them in Thailand are Buddhists. There is the psychological tendency to go along with one's peers.

One other reason for people's beliefs is that human nature tends to cause one to believe what he *wants* to believe and refuse, regardless of proof, what he does not want to believe. There is the old saying, "One convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."

God's Word alone is truth

That is why I have said the experience I was painfully subjected to in this six-months' intensive study was UNIQUE in human life and conduct. I know

What I once hated I now LOVED. I found the greatest and most absorbing joy of my life in *continuing* to dig out those gold nuggets of TRUTH from God's Word.

Now came a new enthusiasm in biblical study and receiving the REVEALED knowledge of God.

I began to ask, "WHERE, then, is the real true Church which CHRIST founded?"

The true GOSPEL

My shocking, disappointing, eye-opening discovery, upon looking into the Bible for myself, had revealed in stark plainness that the teachings of traditional Christianity were, in most basic points, the *very opposite* of the teachings of Christ, of Paul and of the original true Church!

Could the original and only true Church have disintegrated and disappeared? Could it have ceased to exist? No, for I read where Jesus said the gates of the grave would never prevail against it. Also He had said to His disciples who formed His Church, "Lo, I am with you always."

Then I saw that the very PURPOSE of the Church was to *preach Christ's GOSPEL*! It is HIS BODY — His instrument by which He carried on GOD'S WORK!

I looked carefully at that Gospel as Christ Himself preached

and taught it to His first ministers. It is recorded in the four books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. At almost every point of teaching that Jesus enunciated, the teachings of traditional Christian bodies today are just the opposite.

THEY WERE NOT PREACHING THE SAME GOSPEL AT ALL, BUT A TOTALLY OPPOSITE MESSAGE! This was shocking — incredible — unbelievable! Yet I was compelled to see it was true!

Jesus *began* the Work of preaching the very Gospel that God the Father had sent to mankind through Him. He commissioned His disciples — His apostles — to carry the same Gospel to all the world. And He has said He would never drop the Work He had begun! But WHERE was it going on today?

Seeking an obedient Church

I knew now that when I found the one and *only* true Church, I would find a Church *obedient* to God — keeping His commandments — having the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the TRUTH of the Scriptures.

I had been much impressed by a description of the true Church, as it is to be found in our time — just before the second coming of Christ: "It is found in Revelation 12. It is the time when Satan is filled with wrath against God's Church, 'because he knoweth that he hath but a short time' (Revelation 12:12). Satan is making war with 'the remnant of her seed.' The remnant means the very last generation in this age. The Church is definitely described. It is those . . . which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17).

My intensive study had revealed one thing plainly: "The commandments of God" mean "Sabbath keeping" to most traditional denominations. They say, "The commandments are done away!" They reject "the commandments of God."

That automatically ruled out all churches observing Sunday. So far as I could learn, it reduced the search to three small groups — the Seventh-Day Adventists, the Seventh-Day Baptists, and a little, almost unheard-of church called the Church of God, which maintained a small publishing-house headquarters at Stanberry, Mo.

So I examined Seventh-Day Adventist teachings — just as I did those of many other denominations. I obtained their magazines, their booklets and pamphlets, their large book of

Bible readings or Bible "home instructor."

The true Church is the one that lives by EVERY WORD of God — the words of the BIBLE!

Never an Adventist

It seems necessary to add here that I have *never* been a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination. False statements have appeared in various church or religious magazines, pamphlets or tracts that I am a former Seventh-Day Adventist. I did obtain much of their literature to *compare with the Bible*. I did examine and study it with an open mind, and without prejudice. I was happy to find that like most denominations, they do have certain points of truth. None is 100 percent in error.

But my familiarity with Adventist doctrines has come entirely through their published literature. I have *never attended a regular Sabbath church service of that denomination!*

Next, I looked into the teaching of the Seventh-Day Baptists. I found it to be virtually identical, except for observing a different day of the week, with other Protestant denominations — especially the Baptists.

But, of these three churches to which the search had been narrowed, only one had the right NAME for the true Church. This was the small, little-known Church of God whose headquarters were at Stanberry, Mo.

Twelve times in the New Testament, I found the NAME of the Church that Christ established plainly stated as "THE CHURCH OF GOD."

Could GOD'S Church be fruitless?

The only Church I had so far found that "kept the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ," and at the same time bore the NAME of the original true Church, was this almost unknown little Church of God with its small publishing house in Stanberry, Mo.

But this left me quite confused. For this was a *little* church, especially compared to the Roman Catholic, the Methodist, the Baptist, the Presbyterian, the Lutheran or other large churches numbering millions of members. Then I saw where Jesus called His Church the "little flock."

But still I was not completely satisfied. I was deeply concerned. I prayed a great deal over it. For here was a church, which, compared to the large-scale activities of the Catholic and big Protestant bodies, was ineffec-

tive. I could see that it was imperfect. It wielded no great power. Jesus had said, ". . . ALL POWER is given unto me in heaven and earth" (Matthew 28:18). I read how Jesus Christ was to be *IN* His Church! He guides it! He directs

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it! He EMPOWERS it! He said His Church was to RECEIVE POWER (Acts 1:8).

No person is even a member of the true Church unless he has received and is filled and led by the Holy Spirit — and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of POWER! This little church seemed to be powerless — comparatively impotent! I failed to see where it was bearing much if any fruit! Could a fruitless church be the ONE and ONLY true Church of GOD on earth?

I was deeply perplexed. Here was a little church, with scattered members probably numbering less than 2,000, mostly in rural areas. Apparently, as nearly as I could learn, it had only a very limited number of local churches, none as large as 100 members.

As I began to come in contact with some of its leaders, they seemed to be men of little education — no college degrees — its ministry could hardly be described as an educated ministry. Their preaching had a certain fire, yet seemed totally to lack the POWER that attracts sizable audiences, that *moves* people, *stirs* hearts, and changes lives. I could see no visible results.

Could this be God's one and only true Church on earth? The very question seemed preposterous!

. . . But, where else?

And yet —

Yes, and yet, small, powerless, resultless, impotent though it appeared to be, here was a church with the right name, "keeping the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ," and *closer*, in its doctrines and teachings, to what God had been opening my eyes to see plainly in His Word than any other church of which I knew! Small and impotent though it appeared, it had *more Bible TRUTH* than any church I could find!

Meanwhile, what was I to do? I was not at all convinced this was the one and only true Church. Yet, if it was not, *which one* was? This one came *closer* to the Bible qualifications than any I knew.

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"This initial stage of my research rudely shook my faith in the existence of God. It brought me to realization that I had assumed the reality of God, because from childhood I had heard — and therefore assumed — it. For a while my head was literally swimming. Was all I had ever believed mere myth and error after all?"

CHURCH

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Therefore, I began to fellowship with their scattered and few members in Oregon, while at the same time refraining from acknowledging membership.

We were living in Portland, Ore., at the time. I knew of no members of this church in Portland, but there was a sprinkling of them through the Willamette Valley between Salem and Eugene, in Oregon — mostly farmers or truck gardeners. They welcomed the fellowship of myself and Mrs. Armstrong.

We found them to be simple, plain and humble people, hard working and industrious, and loving the Bible TRUTH — as much as they had — willing to suffer persecution for it.

And so it was, in this detached fellowship, that Mrs. Armstrong and I continued the first 3½ years of my ceaseless night-and-day study of the Bible — of history, especially as connected with biblical history and prophecy — and of pertinent allied subjects.

These, too, were years of much and earnest prayer. Much of the Bible study done at home was done on my knees, combining study with prayer. Much time was spent during these years, as it had been that first six months, at the public library. I delved into intensive research in the commentaries, Bible encyclopedias, Bible dictionaries, comparing various translations of the Bible, examining Greek and Hebrew texts of doubtful or questionable passages, checking with lexicons

Conference. I learned that they were organized as a General Conference, with elections of officers held biannually. Most of the Oregon members lived in the Willamette Valley in the vicinity of Jefferson. Most of them were in attendance at this business meeting.

About half of them were opposed to Elder Dugger. They wanted to organize a state conference. Some of the other states had state conferences. The purpose of this Oregon State Conference was to hold the tithes and church funds contributed by Oregon members in Oregon.

But actually, it was born of opposition to and dissatisfaction with the Stanberry membership and state conference. The other half were just as verbal in their loyalty and support of Elder Dugger and the Stanberry regime.

The dispute over Stanberry politics and Elder Dugger's personal fitness and integrity waxed more and more heated. One tall man who weighed considerably over 200, and was a leader, spoke of "dirty politics" and called Elder Dugger a "ward-healer." An equally vociferous man on the other side of the dispute rose to defend the honor of Mr. Dugger. Words flamed hotter and hotter. Each side was sincere and in roused earnest. Under the tense pressure tempers were flaring. I became afraid it was going to be settled (or unsettled) by fists.

At that instant I rose, and in a loud but calm voice asked if I might say a word. Since I was a guest, they didn't refuse.

"Brethren," I said, "you all know how, as recorded in the

"Jesus said we should KNOW 'by their fruits.' And now they were split right down the middle. A house divided cannot stand, and their two houses — Stanberry and Salem — did NOT stand!"

hold all-day meetings about once a month. It was at one of these meetings that Mr. Taylor preached. We were all quite impressed.

"He's a better preacher than any of the leading ministers from Stanberry," seemed to be the common exclamation. Indeed we were all rather swept off our feet by his preaching.

After a few weeks, the brethren of this Oregon Conference, which had been formed the preceding November, wanted to team Elder Taylor with me to hold an evangelistic campaign. They were becoming anxious to see a little life in the work of the Church.

They found Elder Taylor very receptive to the idea. By this time a modest balance had accumulated in the new conference treasury. You will remember that the object in forming this state conference was to create a local state treasury and keep their tithes and offerings in the state instead of being sent to Stanberry, Mo. These were days of rapidly descending economic depression, but several of these brethren were vegetable gardeners. They were doing very well financially.

This made it necessary that the Oregon Conference ordain me to the ministry.

ORDAINED Christ's minister

Being ordained and entering the ministry full time meant a complete change in my life. In former years the idea of becoming a minister was the very last thing I should have wanted to do. But by June, 1931, I had been preaching a great deal for 3½ years. By this time my whole heart was in it.

I shall never forget that moment of my ordination.

The meeting was being held outdoors. I do not remember where — except it was in the general rural area of Jefferson. I do not remember other circumstances.

But I do remember the ordination itself. It was one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences like being married, and being baptized. Only this seemed to me to be the most momentous event of my entire life.

All the brethren — as many as could get their hands through to my head — laid their hands on me — on my head, my shoulders, my chest and my back (like Acts 13:1-3).

I am sure it was the weight of the experience, from a spiritual and emotional standpoint, rather than the physical weight of hands and arms — but it seemed I was entirely weighted down with the heaviest load I had ever stood up under.

To me this was symbolic of the tremendous responsibility that now came down on my head and shoulders.

And let it be made plain here: I was ordained by, and under the authority of the Oregon Conference of The Church of God, separately incorporated; not by the

Stanberry, Mo., headquarters.

The Oregon campaigns

The campaign was held in Eugene in a tiny tent seating 50 people. R.L. Taylor there turned out to be Pentecostal. No results came from the six-weeks, six-nights-a-week meetings, except one night when it was too stormy to hold a service.

One lone couple came that night — Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fisher. They came with me to the room I had rented, and that night Mrs. Fisher accepted the Sabbath. He already believed in it.

After this, employed by the Oregon Conference, I teamed up with a young minister of the Stanberry church, Roy Daily. We held meetings at St. Helens, Ore., and Umapine, Ore., near Walla Walla, Wash.

The only results came after Mr. Daily left Umapine, on finding the conference treasury was about gone, and saying, "I'm going back there to protect my own interests."

I said I would serve God's interests in faith — and after he left a small church was raised up. But, like others raised up by my preaching, there was no local minister and the church evaporated after a few weeks.

In March, 1933, we planned a six-nights-a-week campaign in a small empty store building in the Hollywood residence section of Salem, Ore.

Now appeared on the scene two more former Seventh-Day Adventist ministers, A.J. Ray, and Sven A. Oberg. Oberg swept the brethren off their feet with his superb preaching more than had R.L. Taylor. He was a man so perfect we wondered if he was not actually an angel in disguise. He was in disguise all right! He, too, turned out to be Pentecostal. Soon the Pentecostal people with Mr. Oberg's help were taking over the meetings.

Results? NONE! The shouters drove away others who had been interested. After the meetings, Mr. Oberg went to Harrisburg, where a church building was leased, to hold a campaign of his own.

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I had been invited to hold a six-weeks campaign in a country schoolhouse, eight miles west of Eugene, Ore. First, however, Mrs. Armstrong and I visited privately in their homes some of the people who had attended the meeting in Salem. Result? A new church of close to 50 members organized. I had asked A.J. Ray to pastor it. Under his "leadership" it lasted six weeks.

Mr. Oberg was starting his new meetings in Harrisburg on

Sunday night, July 9. The Fishers and I decided to start the meetings at the Firbutte school the same night. I arrived at the Fisher farm, leaving my wife and children at our home in Salem about July 5 or 6.

Small start of worldwide Work

This was the small — actually infinitesimal — start of what was destined to grow in 38 years to a major worldwide Gospel Work reaching millions of people every week.

But if small, it started with a burst of energy and inspiration. First, it started with intensive and earnest private prayer. To the rear of the Fisher farm home was a fair-sized hill. Running over this hilltop for exercise I discovered a rock about 14 inches high. It was in a secluded spot. It came to mind how Jesus had dismissed the multitude and gone up into a mountain apart to pray — alone with God. I dropped to my knees before this rock, which seemed just the right height to kneel before, and began praying earnestly for the success of the meetings. It became sort of a daily pilgrimage, during my stay at Fishers', to this, which became my prayer rock. I'm sure that I drank in much energy, spiritual strength and inspiration at the prayer rock.

Preparing for the meetings, I borrowed a typewriter. I think the Fishers arranged this for me through one of their relatives. With carbon paper, I typed out some 30 notices, announcing the meetings, and the topics of the sermons for the first week or 10 days.

The first broadcast

The six-weeks meetings in the one-room Firbutte schoolhouse came to a close on Sunday night, Aug. 20, 1933. A total of more than 20 had come with us — but this apparently included the 10 members of the Fisher and Ellis families, members of the Church before the meetings started.

The Oct. 1, 1933, *Bulletin* carries the report that "with the Fisher and Ellis families, more

and Robertson's *Grammar of the Greek New Testament*. I made an intensive study of ancient history in connection with biblical history and prophecy.

Meanwhile, on their urging, a few of these articles had been mailed in to *The Bible Advocate* in Stanberry, Mo. These articles began appearing on the front page.

The near fight at a meeting

Along in November of 1930 the Runcoms, neighbors of my parents, asked me to go with them to a business meeting of brethren of the Church of God, being held in the home of Mrs. Ira Curtis, near Jefferson, Ore.

Although I was a guest — I had never become a member of this church, whose headquarters were at Stanberry, Mo. — they asked me to act as secretary and take down the minutes of the meeting. I learned that the meeting was called for the purpose of organizing these Oregon members into an Oregon Conference.

I sensed immediately there was a feeling of division among them. Elder A.N. Dugger was the real leader of the church at Stanberry. He was editor of the church's weekly paper sent to members. He either was, or had been, president of their General

first chapter of Job, when the sons of God came together, *Satan came also*. You also know how, in the 12th chapter of Revelation, we are told that the people Satan is most angry with are those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. That means us. Satan is here. He is stirring up rage and anger in your hearts. I am going to drop to my knees right now and ask God Almighty to cast Satan out of this house! All of you who wish may kneel with me and pray silently."

Without another word, I quickly dropped to my knees beside my chair and began asking God to rebuke Satan and this controversial spirit that was rousing these men to anger and to drive Satan from our presence and to give us peace and love.

When I rose there were some wet eyes, but there were no angry voices. These people were sincere. They simply believed what they believed and had allowed themselves to be caught off guard and roused to anger.

R.L. Taylor arrives

In early summer of that year, 1931, a former Seventh-Day Adventist minister, a Robert L. Taylor, came to Oregon from California. It was practice among these Church of God people to

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD BALANCE SHEET

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WORLD HEADQUARTERS PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 9123			
HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG President and Pastor			
STANLEY R. RADER Treasurer and General Counsel			
WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD/AMBASSADOR COLLEGE BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1977			
Assets	Total 12-31-77	Percentages	
Current assets:			
Cash and Certificates of Deposit	\$ 2,307,800	2.8	
Short-term investments	157,300	.2	
Receivables, current	794,300	1.0	
Inventories and prepayments	1,614,800	1.9	
Total current assets	\$ 4,874,200	5.9	
Plant assets, net (Note 1)	61,713,000	74.3	
Capital leases, net	2,475,300	3.0	
Plant assets held for sale (Note 1)	8,400,000	10.1	
Ambassador College, United Kingdom (Note 2)	3,979,100	4.8	
Noncurrent receivables	1,582,500	1.9	
Deposits	1,200		
Total assets	\$83,025,300	100.0	
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,652,200	7.5	2.0
Accrued liabilities	481,500	2.2	.6
Current portion of long-term debt	2,973,500	13.5	3.6
Current portion of obligations under capital leases	358,000	1.6	.4
Deferred amounts	280,400	1.3	.3
Other current liabilities	205,200	1.0	.3
Total current liabilities	\$ 5,950,800	27.1	7.2
Long-term debt (Note 3)	13,176,700	59.9	15.9
Obligations under capital leases	2,819,200	12.8	3.4
Deposits owed to students and others	38,100	.2	
Total liabilities	\$21,984,800	100.0	26.5
Fund balances:			
Available for current use	3,800,500	4.6	
Invested in AC UK and plant assets of discontinued operations held for sale	12,379,100	14.9	
Net investment in plant	44,860,900	54.0	
Total fund balances	\$61,040,500	73.5	
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$83,025,300	100.0	

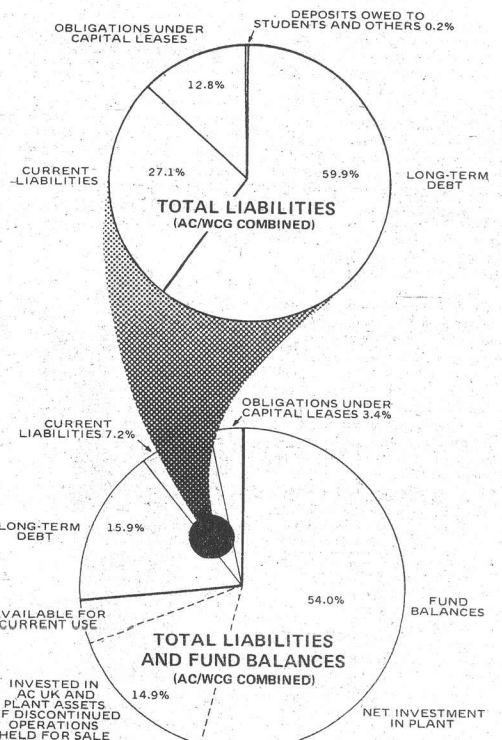
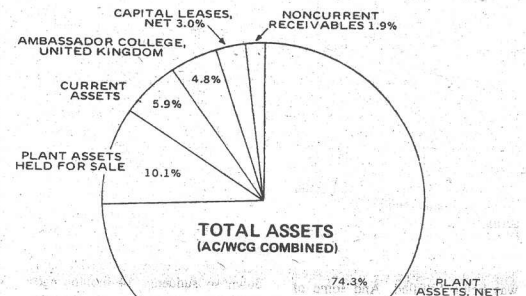
In the Sept. 25 edition of *The Good News*, a Statement of Income and Expenditures with accompanying charts was published. Since it is customary that a Balance Sheet accompany the foregoing statement, the following combined balance sheet of the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College for the year ended Dec. 31, 1977, is presented. This statement, however, includes only our United States operations.

The combined Balance Sheet was derived by combining financial information contained in the certified individual Balance Sheets of the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College.

On behalf of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, we want to express our deep and sincere appreciation for your continued support of God's Work.

Stanley R. Rader

Treasurer



NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1

PLANT ASSETS

At Dec. 31, 1977, the book value of plant assets other than those held for sale as a result of the discontinuance of operations at the campus in Big Sandy, Tex., are as follows:

Land and improvements, net	\$ 9,396,100
Buildings and improvements, net	39,376,000
Business aircraft, net	
(G-II and Cessna Citation)	2,915,900*
Equipment and furnishings, net	6,790,000
Library books	1,237,100
Vehicles, net	1,407,200
Construction in progress	349,500
Leasehold improvements, net	241,200
Total	\$61,713,000

Plant assets located at the campus in Big Sandy are presented below:

Land and improvements	\$1,092,100
Buildings and improvements	6,044,100
Equipment and furnishings, net	910,500
Library books	263,100
Vehicles, net	66,700
Aircraft, net	23,500
Total	\$8,400,000**

*Our Grumman Gulfstream II aircraft actually appreciated in value and has a market value in excess of \$5 million. The Cessna Citation has subsequently been sold.

**Our estimated market value of the Big Sandy campus is in excess of \$10 million.

Note 2

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, UNITED KINGDOM

The Ambassador College real property in the United Kingdom has been sold for an amount in excess of \$4 million.

Note 3

LONG-TERM DEBT AND CREDIT AGREEMENTS

Long-term debt, excluding the portion due within one year, outstanding at Dec. 31, 1977, is as follows:

Mortgages payable:

Ambassador Auditorium	\$ 5,807,600
Student center, parking structure	1,178,200
Press and transportation buildings	1,163,800
Hall of Administration	630,500
Grove Terrace — student dorm	431,300
Other buildings	2,189,100

Total mortgages payable \$11,400,500

Loans payable 1,776,200

Total mortgages and loans payable \$13,176,700

CREDIT AGREEMENT

The Church's principal bank line of credit agreement provides for loans of up to \$4.3 million as follows: \$1 million unsecured line of credit to support cash flow, interest at prime; \$2 million unsecured construction line of credit, interest rate at prime plus one-half percent, repayable at \$75,000 per month plus interest; \$1.3 million secured motor-vehicle-fleet line of credit, interest at prime plus three-fourths percent.

Excerpts of Mr. Rader's talk on Last Great Day

I would like to announce something that gives me great pleasure. I had the choice of announcing it at the end of my sermon or at the beginning, but it is the kind of thing I don't want to postpone. My daughter Carol, whom Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong married last June at our home in Beverly Hills, Calif., has told Mr. Armstrong and me that she wants to be baptized. She is here today with her husband Mr. Larry Little and my wife. Immediately upon our return to the Pasadena area, she will be baptized by one of the ministers.

This gives me a tremendous amount of satisfaction, because although I really haven't tried to teach her about these things, which I feel are so personal, between man and God, I have tried to set the right example and I have tried to inculcate in that way those values that have become important to you and those values, that, of course, have become so important to me. All of my family, my children in particular, I would say, have been very much influenced by Mr. Armstrong. Just by what he does in their presence, what he says in their presence and what they have generally observed, and they are leading the kind of lives indicative that much of what Mr. Armstrong stands for, and what the Church stands for has indeed rubbed off.

Five years ago at the Feast of Tabernacles I spoke about the fact that the Work of God was unique, and I'm sure by now all of you understand that. As Mr. Armstrong's closest adviser, then as now, I could see many, many changes that would actually lie ahead for the Work. Changes that would be beneficial for the Work. Changes that I felt would be a sign that the great commission was being fulfilled. And some of those changes, I believe, were foreseeable in the aftermath of the events of 1971 and 1972 — events I felt would ultimately compel the brethren of this Church to come to grips with the only reality — the reality that this was, and is, and will be the true Church and a Work of the living God and not a Work of mere men.

Television interview

Just a few days ago I was interviewed by a television journalist for a program devoted to the Work, its past, its present and its future. Once again I proved, I believe, to that journalist that the Work of the living God does not exist to make a particular radio program, with a particular frequency of airing, in particular places and at particular times. The same for television. The Work does not exist to produce a television program with a particular format for airing at particular times and places. It doesn't even exist for the purpose of producing and distributing a magazine or any number of magazines with a particular format and frequency of publication. It doesn't exist to maintain one or two or three collegiate-grade academic institutions in one or more places around the world. It does exist, however, for one and only one purpose, and that is, of course, to propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ — the Gospel of the coming Kingdom of God — to propagate that message, that announcement for a witness to all nations. It is this immutable purpose that we hope is best being served by the various activities of the Work that Mr. Armstrong, as Christ's apostle, feels will best fulfill that great commission.

We know that our doctrines, as well as the basic purpose of the Church, are immutable also. We know, or should know, that we can reach an understanding of what those doctrines are, as well as the resolution of all of our problems, by looking to one place primarily for a

source of great strength and knowledge — the written Word of the living God, the Bible. We don't have to go to management textbooks to learn how to govern God's Work. We don't have to go to graduate schools of business and finance to learn how to govern God's Work. We don't have to go to academic and scholarly treatises of a theological nature to understand the message in the written Word of the living God, and we know that we can rely on the faith that has been given to us and with hope and with love for God and our neighbor we will be able to overcome any and all problems, as they arise.

Changes have indeed taken place over the past five years, and many changes have taken place during the last five months. I am certain that you all realize, however, how necessary these changes have been. I am certain that you are as grateful as I that we are back on the right track, that God is on His throne, that Christ is heading this Work and Mr. Armstrong, as Christ's apostle in this end time, is being led as always by God the Father and Christ the Son.

God truly does work, however, in mysterious ways. He gives us faith, and we pray and we hope for the miracle that will save us from our most dreaded fears, from our worst afflictions. He has answered our prayers this time; a miracle has occurred. He has intervened to restore life and vigor to Christ's apostle.

I would like to share a little bit of my own experience of witnessing the miracle that unfolded before my eyes. I would like to share a bit of the drama, a bit of the story that now can and should be told. Little did Mr. Armstrong or I suspect that congestive heart failure would strike him down so suddenly 14 months ago when we returned after a worldwide journey from the middle of the African continent. Little did we know that more than one time in a three-week period he would be on the threshold of death, that during this three-week period he would in fact die as he has written to you, and that he would have to be revived by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and by manual heart massage. Little did we know that many in high places, within the Work, would write him off as dead, would write him off as buried, would write him off as never to return. And little did we know that many in high places, seemingly free to abandon God's Way and God's laws, would be so willing to do so.

Yes, the first few weeks of Mr. Armstrong's illness were very critical indeed. Yes, Mr. Armstrong did

die — yet he was revived. But the living God in His mysterious ways saw fit to let some remain blinded to Mr. Armstrong's recovery, even while he caused Mr. Armstrong to give evidence of his recovery and to give everyone the opportunity to realize that the miracle had indeed occurred. But just as the Jews in Christ's time refused to recognize the Messiah so long awaited, so too those in high places refused to believe Mr. Armstrong was alive and well.

Board of Directors meeting

Mr. Armstrong finally returned to Pasadena, immediately following New Year's Day, and Jan. 3 he chaired a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Church. He announced to the members of the board that he had indeed recovered, that he had been restored to life by the gift of the living God. Then he outlined what must be done to save the Work of the living God. What must be done to get the Work moving again. What must be done to get God the Father and Christ the Son back into God's Work. Some of these board members were astounded, not only by Mr. Armstrong's recovery but by the insight that he had as to what was needed in God's Work. But though astounded, they were happily astounded. Some might have been a bit incredulous, unbelieving but also happily so. One person was resentful: That one person shocked the others by his open and naked hostility and his unveiled and all too revealing disrespect. But Christ's apostle was equal to the occasion. He calmly reemphasized his points, gave overall directions to the others to carry out the policies that he had enunciated and to keep in touch with him over the ensuing months.

The next morning Mr. Armstrong's son sent his wife and an assistant to Mr. Armstrong's home, and they pleaded that Mr. Armstrong make no mention of the open rebellion that had occurred the day before and to make no mention of the momentous decisions that Mr. Armstrong had made, when he, Mr. Armstrong, was scheduled to speak within the hour at the opening of the ministerial conference in Pasadena.

A few moments later Mr. Armstrong's son pleaded with his father on his own behalf to make no announcements about the decisions that had been made and to make no mention before the ministers of the rebellion. Mr. Armstrong decided once again at that point to give his son one more chance. One more opportunity was thus given his son to do

the right thing in God's eyes.

Mr. Armstrong consented and said nothing about the rebellion and said nothing about the decisions. Mr. Armstrong was assured that he need not remain for the conference because he was further assured that doctrines of this Church would not be discussed and would not in any way be involved at the ministerial conference. Mr. Armstrong and I returned to Tucson, Ariz., after we each addressed the ministers. Mr. Armstrong related much of what I have now told you about his miraculous recovery, and I spoke on the need for unity, love, harmony and cooperation in God's Work.

Since January, Mr. Armstrong has point by point reported all subsequent events to you in personal letters, in articles in *The Good News* and in sermons in Pasadena, Tucson, Phoenix and Big Sandy, Tex. He has literally poured his heart out to you. He has revealed much of what he hoped would never have to be made known to many. He has been literally heartbroken, over the loss of a physical son in whom he had placed so much hope, and from whom he has suffered so much pain and anguish. Don't think for one moment that it was easy for him; don't think for one moment that he has not suffered; don't think for one moment that he has not been sorely grieved and disappointed. I know better; I've lived with him every day, for all practical purposes, as he just said a few moments ago, for the past 10 years. And I myself have never worked so hard and so futilely, so unsuccessfully to bring about a contrary result.

What has not been told in my opinion is that there were two miracles as I view the events of the past 14 months. The first miracle was, as I already stated, Mr. Armstrong was restored to life and vigor, restored with his faculties so necessary to carry on the Work of the living God, faculties that were bestowed upon him by the living God, undiminished, *undiminished*, and Mr. Armstrong has been given the opportunity to continue as Christ's apostle in this end time. But the second miracle was one that we did not pray for; it was one that we did not hope for; it was one that we did not foresee, and we did not envision. God struck down Mr. Armstrong in such a way as to permit him after being restored to life to see firsthand what the Work would be like if he were no longer here, if, in fact, he were dead, if, in fact, he were not to move to correct the mistakes that he had made in the past in order to protect his son. In

other words, God gave Mr. Armstrong another chance to render to Him that accounting that Mr. Armstrong always knew he would have to render, because he has always said he is accountable to God. He gave him another chance to render that accounting after making all of the corrections that were necessary before the accounting would have to be ultimately submitted and he gave Mr. Armstrong an opportunity to take all the steps necessary to ensure that God's Work would be done, that God's ways would be preserved, even if God should decide in his wisdom and mercy that Mr. Armstrong will not be able to complete it in his lifetime.

Mr. Armstrong has told people that he could very well outlive all of us and I believe that very, very strongly, and we all hope that Mr. Armstrong will be able to complete the Work, if that is what God's overall plan has provided for Mr. Armstrong. But, if not, Mr. Armstrong's timely action, as a result of the two miracles as I have seen them, his timely measures, his timely actions will ensure that the Work will be done.

Faith enhanced

So, brethren, there were two miracles that the living God performed for the direct benefit this time of His Work. Miracles performed before our eyes, if we were simply of the mind to see them. Is there any wonder that my faith has been enhanced a thousand-fold? Should there be any doubt that there is a living God in the minds of any of you. Is there any doubt in your mind now that this is the true Church, the only Church and a Work of the living God and not a work of mere men.

I have a lot more that I could share with you, but I don't want to take the time now. I know that you're waiting as I have for so long to hear Mr. Armstrong speak here again in Tucson. I shall write more to you in the future in the pages of *The Good News* and from time to time maybe some of my comments given in forums or else reach you by cassette or videotape. I cannot thank you enough for your letters of encouragement, of support and of your prayers for me, for my wife, my children, for Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong. Please let me continue to hear from you.

I would like to share one letter that I received just before I left Pasadena, 10 days ago. From a woman signed Nettie. She says: "Hello, Stanley Rader. After listening to the tape of your forum, I was moved to express appreciation for you and all you have done for the Work. Many years ago, before you were baptized, Mr. Armstrong often told us about your great service on behalf of the Church. We thank God for you and ask Him to bless you mightily. Word came that you were baptized and I was jubilant, happy, thankful, for I knew your work would be more effective than ever."

"Since the traumatic events in the last few months, my heart went out to you almost as much as to Mr. Armstrong. I prayed for you, felt for you and always felt very thankful for you."

"The trials have been a bit severe, but they have caused just about everyone to know for sure whether they had built their house on sand or the rock."

"Thank you, Dear Sir, for all you have done, are doing and will continue to do for Mr. Armstrong, the Work, and for me. Sincerely, Nettie."

I tell you with great candor and in all humility that this kind of letter tells me, that although I have not done as much in the past 20-some odd years as I would have liked to have done for the Work, that I haven't done as poorly as I sometimes think I have. Thank you.



FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH — The Stanley R. Rader family poses with Herbert W. Armstrong for an informal family portrait. From left are son Stephen, 23, daughter Janis, 26, Mr. and Mrs. Rader, daughter Carol Little, 25, and Mr. Armstrong. Mrs. Little was baptized Oct. 27 after counseling with Mr. Armstrong. (See "Update," page 20.)

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the finest in years in a letter of gratitude to the worldwide ministry. "It was a spiritual revival," he said. "After our living Head of God's Church moved to set His Church back on the track, then His college, now He has set His Festivals back on the track."

"It seemed all members were up for this Festival," Mr. Armstrong said as he praised the leadership of God's ministers for making it so.

Attendance up

U.S. Festival director Sherwin McMichael said attendance was up significantly at several sites from what the Big Sandy-based Festival Office had expected.

According to Mr. McMichael Big Sandy was expecting 6,700 brethren but ended up with 8,800. The same seemed to be true at the Lake of the Ozarks site among others, he said.

As of press time Mr. McMichael's office did not have final attendance figures. An unofficial tally by *The Good News* based on reports gathered from sites around the world shows 90,200 brethren kept the Feast. (Our figures are derived from registration, high attendance and estimated figures.)

In addition to the 75 sites around the world, *The Good News* is also reporting on the 1,383-strong Pasadena and Jerusalem (177) Feasts, which were not official sites as designated by Mr. McMichael's office.

Better atmosphere

Mr. McMichael, who this year spoke at four new U.S. Feast sites (Fresno, Calif.; Seattle, Wash.; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; and Norfolk, Va.), said the reaction he got from the Festival coordinators and the audiences he spoke to was that, "this year the atmosphere was better, more enthusiastic, more responsive than I'd seen it in years and years."

"It was noticeable everywhere I went, and it's what the other coordinators said as well," he said.

According to Mr. McMichael, Mr. Armstrong expanded the number of church pastors who spoke, making for a greater variety of speakers.

"More people at various sites saw their church pastor speak than they had in recent years," he said.

Influence felt

Mr. McMichael pointed to the purpose of the Feast as the dominant theme this year and said, "Mr. Armstrong's influence was felt more so worldwide this year than ever before with his keynote address and full address on the first Holy Day. Every Festival site around the world had the opportunity to hear Mr. Armstrong, which has never been the case."

Mr. McMichael summed up his feelings of the Feast by saying, "Considering the many difficulties the Church has faced over the past year, to be able to experience such a wonderful Festival with enthusiasm, sincerity and purpose is deeply gratifying."

Following are individual reports as of press time from 73 of the 75 Feast sites around the world.

These reports were written from information supplied *The Good News* by Festival coordinators whose names appear at the end of each report (except in a small number of cases when a non-English speaking coordinator had someone else file an account):

UNITED STATES

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A relaxed and warm atmosphere in which the world tomorrow was the theme was enjoyed by 365 brethren here.

Most of the brethren stayed in the same hotel in which services were conducted. Speakers spoke on the contrast between today's world and the world tomorrow (John Robinson), God's government on earth

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(Earl Roemer) and what the world tomorrow will be like (Phil Shields).

The Feast and those attending it received a full-page article in the main Anchorage newspaper. *Earl Roemer*.

BIG SANDY, Tex. — A visit by Herbert W. Armstrong in midweek was high point for the 6,630 brethren registered for the Feast here. In his sermon Mr. Armstrong emphasized the forward thrust of the Church and

the headship of Christ, also later addressing the ministers attending the Festival in Big Sandy. C. Wayne Cole delivered a much-appreciated sermon on the importance of remaining in the Body of Christ, where Christ is working.

The Feast was uplifting and encouraging to the people, who were excited about the emphasis on good, basic doctrine and pleased to have excellent weather throughout the eight days. *David Robinson*.

FRESNO, Calif. — Six thousand registered Feastgoers tried out the new Feast facilities here at the Seland Arena.

Vast social and recreational facilities along with film presentations highlighted the Festival.

Sherwin McMichael spoke on the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Hal Baird on the world tomorrow, Ellis La Ravia on Christian maturity, Dan Orban on Christian refining, Graemme Marshall on

realism in today's world, Greg Albrecht on peace in the world and Ron Kelly on the meaning of the Last Great Day. *Ellis La Ravia*.

LAHAINA, Hawaii — One thousand six hundred brethren registered for the Feast held at the Lahaina Civic Center on the island of Maui.

Sermons were delivered by Gary Antion on personal aspects of how to make a better Feast, Dennis Pyle on an overview of the world tomorrow and looking to Christ, and Richard Rice on God's Spirit in us.

Almost all of the brethren attended the scheduled luau, and most took advantage of the fabulous weather to make short side trips in the islands. The relaxing and rejuvenating Feast was the best in years. *John Ouvrier*.

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo.

— A total of 9,041 brethren registered for the Feast at the Church of God Convention Center in the Ozarks, where the Feast ran very smoothly and the members enjoyed clear skies and bright sunshine every day.

Key speakers were Robert Fahey, discussing the meaning of the Festival, Guy Englebart, speaking on Jesus Christ as the central figure in our lives, Dean Blackwell, emphasizing the world tomorrow, Raymond McNair, discussing loyalty, and David Antion, winding up on the Last Great Day. A high point for all the brethren was being able to see Herbert W. Armstrong on 16-mm. film.

Excellent attendance prevailed throughout the Feast, and God's people were well received by the local residents and businessmen. *Jerald W. Aust*.

NORFOLK, Va. — A total of 8,415 Feastgoers registered at the Norfolk Scope, one of several new Feast sites in the United States this year.

The ability to see and hear Herbert W. Armstrong on film, the traveling speakers, the numerous recreational activities, the dances and a talent show contributed to a full Feast.

Main speakers addressed rededicating your life to God and the Work (Steve Martin), walking with God (Dr. Roderick Meredith), and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and the meaning of the Last Great Day (Sherwin McMichael).

The enthusiastic and inspiring Feast had a sense of seriousness about it. The importance of being active in God's Work, rededication and the preparation we have to make to become part of God's Kingdom was emphasized. *Dick Thompson*.

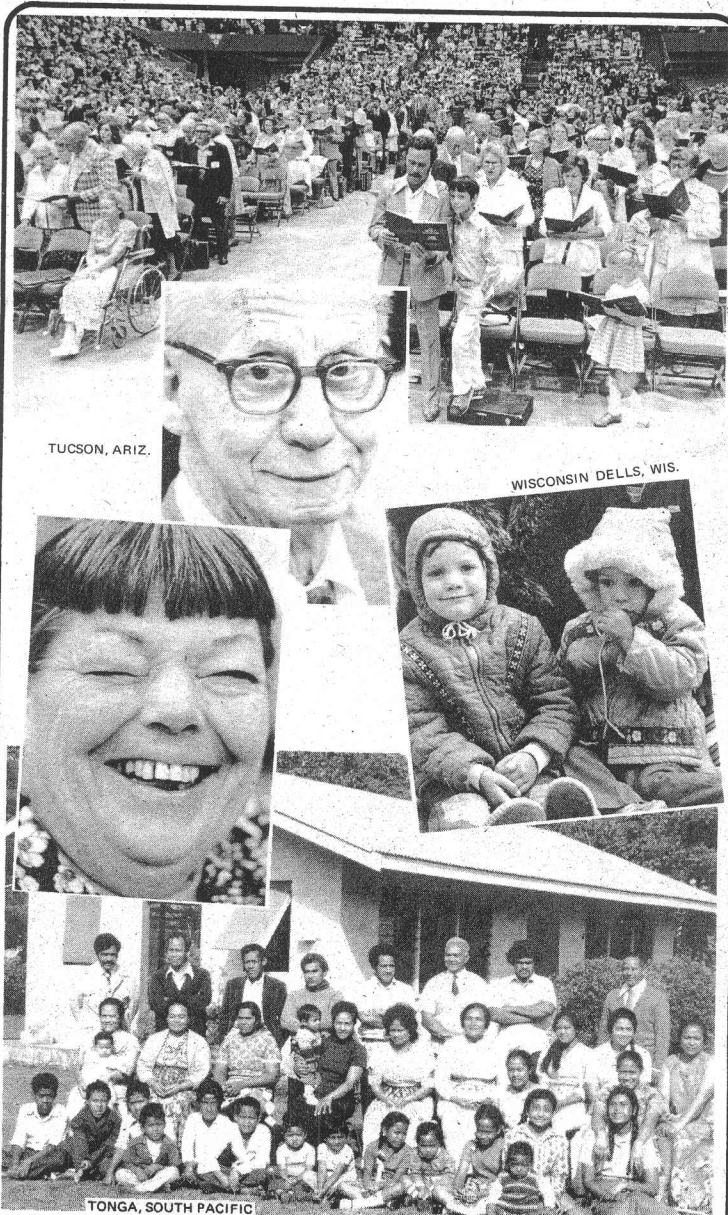
PASADENA, Calif. — The unofficial Pasadena Festival ran smoothly, with attendance on the Holy Days reaching 1,294 and 1,383 respectively. The weather was delightful and helped to create an enthusiastic and congenial atmosphere.

In addition to sermons by Dr. Herman Hoeh, Ben Chapman and Fred Coulter, Leon Walker flew in from Tucson, Ariz., to add spice to the Festival and Bob Fahey presented the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation slide show and a sermon on the Last Great Day.

Joseph Tkach, associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. congregation, was designated as the Festival coordinator. Activities were designed with all age-groups in mind. Bill Brazil and his country-and-western band played for a dance in the Student Center, children and adults enjoyed an evening of roller-skating, and a banquet was held for the senior citizens. The eldest present was Lizzie Henderson, 101.

The success of the Feast was the result of a total team effort by those serving and those being served. *Joseph Tkach*.

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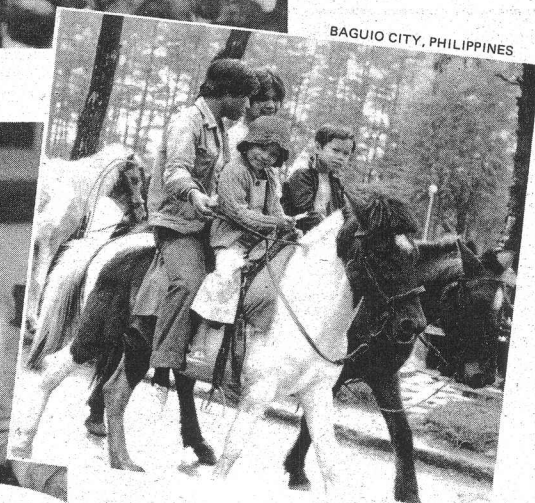
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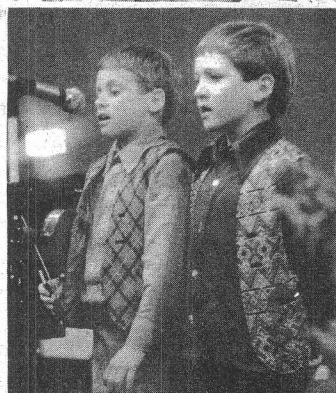


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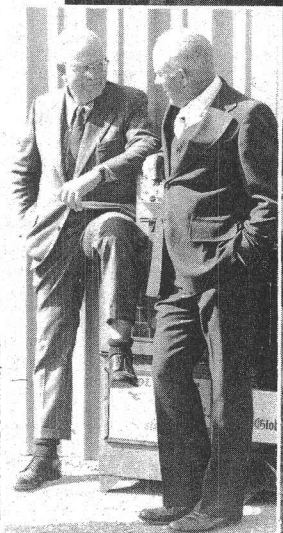
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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The opening sermon by Herbert W. Armstrong set the stage for a fine Feast here. Feastgoers registering to attend services at the Bayfront Center Arena numbered 10,500.

Principal speakers were Mr. Armstrong, whose sermon on the hope we have in the future was videotaped for later use, and Rod Meredith, David Antion and Wayne Cole, who discussed the reality of what the Feast Days picture and how to weather the trials ahead.

The weather was beautiful and warm enough for members to go to the beach. The only discomfort was the somewhat crowded conditions. At services the people were genuinely happy. "A much needed Feast," "an 'up' Feast," and "a shot in the arm" were some comments heard. *Jim Chapman.*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Brethren here made the best of record cold temperatures at the beginning of the Feast as they huddled in the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, a semiclosed auditorium.

Despite the cold the 4,800 brethren had feeling of being at one as they heard Roderick Meredith speak on the need for the coming Kingdom, Steve Martin on marriage and the family, Sherwin McMichael on reports from other Feast sites and Leslie McCullough on the need to be prepared for the difficult days ahead.

The weather warmed up mid-Feast making for a very successful Feast overall. The brethren here also made a real impact on the community. *David Bierer.*

SAVANNAH, Ga. — This southern city proved to be a historical as well as entertaining city for some 5,200 brethren observing the Feast here for the first time.

The example of Jesus Christ was preached (David Antion) as was walking with God (Roderick Meredith) and the Last Great Day (C. Wayne Cole).

God has poured out his Holy Spirit on his people this year as the attitudes of the brethren were exemplary of real Christianity. *Ray Wooten.*

SEATTLE, Wash. — A larger number of Festivalgoers than expected gathered in the Seattle Center Arena for the Feast this year. The highest attendance recorded was 5,413, which topped the official registration figures.

Everyone seemed to be on a "spiritual high" from day one to day eight. Attendance was larger than expected — offerings very good — very few problems. Our Church members are really hanging in there.

Main speakers were Leslie McCullough, speaking on the meaning of the Feast in general; Sherwin McMichael on the world in which we live and the importance of the Work; Art Mokarow on human potential; Bob Bertuzzi on rewards of the saved; Ronald Kelly, what it will be like to be spirit; Dale Schurter, we are perfectable in the Kingdom; and Joel Lillengreen on what we are promised in the Kingdom.

The 74 acres of the Seattle Center offered recreational and educational opportunities for young and old alike. *Dale Schurter.*

TUCSON, Ariz. — A positive approach on the part of the ministry and brethren here marked a fine Feast for 6,391 brethren.

Herbert W. Armstrong made Tucson his last Festival stop and ad-
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dressed the brethren the Last Great Day as he spoke on the great day of judgment.

Other subjects covered were God's presence in the Work (C. Wayne Cole), why do we suffer (Leon Walker) and God's wrath (Clint Zimmerman).

Services along with active participation in activities such as a widows and widower luncheon and YOU day added up to make the Feast a strengthening experience. *Walter Dickinson.*

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Registered Feastgoers numbered 6,875 at this Church-owned site. Weather varied from cold to warm, from wet to dry, always with a background of autumn colors, and brethren were more excited, united and happy about the Feast than ever before.

Visiting minister Raymond McNair spoke about the purpose of the Feast and loyalty, Robert Fahey discussed the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and our international commission and Dean Blackwell covered the meaning of the Last Great Day.

The choir provided outstanding music throughout the eight days. *Leroy Neff.*

CANADA

CALGARY, Alta. — Main speakers were Leslie McCullough, Ron Kelly, John Halford, Charles Bryce and George Patrickson at this Canadian site in the Calgary Convention Center, with 1,585 Feastgoers registered.

Brethren were up for the Feast, concluding with a record offering for the site of \$30 per person. An 8-foot Church seal set the tone for the stage decor. *Neil Earle.*

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. — A highly family-oriented Feast with maximum participation was enjoyed here by 526 brethren who represented 10 Canadian provinces.

Sermon topics included the mission of the Church is the same today as for the original apostles, feeding the spiritually hungry with food that satisfies (Colin Wilkins), marriage should reflect the relationship between Christ and the Church (Ken Kneebone) and compassion for others (Bill Rabey). *Ken Kneebone.*

PENTICTON, B.C. — Record attendance (1,825 registered) and record offerings set a positive note to the Feast held in the Peachbowl Convention Center.

Special speakers Leslie McCullough and John Halford gave extensive interviews to the local press, which treated the Church's Festival in an evenhanded manner.

Sermons ranged from God's plan for our personal lives as seen in the Holy Days (Leslie McCullough) to the misery of the third world and how we can qualify to change it (John Halford) to learning to be a savior, delivered by evangelist Norman Smith.

The sermons were positive and uplifting and extremely applicable to a person's life. The attitude of the people encouraged the speakers and the two worked together to build a spirit of enthusiasm and appreciation that lasted throughout the Feast. *Bob Millman.*

REGINA, Sask. — Tremendous weather, record offerings and strong sermons made for a great Feast here.

Record high temperatures spelled

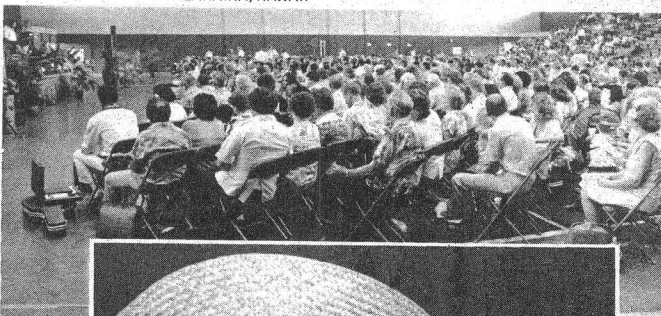
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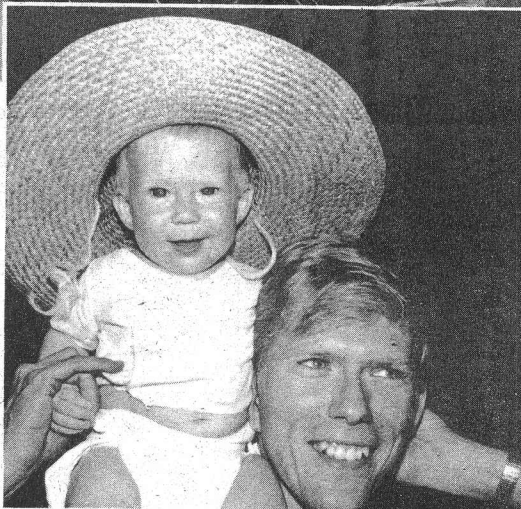


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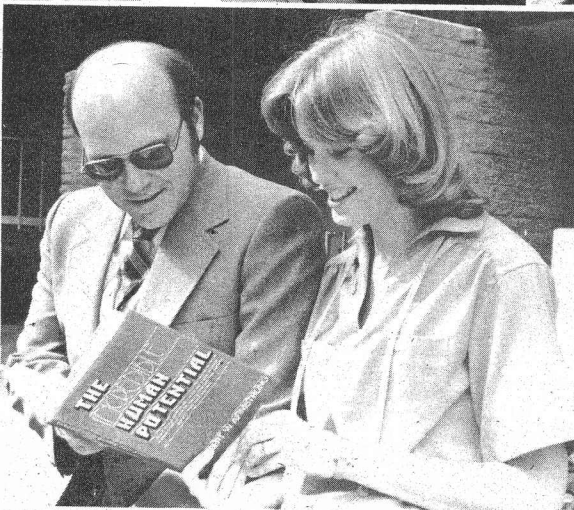
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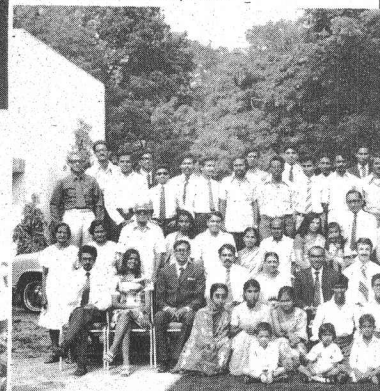


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good news for this Canadian site as the 1,400-strong brethren heard among others Leslie McCullough speak on being a salesman for Christianity, Ron Kelly on what it is going to be like to be a spirit and Richard Pinelli on the covenant of God.

A strong emphasis was placed on the family and many activities revolved around that theme. *Ron Howell.*

SHERBROOKE, Que. — Attendance at this new Canadian site was 20 percent higher than expected as was the offering on the first day (91 percent above last year's).

Some 570 met at the Salle Maurice O'Brady at the University of Sherbrooke to hear Festival coordinator Colin Wilkins speak on the world tomorrow — a dream soon to be a reality, Bernard Hongerlout on tolerance, Don Picard on prayer and Bob Scott on growing in grace and knowledge.

Brethren at this French-language site showed a renewed fidelity to the law of God, making it a smooth-running Feast here. *Henry Sturcke.*

TORONTO, Ont. — A smooth-running Feast that saw more volunteers than were needed summarizes this Feast for 2,200 brethren, who met at the Etobicoke Olympium.

The city of Toronto offered much to Feastgoers as did speakers John Halford, Leslie McCullough, Richard Pinelli and George Lee among others.

Reaction to Herbert W. Armstrong's film was excellent and many comments were made on Stanley Rader's film from members who wanted to know more about him.

An interesting item, a five-ounce bar of gold, turned up in the offering. *Larry Greider.*

EUROPE

BONNDORF, West Germany — An estimated 550 brethren attended the Festival here in the Black Forest, gathering for services, meals and activities in the modern Bonndorf meeting hall. Activities were planned around the motto, "Promote Interpersonal Relationships," ranging from a cocktail reception after the opening service to a hike for all ages in the picturesque Black Forest.

Main speaker was Frank Schnee, speaking about developing godly love and news of the Work. Also speaking was Victor Root, who discussed how to combat spiritual stress situations. Herbert Armstrong's film was shown with simultaneous translation.

About 50 prominent citizens of Bonndorf, including the mayor, attended the Festival formal dance. Activities were organized by the area churches, giving many the opportunity to help and pitch in. *Klaus Obermeit.*

BREAN SANDS, England — Herbert Armstrong's sermon on film were well received and appreciated by 2,050 brethren meeting in this seaside village in Somerset.

Fresh and bright weather accompanied sermons by Brian Knowles on the family, Frank Brown on Church unity and overcoming discouragement and Reg Platt on facing crises.

The overall theme was facing the future optimistically with anticipation for growth personally and collectively to fulfill the commission. *David Bedford.*

CARLSBAD, Czechoslovakia — Gathering in the Florentine Room of (Continued on page 12)

ABOUT OUR PHOTOS — Each picture included in our eight-page Feast coverage seems to speak for itself so we have added only the name of the site it was taken at. *The Good News* thanks the photographers for their overwhelming response: Philip Stevens in Brean Sands, England; Scott Moss in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; Rick Stodola in Tucson, Ariz.; I Toluta'u Ha'angana in Tonga; Ron Prociw in St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mark Streapy in St. Petersburg, Big Sandy, Tex., and Tucson; Harold Van Lerberghe in the Netherlands; Peter Mills in New Zealand; Tom Williams in Argentina; Tom Hanson in Fresno, Calif.; Dave Knight in Fresno; Ken Treybig in Tucson; U. Colas from Haiti; I. Wennerblom from Sweden; David Shutz from New Zealand; Jun Rustia and Joe Binuya from the Philippines; Rodney Larson in Jerusalem; Phil Halford in Brean Sands; Stephen Odell from Tasmania; and all the unidentified photographers who responded also. *Good News* staff photographers were Dexter Faulner, Klaus Rothe, Scott Ashley and Sheila Graham.

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the elegant Grand Hotel Moskva Park here, the East German brethren enjoyed the Feast with a small family atmosphere, eating two of their three daily meals together in the hotel dining room. Afternoon trips were made to the Marienbad and Carlsbad health spas and to Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Sermons were given by Victor Root on how God is developing His character in us, Alfred Hellemann on true Christianity, Frank Schnee on Christian love and John Karlson on how marriage and family are preparing us for God's family. Gary Hopkins.

HJO, Sweden — Though this new Festival site was among the smallest, 100 brethren from the Scandinavian countries, the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Canada and South Africa attended. All services were held in English except for one Scandinavian service in Danish, Swedish and Norwegian, the first one ever.

Meeting in the Hotel Bellevue on Lake Vaettern, the brethren heard messages from Frank Brown on overcoming disunity in the Church, Peter Shenton on God's eternal triangle (marriage), John Meakin on vision as a motivation to change and Torin Archer on a realistic fear of Satan.

Another highlight for the brethren was an all-day outing around Lake Vaettern to view the beautiful autumn colors and enjoy the sunshine. Peter Shenton.

HUNZEBERGEN, Netherlands — The resort community of Hunzbergen near the town of Exloo was attended by 275 brethren, a positive Feast for everyone with an atmosphere of being one team and family.

Activities included a square dance, a formal dance and a talent show. J. Ursem Sr. was ordained deacon for the Dutch churches.

Sermon topics were pilgrims and strangers, marriage, and the three resurrections, by A.C. De Bree; our calling, youth in the Church, the old and new covenants, and the new heaven and new earth, by B. Burbach; the millennium, by J. Wilms; and our free will, by J. Korver. A.C. De Bree.

KENMARE, Ireland — About 300 brethren gathered for the Feast in the Silver Slipper Ballroom of the Kenmare Bay Hotel, enjoying the friendship and the hospitality of the people in the area.

Herbert Armstrong's filmed message opened the Festival, followed by sermons by Sidney Hegvold, Francis Bergin and Paul Suckling.

In addition to the Irish brethren, about 30 members attended from the United States, one from Australia, two from South Africa, a few from Canada and a large number from England. Sidney Hegvold.

PRAZ-SUR-ARLY, France — Sermon messages by Dibar Aparian on real repentance, joy and prayer highlighted the Feast for the 700 registered brethren attending the Feast here at the Village Vacances Famille.

The Festival was uplifting, encouraging and unifying, as two deacons were ordained and 10 people baptized. The offering was the highest ever for the French site, in addition to a special offering of \$2,600 the brethren gave to help members living in Haiti.

The public was invited to a fun show, which was followed by a reception attended by the mayor. Bernard Andrist.

First-time Feastgoers find Feast time fine

PASADENA — While thousands of Feastgoers observed their fourth, 10th or in one case 30th Feast (see story on Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Eckert, page 13), this year marked the first Festival for a number of new members in God's Church.

The Good News tracked down a few such members for an impression of what the Feast of Tabernacles means to a first-time Feastgoer. Their reactions follow:

"Everybody is so friendly and wonderful and warm."
Alice Johnson, Wichita, Kan.

"It's unique. No other Church that I can think of has this type of thing. To me it's just a unique type of thing. There's a whole lot of activities, a whole lot of happy people, and the sermons are just great."
Matt Matteson, Tucson, Ariz.

"Spiritually I'm very impressed. I'm impressed with God's Work and the very idea of it. I can see the millennium here at the Feast."
Walter Gibb, Carson City, Nev.

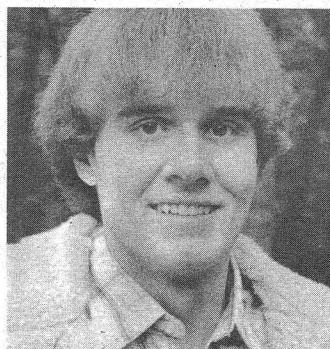
"Over 2,000 voices raised in praise . . . I was overcome by the sheer volume of sound. A very emotional experience. Keeping the Feast added a new dimension to my understanding of God's plan for mankind, explained through His Holy Days."
David Cox, Bristol, England, church

"Meeting brethren from other lands is a very inspiring aspect of the Feast. All things considered it surpasses my expectations."
Michael McGunners, Dublin, Ireland, church

"It is more enjoyable than I imagined it could be."
Greg and Deb Trook, Roca, Neb.

"Overwhelming. All these people . . . quite an experience."
Wade Malwitz, Blue Earth, Minn.

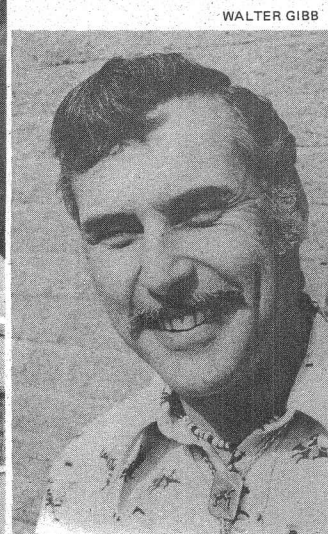
"After attending such a small church, the number of people was overwhelming. Two things impressed me, the behavior of the children and the general friendliness of everyone."
Hilary Calwell, Cardiff, England, church



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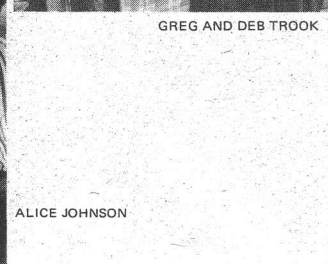
HILARY CALWELL



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ALICE JOHNSON

SCARBOROUGH, England — Herbert Armstrong's Festival message on film set things off to a dynamic start for the 1,200 brethren gathered for the Feast at the Futurist Theater here.

Also speaking were Frank Brown, Paul Suckling, David Stirk, Mark Ellis, David McGowan, Barry Bourne and visiting minister Brian Knowles.

Brethren also enjoyed coach tours in the beautiful Yorkshire moors and coastal area around Scarborough, a talent show and a country-and-western evening. David Stirk.

AFRICA

BLANTYRE, Malawi — Only 22 registered for the Festival, held the last four days only, but average attendance here was between 60 and 70. Plain Truth readers in the area responded to 10 spot ads on the national radio service and were delighted to see Herbert W. Armstrong on film. Overall member attendance

was slightly down from last year because of financial and transport problems, but all who came were excited to see Mr. Armstrong's filmed message, watching it three times.

Services were held in the Kuya Entertainment Center here, with Peter Hawkins delivering sermons on why we observe the Feast of Tabernacles, God's family in the world tomorrow, should we seek a reward, building a firm foundation for growth in God's Church and the Last Great Day. Peter Hawkins.

CUREPIPE and FLICEN-FLACQ, Mauritius — The two sites on this Indian Ocean island had an average attendance of 48 to hear French and English sermons. The meetings were held in two hotels for four days each.

Visitors from other countries included members from Madagascar, the Seychelles and South Africa. Speakers were Feast coordinator David Hulme and Dan Greyling, a

South African Church member.

The main theme for the Feast was preparing for the world tomorrow through our relationship with God, family and fellow man.

One highlight of the Festival was Mr. Hulme's Plain Truth lecture in French, attended by 133, of which 114 were nonmembers. David Hulme.

DURBAN, Natal — Ministers and members unanimously agreed that Herbert Armstrong's two films set the pace and theme at the South African sites. Here 1,100 brethren were encouraged by the inspired messages and the strength of Mr. Armstrong's presentation.

Other Festival messages were on the importance of loyalty (Dr. Roy McCarthy) and the importance of enduring loyalty to God and His government through His physical leader, Mr. Armstrong (Gerald Waterhouse).

Activities included a family day

and ox-braai (Two bullocks roasted whole). Overall, offerings were up by 6 percent, attendance up 4 percent. Andre van Belkum.

GEORGE, South Africa — Backing up Herbert W. Armstrong and completing the commission Christ gave to the Church summarized the theme for 220 brethren gathered at this picturesque site.

Sermons were delivered by Gerald Waterhouse, Dr. Roy McCarthy, Dan Botha and Bill Whitaker. Andre van Belkum.

KUMASI, Ghana — Sermons on practical, positive and inspiring subjects such as the meaning of the Feast, God's promise of the Kingdom, the role of gentiles in God's plan, and marriage and tribal customs in relation to God's law were the focal point for 85 brethren as they for the first time observed the Feast for eight days.

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Speakers were Elbert Atlas, Melvin Rhodes and Peter Nathan. Members, most of whom were able to be together in a newly opened hotel, agreed the Feast gave them lots to think about. *Melvin Rhodes.*

LUSAKA, Zambia — Brethren in Zambia celebrated half of the Feast in the capital city of this central African nation. With 38 people attending, the highlight of the Feast was the showing of Herbert Armstrong's films. It was the first time the membership had the opportunity to see Mr. Armstrong on film.

Other activities included a dinner-dance, a barbecue and an evening of entertainment. *Owen Willis.*

NARO MORU, Kenya — Four days of the Feast were held here for the first time as 71 people enjoyed a foretaste of the world tomorrow in beautiful surroundings on the banks of a clear trout stream flowing off majestic Mt. Kenya towering above.

Brethren saw films, sang, ate an abundance of food and when not in services had plenty of time for fun and fellowship. *Owen Willis.*

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — A total of 230 brethren attended the Festival in the Courtyard Hall of Music here, a 30 percent increase in attendance.

The Feast was set off on a good

beginning with messages by Gerald Waterhouse on the Day of Atonement and Herbert W. Armstrong (on film) on the first Holy Day. Other speakers were Ron Stoddart on the animal creation and the plan of God, Frank Nelte on the plan of God shown in the minor prophets and Adriaan Botha on the plan of God as revealed in the book of Romans.

Mashonaland defeated Matabeleland in a soccer match, 8-3. *Ron Stoddart.*

SONESTA, South Africa — The Sonesta holiday resort, about 72 miles from Cape Town on the western seaboard of South Africa, was the site for 217 brethren observing the Feast.

Herbert Armstrong's films provided a most auspicious start and this high note was maintained throughout the Feast. Sermons delivered by speakers such as Dr. Roy McCarthy, Bill Whitaker and Sydney Hull focused constantly on the theme of this Festival: the Kingdom of God.

A spirit of unity and love as well as the presence of God was strongly felt here. *Sydney Hull.*

UMGABABA, South Africa — Two-hundred happy black and Indian brethren kept the first and last Holy Days in nearby Durban (just 20 miles north), but spent the rest of the Feast enjoying services at the beachfront facilities at the Umgababa Holiday Resort.

Visiting special speaker Gerald Waterhouse encouraged the brethren with the understanding of how black nations will fit in with Israel in God's plan. Other sermons were given by Gordon Terblanche, John White,

John Bartholomew and Dr. Roy McCarthy. *Andre van Belkum.*

VICTORIA ISLAND, Nigeria — A change in the Festival site this year brought the entire membership of the Church of God in Nigeria and visitors from neighboring West African countries together in the luxurious environment of the Eko Holiday Inn here, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, for the last four days of the Festival.

Attendance on the Last Great Day was 125, and all the brethren enjoyed the sermons and company of Elbert Atlas, coordinator for the New York area, and his wife after they had spent the first half of the Feast in Kumasi, Ghana.

The Feastgoers also witnessed the ordinations of Lateef Edalere as local elder and Filijah Chukwidi and Lazarus J. Ekwebelem as deacons. The Feast was rounded off with a banquet for all the members and their families. *Lateef A. Edalere.*

AUSTRALIA, OCEANIA

ADELAIDE, South Australia — Feast messages here brought out the importance of man's relationship with God and his need for unity, concern and affection for his neighbor.

Speakers addressing the 478 registered brethren spoke on how man may enjoy this physical life within the bounds of God's law (Ted Tupper), understanding and applying God's law (Bob Mitchell), the need to overcome and grow using God's Spirit (John McLean), and the meaning of the Last Great Day (Rod Dean).

Brethren also enjoyed a river cabaret cruise, a dinner-dance, a visit to the zoo along with a host of activities. Beautiful weather accompanied the Feast. *Ted Tupper.*

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Trillo's Convention Center in downtown Auckland was one of two New Zealand Festival sites this year. A total of 698 registered brethren enjoyed the spiritual food served by the main speakers: Bob Morton on overcoming and child rearing, Jack Croucher with an overview of the Holy Days and Jerusalem, and Karl Karlov on "Why Did God Call You?"

The Festival, coordinated by Richard Lynch, included a dinner-dance, a barbecue at the thermal pools and a YOU Gang Show. *Jack Croucher.*

BLACKHEATH, New South Wales — A most positive attitude registered among 812 brethren attending the Feast located in the spectacular Blue Mountains.

Brethren gathered at the site, which is owned by the Church, heard Gene Hogberg speak on today's nations in prophecy, Keith Crouch on the language of the Bible and what parables tell us, John Larkin on what the world tomorrow will be like and Colin Sutcliffe on liberalism, Satan's weapon.

A family day, teenage disco, classical evening and formal ball rounded out the Festival. *Rus Cous-ton.*

CAIRNS, Queensland — A close family atmosphere, warmth and friendliness were experienced by the

243 registered brethren attending the Feast here, who also enjoyed a scenic mountain train trip, a day on tropical Green Island, a Festival ball and a family day at Lake Barrine, an extinct volcano.

Main speakers were John Comino and Rod Matthews, who spoke about the return of Christ, putting effort into keeping the Feast and the "better resurrection." Bill White, a former deacon in the Cairns church, was ordained a local elder on the first Holy Day of the Feast. *Bill White.*

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — The worst floods in 90 years just south of the Festival site here did not stop anyone from attending the Feast, and the 260 registered enjoyed their best atmosphere ever.

Bob Morton spoke on repentance and child rearing, Gary Harvey discussed the meaning of the Last Great Day, Colin Riseborough addressed the new covenant and faith in God's promises and Colin Kelly spoke about the central figure of the Holy Days and a nation of priests.

Highlights for the brethren were a family evening, a sports afternoon and a visit from Gene Hogberg of Pasadena. *Colin Kelly.*

EMU POINT, Western Australia — The Festival here at the marquee in the Emu Beach Caravan Park, near the city of Albany, was opened by Dean Wilson, the director of the Australian Work, for the first time. Other speakers were Bill Dixon on building spiritual self-esteem, Colin Jackson on building the mind of Christ and Peter Whittington on our relationship with God.

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30TH FEAST FOR THE ECKERTS — Eddie and Irene Eckert, above, keep their 30th Feast in Tucson, Ariz., along with thousands of brethren, some of whom are pictured, top, in Auckland, New Zealand; Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; and Tucson.

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A spirit of love and fellowship prevailed, along with beautiful weather. Activities included a hillside dinner-dance and a steam train picnic, a ride into nostalgia. *Lloyd H. Longley.*

GOLD COAST, Queensland — An air of expectation and excitement, enthusiasm and a positive attitude prevailed at the Feast here held in the Miami Great Hall on the Gold Coast Highway. The 1,504 brethren registered sensed a new direction and greater accomplishment in the Work of God.

Gene Hogberg spoke on world affairs and prophecy, David Noller discussed the Philadelphia era and our position in the Kingdom of God, Peter McLean spoke about mercy, Rod King talked about the importance of the family and Ross Beath, who was raised to preaching elder, spoke about the shield of faith.

Brethren also enjoyed a spectacular evening at the Sea World complex and a talent show. *David Noller.*

HOBART, Tasmania — Activities here centered on family togetherness as brethren lunched in open air at botanical gardens and held a family sock hop.

The Hobart Town Hall served as the Feast site for 286 brethren as they heard Alan Dean speak on how the Sabbath and Holy Days stand or fall together, Kerry Gubb on growth through stress, Dean Wilson on early millennial developments and Orest Solyma on love of eternal life.

Good weather, full cooperation, thought-provoking and edifying messages were the order of the day. *Orest Solyma.*

NUKUALOFA, Tonga — Forty-five brethren registered for the Feast here in Tonga, the Friendly Islands, meeting in the Church's tabernacle building.

Main speakers were I. Toluta'u Ha'angana, who spoke about God's plan for salvation and the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles; S.T. Panuve, who spoke about family life; T.F. Fungalei, who spoke about the antichrist; H.K. Ta'ufu'ou, who discussed "for my yoke is easy and my burden is light"; and P. Taumoepeau, who spoke on procrastination.

The brethren are coming anew in spiritual life as a result of this reawakening by Herbert Armstrong, and fellowship is real happiness. *I. Toluta'u Ha'angana.*

SUVA, Fiji — Even though the Feast was held only four days here, it was enjoyed by some 50 brethren at the Travelodge Hotel Convention Center.

The brethren saw Herbert Armstrong on film and heard their ministers speak on God's Holy Days and prayer (Neville Fraser), why Christ is our Savior (Kinnear Penman) and God's master plan and the Last Great Day (Epeli Kanaimawi).

The group took an interesting visit to Orchid Island, toured the Pacific harbor and had an enjoyable island night Oct. 23. *Epeli Kanaimawi.*

WARRNAMBOOL, Victoria — The new Festival site held in Warrnambool's Capitol Theater was attended by 807 members, who enjoyed the inspiring messages and the excellent weather.

Main speakers included Dean Wilson, Bruce Tyler, Keith Crouch and Gavin Cullen, who spoke on agriculture in the world tomorrow.

The brethren were welcomed by the mayor, and the ministers were

given a civic reception. A 4,000-meter fun run along the beach topped off activities for Feastgoers. *Bruce Tyler.*

ASIA

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines — The largest Festival site in the Philippines was in Baguio City, where 1,056 people registered for the Feast. Weather was beautiful, with only some afternoon rain on three days. God scattered threatening storms just before the Feast and during it.

Meetings were held at the Benitez Hall Teacher's Camp, where the brethren heard sermons from regional director Colin Adair, who spoke on the mystery of God, forgiveness, building the Church of God and the Last Great Day; Pacifico Mirto, who spoke about the human family, prophecy and faith; Festival coordinator Bien Macaraeg, who spoke about two aspects of the Gospel and why we need to keep God's laws; and local elder Max Fabricante, who spoke on God's works.

Pete Melendez and Rey Tanajura were ordained as local elders during the Feast.

Overseas guests, numbering about 30, remarked on the fine atmosphere and friendly disposition of the brethren and were especially grateful for the stabilizing spiritual food received. *Colin Adair.*

BANGALORE, India — Meeting in the Roma Hotel in Bangalore, the garden city of India, 85 brethren especially enjoyed Herbert W. Armstrong's film, as well as several baptisms and wonderful weather.

Sermons were given by Spaulding Kulasingam on the coming utopia, the Festivals and prayer and by Ken Lewis on the transition of this world's governments into the world tomorrow. The Last Great Day marked the end of a campaign for *Plain Truth* readers in South India. *Spaulding Kulasingam.*

CAMERON HIGHLANDS, Malaysia — The Cameron Highlands, a beautiful temperate mountain area, provided an inspiring setting for this year's Feast in Malaysia. The Merlin Hotel played host for 190 brethren for this eighth Malaysian Feast.

Rod McQueen spoke on how we can know what the will of God is and the meaning of the Feast. Festival coordinator Yong Chin Gee spoke on pride and Lim Seng Joon spoke on our importance to God and His master plan.

Brethren radiated happiness, joy and appreciation as they enjoyed a close-bonded fellowship in the realization of the purpose of the Feast. *John Ulsen.*

CEBU CITY, Philippines — This site in the Visayan Islands was coordinated by Jose Raduban. The brethren (176 registered) met in the Triton Hotel Cebu, where Mr. Raduban, the main speaker, spoke on the world tomorrow. *Colin Adair.*

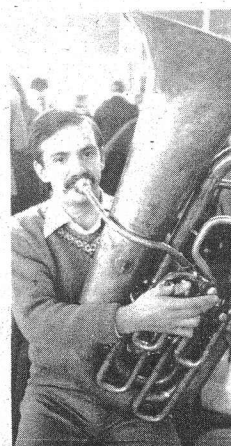
DAVAO CITY, Philippines — Edward Macaraeg was the main speaker for this Festival site at the Don Mariano Marcos Training Center on the island of Mindanao. Mr. Macaraeg, the Festival coordinator, spoke about the world tomorrow, prayer and responsibility to the 286 registered brethren. Highlights included a first-ever young people's get-together. *Colin Adair.*

DON CARLOS, Philippines — Coordinator Encardio Benitez and his brother, Eustiquio Benitez, spoke to the 450 registered brethren meeting in the Worldwide Church of God building in Don Carlos, Bukidnon, on the island of Mindanao. *Colin Adair.*

MANBUCAL, Philippines — The Mambucal Health Resort in Negros Occidental was the site for

167 brethren. Main speaker was Pedro Ortigero, who spoke on the world tomorrow and Christianity, and Festival coordinator was Bernardo Castillon. Many of the brethren saw and heard Mr. Armstrong for the first time on his film. In spite of the small attendance, enthusiasm and zeal were high. *Colin Adair.*

MANILA, Philippines — This year marked the first time a Feast of Tabernacles has been held in Manila, and all the brethren were most enthusiastic. Meetings were in the Manila Overseas Press Club and Girl Scout Auditorium. The Festival was coordinated by Dr. Samuel Librojo, and Rey Tanajura was manager. The brethren, numbering 265, heard Dr. Librojo and Mr. Tanajura speak on prophecy and Christian living, and visiting speaker Pacifico Mirto discussed Revelation 2 and 3. *Colin Adair.*



BRAIN SANDS, ENGLAND

RANVELI BEACH, Sri Lanka — The Feast here started off with the ordination of the first deacon for the Sri Lanka church, Tilak Peris. Another first happened a few days later as the church held its first family night.

Fifty Feastgoers spent the Feast in structures made of coconut branches. Ken Lewis and Mohan Jayasekera conducted services as they spoke on the profile of the president of the world tomorrow, Church government and preparing to be a king or priest.

Four baptisms during the Feast caused the church to grow by 12 percent. *Mohan Jayasekera.*

LATIN AMERICA

EL TABITO, Chile — One hundred brethren gathered for the Festival here, enjoying the fabulous ocean-side resort and the inspiring messages in unity and love.

Main speakers were Robert Flores Jr. and Filidor Illesca, discussing the meaning of the Feast, the world tomorrow and being a son of God. *Robert Flores Jr.*

LA PAZ, El Salvador — Ninety-four brethren enjoyed the Feast in the Izalco Cabana Club here, enjoying a wedding, one baptism and a talent show in addition to the Festival sermons.

Speaking at the site were Herbert Cisneros on the Kingdom of God, Jose Manuel Biamonte on being a soldier of Christ, Rene Lopez on the proof of the Church and Jose Mauricio Pinto on being a better Christian. *Herbert Cisneros.*

LIMA, Peru — Attendance was 90 at the Festival here in the Country Club Del Bosque, located in one of Lima's best resort areas. Brethren enjoyed the beautiful weather and a rest from the extreme inflation and economic difficulty in Peru.

Main sermons were given by Larry Hinkle and Wilfredo Saenz on the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles, the promises of God, perseverance, faith and the power of God. *Larry Hinkle.*

MELGAR, Colombia — A joyous Feast, full of meaning and enthusiasm, was enjoyed by 140 people at the Club Militar de Oficiales in Melgar, 103 kilometers south of Bogota.

People representing six countries were happy to hear the meaning of God's Holy Days, the plan of salvation and the principles of Christian living expounded by Pablo Gonzalez, Mario Seiglie and other local members.

No one wanted to return home after enjoying the most delightful eight days of his life. Everyone commented on two things: the privilege of seeing Herbert Armstrong on film (which was shown twice) and the especially good services the brethren received from the personnel and members of Club Militar de Oficiales. A talent show and a night of *Serenatas* for everyone united us all into one single family. *Pablo Gonzalez.*

OAXTEPEC, Mexico — It is said, "First there was the Garden of Eden, then Oaxtepec." About 650 brethren, half of whom traveled down from the United States, filled the small auditorium here.

Sermons delivered by Festival coordinator Tom Turk, Fernando Barriga, Pablo Dimakis, Alfredo Mercado, Mario Sanchez and Mike Isaac emphasized the meaning of the Feast and family life.

Plenty of activities kept the brethren busy throughout the Feast, which was blessed by mild and pleasant weather.

Ordained to ministerial rank was Pablo Dimakis. *Dominga Burroughs.*

SIERRA DE LA VENTANA, Argentina — One hundred brethren attended the Feast at the Hotel Provincial here, all enjoying a most wonderful Feast and a wedding on the second night.

In addition to Herbert Armstrong's film, which was very well received, brethren heard sermons from Robert Flores Sr., Luis Chaver and Roberto Canclini about the meaning of the Feast, unity in the Church and a report on the Work in the Spanish areas. *R.V. Flores.*

THE CARIBBEAN

COAMO, Puerto Rico — Brethren numbering 197 from Puerto Rico, the United States and some outlying islands met here for one of the most inspiring and joyful Feasts ever.

Stan Bass, Dan Hooser, Gordon Harry, Al Sousa and Clarence Scobee gave the main messages emphasizing spiritual character building for Christians and the importance of these Festivals for all mankind.

Highlighting the Feast were four baptisms, one ordination and a successful fun show and dance. The movie *The Bible* was shown as well.

Those attending this site came home with a deep love and concern for their brothers of all nationalities and backgrounds. *Rene Lopez.*

GRAND RIVIERE, St. Lucia — The Vale Country Club in Grand Riviere was the site for the St. Lucia Festival, where 98 brethren enjoyed the fine weather and inspiring messages.

Speakers were Fred Bailey, Fran Ricchi and Harvey Bauman, with sermons covering the meaning of the Feast and the need for courage to enter God's Kingdom. *Carlos Nieto.*

NASSAU, Bahamas — Three hundred Feastgoers registered for the Feast at the Holiday Inn on Paradise Island near Nassau, with highlights

being a family night, a Bahamian night and a picnic.

Sermon topics were building the Kingdom with Christ, by Earl Williams; the power of prayer and the spirit in man, by Allen Bullock; prophecy, by Marc Masteron; we should love the world, by Randy Kobernat; and preparing your children for the Kingdom, by Kingsley Mather. Filmed messages by Herbert Armstrong and Stan Rader were particularly enjoyed by the brethren. *Kingsley O. Mather.*

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A big happy family-style Feast was observed here as 45 people actively involved themselves in outings, community meals, balls, plays and music.

Speakers Roger Courtois and Fiteau St. Fleur spoke on the importance of not comparing ourselves among ourselves and God's plan in the Holy Days.

There was active participation among the brethren and they now have a better grasp of the meaning of the Feast. *Roger Courtois.*

RUNAWAY BAY, Jamaica — Feastgoers numbering 205 met on the beautiful and interesting north coast at Runaway Bay Hotel and Country Club.

Along with Herbert Armstrong's films and one by Stan Rader, sermons covered how the Feast helps us see the whole story (Reinhold Fuessel), God's love (Charles Fleming), the solution to human existence and "What Is Me" (Art Mokarow), and how Jesus Christ relates to the Feast (Kingsley Mather). *Kingsley Mather.*

ST. FRANCOIS, Guadeloupe — Great rejoicing accompanied sunny weather in the rainy season as 63 brethren held the Feast at holiday resort Village Vacances Famille.

Erick Dubois instructed the audience in the millennium, faith, healing, prayer, tithing and the plan of God. A group of young people from the nearby island of Martinique came for the second half of the Feast to entertain their brethren with folklore songs and dancing. *Erick Dubois.*

ST. LAWRENCE GAP, Barbados — The Government Convention Center in St. Lawrence Gap was the site for the Festival here, with an attendance of 401 on the first Holy Day.

Speakers Fran Ricchi, Fred Bailey and Harvey Bauman spoke on preparing for the Kingdom of God, what it is like to be a spirit being, and the need to believe in miracles. The Feast films by Herbert Armstrong were very well received.

Everyone, including more than 100 brethren from other countries, enjoyed the Feast and the excellent weather. *Victor Simpson.*

SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda — A total of 323 brethren registered for the Festival at the Sonesta Beach Hotel here, participating in a cruise to Hawkins Island and Youth Day on Oct. 21.

Main speakers were Roland Sampson, who spoke on Christian morality, Elliott Hurwitz, who addressed the importance of a strong foundation, and Ross Flynn, who discussed living faith.

Attendance and participation was good at all services and activities were personable and familylike. *Roland Sampson.*

TARTANE, Martinique — A total of 260 brethren registered for this French-language Festival in the tropical West Indies, meeting at the Village Vacances Famille.

The speakers, including Charles Boyer, Constant Eustache and Festival coordinator Gilbert Carbone, stressed the necessity for unity in the Church and Christ as the head of the Church. *Gilbert Carbone.*

FASADENA — This year *The Good News* decided to ask some children (12 and under) what their impressions of the Feast were. We hoped for and were rewarded with their candid comments complete with humor and the usual surprises. We'd like to share their analysis of the Feast here as we present a look at the Festival through the eyes of a child.

Responses were taken from various sites and unfortunately do not include complete identification on all those kind enough to share their thoughts with all of us. Sorry, but because of limited space we could not include every photograph and comment received.

"I like the Feast because of the luau and the Church. . . . Because it's fun. I like the Feast . . . it's fun." Shereena Spangler, Yakima, Wash.

"This is my favorite Feast ever. But I like seeing my friends and getting Feast presents. And I just want to say that I feel very lucky having a Feast site like Hawaii." Daniel Knight, Lahaina, Hawaii

"I like the Feast because . . . I meet new friends." Heather Spangler, Yakima, Wash.

"I like the Feast because I get a vacation from school. And if we go on a trip I can go swimming with my brother. My dad lets me take pictures with his new camera." Michelle Hierman, Pasadena, Calif.

"I like the food you get. It is the best food you get in the year. On the whole I think the eight days of the Feast are the best and most exciting ones in the year." Lorna MacDonald, Bushey, England

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AS SEEN BY CHILDREN

"I like the idea of children entertainment because it gives the parents a chance to get out and around. I like the nursery as well, because while services are on the mothers don't have to look after their babies." Susan Stokes, Radlett, England

"I like it when mum and dad give me a present." Andrea, England

"I think that God has planned all of the Holy Days well. Some of the sermons have bits for us children, like what we will be doing in the

world tomorrow. There is no doubt about it, F.O.T. is great." Cheryl Donchect, Colchester, England

"I don't like it when we have to go home because it has been so nice." Maria, England

"The thing I like best about the Feast is the donkey derby and the sand-castle competition. The donkey stood on my mummy's foot." Gordon Wilson, England

"I like church the best, but every-

thing is fun at the Feast." Janice Bates, Bakersfield, Calif.

"I like traveling and I hope I can go to more Feast sites than just here [Hawaii]." Victoria Wond, Lahaina, Hawaii

"I think the Feast is a great time. Because everybody can get away from their problems. You can relax and not really worry about anything. And all the people are friendly." Scott, England

"I think it's wonderful to have a

mum and dad in the Church, and I enjoy all the Feasts." Gwyneth Salter, England

"Going on a big trip." Renee McKinney, Denver, Colo.

"I like the Feast because you get to see so many places. You also get to do different things. So that's why I like the Feast of Tabernacles." Janice Antion, Pasadena, Calif.

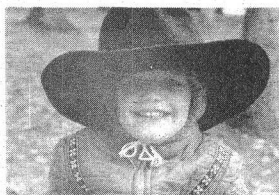
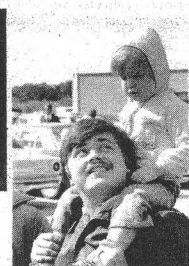
"The Feast is a time to be with your family and different people from different places." Susan Antion, Pasadena, Calif.

"I like being with my father and mother and grandma and grandpa. I love the Feast and all the other things." Rachel Stocker, Pasadena, Calif.

"I come to the Feast to enjoy myself. Go to church, obey my elders and obey mom and dad. I also come to learn and to eat of the Holy Spirit." Scott Borst

"I like the Feast very much best of all when we hear Mr. Armstrong speaking and you [Brian Knowles] speaking so I'm writing this letter for you and I hope you will have a lovely time." Kristine Shanks, United Kingdom

"I think the Feast of Tabernacles is brilliant. I like especially everyone meeting everyone we have not seen for a whole year. The singing is very loud and we have a band accompanying the hymns. But most of all I like the spirit of the Feast. The only thing wrong with the Feast is I wish it would last longer." Ruth, Great Britain



CHURCH

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were having difficulty getting local ministers to conduct the program. It was free time, carried by the station as a public service sustaining program of 15 minutes, 7:45 to 8 a.m.

Immediately I went to the radio station. A woman secretary told me she felt sure they would be glad to have me take the program for a week. I was to call back later for the exact date.

On my second call I was assigned the week of Oct. 9.

Oct. 9 was surely a great day in my life — the day of my very first experience before a microphone, *ON THE AIR!*

I took this opportunity very seriously. It was an opportunity to speak to several HUNDRED people at once! I had never spoken to that many before.

I spent the preceding week preparing rather extensive notes and script. I might never again have such an opportunity, so I decided to strike directly at the very heart of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Since the Kingdom of God is based on the promises made to Abraham, I began, on Monday morning's program with the PROMISES made to Abraham.

The surprising response

It must have been about Thursday morning that the announcer told me the station owner, Mr. Frank Hill, wanted to see me in his office later in the morning.

He had received several letters and telephone calls from listeners requesting copies of my talks. I had offered no literature of any kind. I had invited no mail response.

"This is rather surprising," said Mr. Hill. "We never had any response of any kind, before, from this morning devotional program. They told me you had not invited any. Yet it has been coming. I listened in on you this morning to see what was causing it. You have an excellent radio voice and a way of delivering your message that arouses interest and holds an audience."

"Now, Mr. Armstrong," he continued, "I want to suggest that you work out a regular Sunday morning Church service, condensed into a half hour. I'd like to put that on as a regular sustaining program — free time — but I can't do that without offering equal time to every church

would see what I could do.

But, \$2.50 every week! *WOW!* That was almost as much as my entire salary had been! And I had just previously renounced even that small salary!

Today, \$2.50 per half-hour broadcast seems incredibly small. We have to pay two or three times more than that per minute on most stations today! But it seemed like an insurmountable barrier then.

Yet I knew this was GOD'S WORK, not mine. I was only an instrument. God had promised to supply every need.

God had OPENED THE DOOR OF MASS EVANGELISM!

He had opened the first radio

planning of mine that the three-point campaign then being launched was to expand into its present global scope and influence.

The three-point campaign that built the Work

I plunged with energy into the GIANT DOORS God was opening. Of course those doors were not GIANT at first. God always starts things He does through humans, like the grain of mustard seed, the very smallest. But I, and the newly raised-up very small Church backing me, started on the very smallest wattage of any commercial radio station — 100 watts — and once a week.

whenever possible.

Further, to stop vicious rumors, I was NEVER A MEMBER of either the Stanberry, Mo., or the Salem, W. Va., factions of the Church of God. I worked WITH, in friendly cooperation, both factions, but never was a member of either.

More important, all those who have GONE OUT OF BEEN DISFELLOWSHIPED from the Church have sought by every means to STEAL AWAY OUR MEMBERS!

One minister who was doing this explained it this way: "Well, where else can we go to get members? We can't make any headway against the Seventh-Day Adventists, so it leaves us

tament offices, imputing to them a totally unscriptural meaning.

He claimed falsely that Jesus' original 12 apostles formed a permanent board of 12 as a church hierarchy. Then he took the seven deacons of Acts 6:3, who were appointed to wait on tables serving the widows and orphans. In the King James translation, this duty was translated as "This business," the Revised Standard Version, Moffatt and others translate it simply as a DUTY. But Mr. Dugger seized on that word *business* and construed it totally out of context to be a BOARD OF THE SEVEN, which were to handle THE MONEY of the church.

The board of the '12'

Because there had been much complaint about Mr. Dugger "running things" and assuming all authority, he adroitly appointed 12 others (by HIS CHOOSING) to be the Board of the 12 and appointed himself chairman of the Board of Seven to handle the money. This gave him absolute authority, while he pretended to give it to the "12." Then, because Jesus had sent out 70, two and two, on a special one-time tour of places where He was to come later (Luke 10:1), Mr. Dugger appointed what he called "the Board of the 70" — 70 "leading elders" — although there were not anywhere near that many elders in the church. Actually, far from being a true

"Could the original and only true Church have disintegrated and disappeared? Could it have ceased to exist? No, for I read where Jesus said the gates of the grave would never prevail against it."

door (Revelation 8:8). I knew He wanted us to walk through that door. I knew He would somehow supply that \$2.50 every week. I knew also that we had to do our part, not lie down, do nothing, and expect God to do it without any effort from us.

I was continuing to hold meetings at the Firbutte schoolhouse, twice weekly — Sabbath afternoons and Thursday evenings.

Parent church of Worldwide Church of God founded

Now came a most crucial event. It was a TURNING POINT — AN EPOCH — IN THE 1,900-YEAR HISTORY OF GOD'S CHURCH.

And NOTE CAREFULLY THIS FACT. I was still cooperating with the Oregon Conference, although upon starting this new era of God's Church God had moved me to drop the infinitesimal salary I had been receiving from them.

But most of their members in the Willamette Valley now began attending with us at Eugene.

Oct. 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, just across the road from the Jeans school, four miles west of Firbutte, this new Church of God was organized, with Mr. E.E. Fisher as deacon and myself as pastor. Meetings continued from that date, three times a week, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sabbath afternoons. Attendance was averaging 22. A first action of the new Church was the decision to go ahead with the broadcast. Three new members and the lay brethren of the Oregon Con-

ference all approved it joyfully as an effective evangelistic activity of the Church.

SURELY NOTHING could have started smaller. Born in adversity in the very depths of the Depression, this Work of God was destined to grow to worldwide power.

But I did not realize its destiny then. There were no illusions of grandeur. It was not through any

Not only did I set out with a will to produce the radio program, but through 20 years of advertising experience I knew it had to be followed up.

I had conceived the idea of publishing *The Plain Truth* magazine in 1927 — had engaged a professional advertising artist to design a front cover. But for that seven years no way opened to make possible its launching. Now, my making it a mimeographed "magazine" — cutting stencils on a borrowed typewriter and gaining permission of the local A.B. Dick Co. to borrow the use of his mimeograph, I was able to produce the first *Plain Truth* — about 350 copies for about \$5.

On the first Sunday in 1934 the radio program was on the air — TO STAY! And TO GROW! Response was beyond expectations.

Feb. 1 *The Plain Truth* made perhaps the most humble bow any magazine ever made!

And, to round out the three-point campaign, we continued holding evangelistic services.

Since we were holding services Tuesday and Thursday nights, beside Sabbath, at the Jeans schoolhouse — the first meeting place of the present Worldwide Church of God — I hired an upstairs hall in downtown Eugene for \$10 a month, for services Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. I had mimeographed handbills circulated to draw a public audience.

Still cooperating with 'Sardis'

I interrupt at this point to further spike a nasty rumor some have attempted to circulate against God's Work, by saying that the ministers who went out of the Church in 1974 and since are "only doing what Mr. Armstrong did when he went out of the Sardis era church to start one of his own."

NOTHING COULD BE FARTHER FROM THE TRUTH. In this present history of the Church, we are in 1934. The parent Church of today's Worldwide Church was already organized — as of the preceding Oct. 21. THE PRESENT WORK was well under way, small though the start was! And I WAS STILL COOPERATING WITH THE OREGON CONFERENCE BRETHREN, who attended at Eugene for some years,

only the Worldwide Church of God."

NEVER ONCE did I in any manner, directly or indirectly, make any effort to draw their members into the present Church God had raised up through me!

I pray very earnestly and regularly for my son, whom I love, that God will OPEN HIS EYES TO THE TERRIBLE SIN HE IS COMMITTING, sowing the seeds of discord among Christ's brethren, trying to draw away God's people FOR HIMSELF! And, whenever he ceases this unholy activity of try-

"I was not at all convinced this was the one and only true Church. Yet, if it was not, which one was? This one came closer to the Bible qualifications than any I knew."

ing to take our members after him and will instead PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD, I will pray for his success. But when CHRIST was virtually thrown out of Ambassador College under his unauthorized policy setting and doctrinal changing, and every effort was being made to SECULARIZE the Church (which really means drive God out), I most certainly cannot uphold such satanic activity! He has been MARKED AND MUST BE AVOIDED!

Factions of Sardis era

Now on with the history of God's Church. For some years I continued to cooperate with both Stanberry and Salem factions of the Sardis era.

True, some of their ministers opposed God's WORK, but I never opposed them!

About August, 1933, a complete split had occurred in the church headquartered at Stanberry, Mo. Its leader and editor of the weekly *Bible Advocate* had been voted out by a single vote. Instead of remaining loyal, he proceeded to join a C.O. Dodd, in Salem, W. Va., in setting up what they termed the "Bible organization" of the Church and made every effort to take Stanberry followers with him.

At Stanberry, they had been organized under a biannual general-conference system — each local church of five or more members having one vote. But now Mr. Dugger claimed a new "Bible organization" by a bizarre combination of New Tes-

ting to take our members after him and will instead PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD, I will pray for his success. But when CHRIST was virtually thrown out of Ambassador College under his unauthorized policy setting and doctrinal changing, and every effort was being made to SECULARIZE the Church (which really means drive God out), I most certainly cannot uphold such satanic activity! He has been MARKED AND MUST BE AVOIDED!

But we in Oregon at that time were CONFUSED on the subject of biblical Church organization. Mr. Dugger had made it sound as if he had put together a truly "Bible organization."

The brethren of the Oregon Conference were confused, but they did want to do whatever was the Bible way. They did not go with this Dugger organization immediately, due to this confusion. Most of them lived too far away from Eugene to attend regularly with God's Church at Eugene (we soon bought a church property in Eugene).

Off to a good start

The Work of God was already off to a good start at Eugene. I had soon appointed Claude Ellis as elder and also Mr. J.M. Day, (past 80 years of age) and Mr. W.E. Conn and Mr. Oscar Heibel as deacons, in addition to Mr. Fisher.

The Dugger people had, without my knowledge, put my name down as one of "the 70 leading elders."

The truth is, 1) we were all confused as to Church organization, and 2) we did not yet realize ourselves that CHRIST had started, in us, the Philadelphia era of His Church, committed with the GREAT COMMISSION.

Before Elder Day had been or-
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"These people at Stanberry and Salem, originally, had been truly the Church of God — of the Sardis era. But their era was over, and by the fruits, looking at them, I came to realize God was raising up the Philadelphia era of His Church."

in town. However, I will sell you the time at less than bare cost of operation, \$2.50 per half hour."

And THAT suggestion from Mr. Frank Hill is what put the idea of *The World Tomorrow* program in my mind!

Altogether 14 letters and telephone calls came in to the radio station requesting copies of the messages I had broadcast.

I thanked him and told him I

This year in Jerusalem

By Mark Robinson

JERUSALEM — For the 177 Church members who participated in the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation's fall tour of Israel, it wasn't like any Feast they had ever attended before. In fact, the trip was far more akin to Succoth, the Jewish equivalent of Tabernacles. To a large number of these members the eight-day whirlwind tour of the Holy Land was one of the most moving and spiritually rewarding times of their lives.

"If it wasn't my best Feast, it certainly came close," said Charles Dorothy, minister and one of three tour guides. "The Feast in Israel had an extra depth of meaning since the millennial peace pictured by Tabernacles will begin in Jerusalem."

The tour included visits to Samaria, Galilee, Caesarea, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, Beersheba, and the fortress of Masada, in addition to scores of sites in Jerusalem.

For Cyndi Colburn, Fort Worth, Tex., Church member, the trip was unforgettable. She now has seen many of the places mentioned in the Scriptures and recommends, "at least one Feast in Israel for everyone to help make the Bible live."

Liberty Bell Park on tour

One site of particular interest for the tour was Liberty Bell Park, a new recreational facility in Jerusalem partially sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation. A Jerusalem physician told former Jerusalem office manager and one of the three tour leaders, Richard Frankel, to "tell Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong the park has brought tremendous joy to thousands of children."

During a special presentation after the first Holy Day by the International Cultural Center for Youth, Israeli minister of tourism Moshe Kol praised Mr. Armstrong's humanitarian efforts in Israel and spoke of an "iron bridge" built between Pasadena and Israel.

For the Frankel family the tour was their first chance to see Israel after leaving three years ago. Joyce Frankel voiced amazement at how much the Old City had been cleaned up. Mr. Frankel's expert knowledge and contacts were of immense benefit to the tour leaders. Bob Smith, pastor of the Riverside and Banning, Calif., churches, served as the third tour guide.

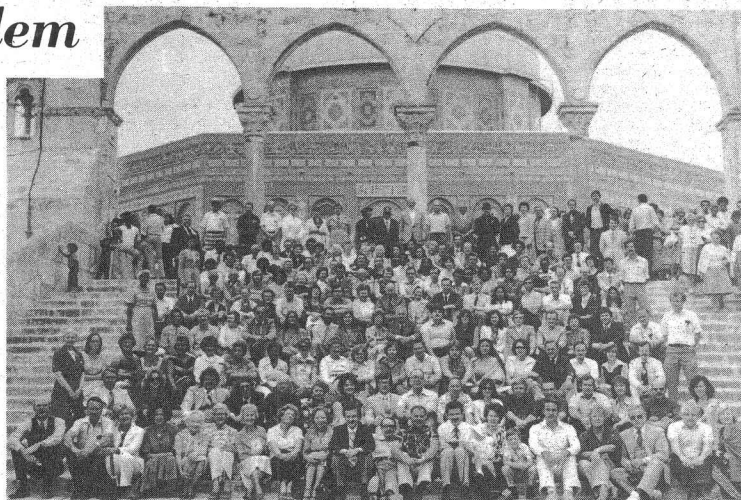
AICF-organized tour

The trip, organized by Human Potential employee Bob Ellsworth, had a base price of just under \$1,000 per person. Mr. Ellsworth commented that the trip was organized to

fulfill the obligations made by the Ambassador Foundation to provide group travel benefits, adding, "What better place to start than Jerusalem with its rich history and deep theological roots."

The return to the United States was delayed for one day because of a cracked windshield on the chartered Trans World Airline 707. However, all of the inconveniences were lodged at TWA's expense in a luxury beachfront hotel overlooking the Mediterranean in Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Israel.

IN JERUSALEM — Brethren who traveled to Jerusalem to observe this year's Feast make a sizable group at the Dome of the Rock. The trip, which included a tour of Israel, was organized by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.



Members keep Feast in the Holy Land

By Bob Smith

JERUSALEM — The people of God, 177 strong, were moved with excitement as they sat in the area of the Mount of Olives and chorused the words to "Come Thou Almighty King!"

God's people were keeping the Feast of Tabernacles in the very city to which Jesus Christ will introduce the reality of what this Festival depicts — universal peace!

At the first Holy Day service, Abilene, Tex., pastor Mark Robinson spoke of the balanced spiritual-physical approach needed in order to properly observe the Feast.

I followed with a sermon about the

The following is a first-person account of this year's Feast in Jerusalem as observed by the Riverside and Banning, Calif., pastor Bob Smith.

awesome events just over the horizon, of which Jesus Christ warned, "... if it were possible they shall deceive even the elect" — but which will usher in the only true and lasting millennial peace.

At the close of services on the first Holy Day, Simha ("Joy" in English) Gombo of Israel was baptized by Charles Dorothy. Wayne Dunlap and myself in the pool of the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem.



SPECIAL PRESENTATION — Members of the ICCY (see story, left) present a special program for Feastgoers during their stay in Jerusalem. (Photo by Rodney Larson)

Mrs. Gombo (a native of Morocco who now resides north of Haifa, Israel) has been interested in baptism for several years and was last visited months ago by Great Britain minister, Paul Suckling.

Since Mrs. Gombo speaks Hebrew and French fluently but only a few words of English, prebaptism counseling was aided by the expert translating of Yonah, a young Jewish girl from Canada. And, thus, Simha Gombo became only the second person to be baptized in Jerusalem in this modern era of God's Church.

An exciting tour

After traversing tiny Israel — from the on-the-spot excitement of the Garden Tomb, the Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, the Western (Wailing) Wall and Dome of the Rock (all in Jerusalem), to the Sea of Galilee and Capernaum, Nazareth, Cana and Caesarea, and down to Masada and the Dead Sea — the tired group assembled on the weekly Sabbath and heard Gerald Weston, pastor of the Midland and Gaylord, Mich., churches, reiterate Herbert Armstrong's very familiar "Why are we here?" — and then answer it from Deuteronomy 14:23 "... that you may learn to fear the Lord thy God always!"

Richard Frankel, former manager of the Church's offices in Jerusalem and now pastor of the Woodbridge, N.J., church, painted a word picture of the transition from today's downtrodden world to the excitement,

beauty and peace of the wonderful world tomorrow.

At the conclusion of this hallmark tour, a grateful segment of the Body of Christ entered final services on the Last Great Day with a new sense of fervency, a new sense of urgency.

Mr. Dunlap, La Mirada, Calif., pastor, pictured Jerusalem as the hope of the future for all mankind, as the world awaits Christ's return to the Holy City in great power.

Dr. Dorothy — following the Feast of Tabernacles theme established in earlier messages — reminded us of the magnitude of the great God in heaven, who desires so greatly that all peoples should become part of His awesome Family that He allowed the literal sacrifice of the One responsible for the creation of those very peoples.

Post Feast baptisms

Following services on that Last Great Day, the brethren from many areas around the world, who were observing the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem gathered about the same pool and rejoiced as Dr. Dorothy and I immersed, first, Mollie Martin, from San Diego, Calif., church, and then Richard Shire, a 1978 graduate of Ambassador College in Pasadena.

Mr. Frankel and Mr. Dunlap joined in the laying on of hands, and the Feast of Tabernacles, 1978, ended on a note enriched by the continual adding to the Church daily by Jesus Christ — as it pleases Him.

CHURCH

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dained, I discussed this seriously with Elmer Fisher and Claude Ellis. We decided not to rush into it.

Where was the true Church?

I mentioned earlier that I was searching for the one true Church of God. These Stanberry-based brethren, as I had stated above, seemed weak and impotent. They were bearing no fruit!

When one of their ministers held a small "evangelistic effort" it was always fruitless. There were no conversions. This had continued to bewilder me.

Jesus said we should know "by their fruits." And now they were split right down the middle. A house divided cannot stand, and their twohouses

— Stanberry and Salem — did NOT stand! As of TODAY, 1978, each of those two has been split and re-split into so many fragments that no one could probably discern just how many branches they have split off into.

Yet everywhere I went, FRUIT was borne — except when I tried to hold a campaign with one of their men, elders Taylor, Daily, Oberg and Ray. But whenever I preached alone, there were conversions. I did not realize then, as I do now, that it is GOD who "ADDS to the Church." God was adding wherever I went.

Then I discovered that they are described by Christ Himself in Revelation 3:1-6. They had been, a couple of generations or more before my time, a Church of more vitality and larger membership. But they had dwindled to the state of Revelation 3:1 — still

having the NAME of the true Church but SPIRITUALLY DEAD. Apparently a generation or two before my time, they had not been so spiritually dead.

Truly God's Work

But now, I knew that what God had led me into was, truly, GOD'S WORK! It had vitality. It was bearing rich fruit. And, after finding the identification in Revelation 3:1-6 and verses 7-11, I finally came to realize where GOD'S TRUE CHURCH WAS! These people at Stanberry and Salem, originally, had been truly the Church of God — of the Sardis era. But their era was over, and by the fruits, looking at them, I came to realize God was raising up the Philadelphia era of His Church.

And, as we grew, God was showing me HIS BIBLE FORM OF CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

Meanwhile, I was holding services three times weekly at Jeans schoolhouse, 12 miles west of Eugene and four nights weekly in downtown Eugene.

In due time the brethren of the Oregon Conference decided to go in with the new Dugger group. That dissolved the Oregon Conference as a corporate church body. However, they continued to attend at Eugene as often as possible.

After the 5½ months of meetings in downtown Eugene, adding more members to the Church, we began holding services in my home (rent \$5 per month) in Eugene, as well as at Jeans schoolhouse.

Then, it must have been about March, 1935, I began holding six-nights-a-week meetings at Alvadore schoolhouse — about 15 miles northwest of Eugene. This was a two-story

schoolhouse, with two classrooms downstairs and a hall the size of both classrooms upstairs. For six weeks I held meetings there, with, as I remember, about 15 new members added. For a while I held meetings Sabbath mornings alternately every other Sabbath at Alvadore, and every other at Jeans with a service every Sabbath afternoon at my home in Eugene.

But this was too scattered, and soon we purchased the small church building in Eugene.

After a conference with one of the Dugger '12 we had decided that I would cooperate with the Salem, W. Va., faction, BUT NOT JOIN. I would work in cooperation with their ministers, but ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT, and receiving NO SALARY from them. None of the Eugene church became members of the Dugger

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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Forty-five members of the new church in CUMBERLAND, Md., had their first Bible study Sept. 13, as pastor Terry Mattson led the group in a study of the book of Revelation. On Sept. 17 the brethren held their first picnic, meeting at Lion's Community Park in nearby Frostburg, where the ladies soundly defeated the men in badminton 21-4. Games were directed for the children by Pat Blueball and Bruce Metz. Another first, on Sept. 20, was a bake sale that netted \$80 at the home of Joan Grapes, who was having a garage sale at the same time. Eudele Athey.

The 10th anniversary of the church in MOUNT POCONO, Pa., was cele-



SILVER ANNIVERSARY — Larry and Betty Shamus of the San Jose, Calif., church hold the silver coffee and tea service they received from the brethren on their 25th wedding anniversary. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Armin Reese)

brated Sept. 17 with a family picnic at Tobyhanna Army Depot State Park. A meal of turkey franks and barbecued chicken was prepared and served by the NCO Club, followed by games for all and paddleboating on Barney's Lake. Jane Walters won the handmade quilt donated by Ann Kovaleski to help raise money for the social. *Margie Storm.*

The PITTSBURGH, Pa., church chorale presented the concert "From Dusk to Dawn" at a high school auditorium in Monroeville, Pa., Sept. 16, inviting members from surrounding churches and the general public. The theme of the concert concerned activities and emotions involved in a single day, such as "Morning Has Broken," "Sunrise, Sunset," "Cruising Down the River" and "Twilight on the Trail." The program also included several sacred numbers and was sprinkled with duets, quartets, octets and solo performances. At the conclusion of the program the chorale presented director Earl Henn a new tape recorder and gave bouquets to Mrs. Henn, who is an alto in the chorale, Ellen Gaeke, the pianist, and Linda Szalankiewicz, the assistant pianist. The concert was the first for the Pittsburgh chorale since 1964. *Frank Lewandowski.*

PRESCOTT, Ariz., brethren held their end-of-summer picnic Sept. 16, camping on top of Mingus Mountain and

playing horseshoes, croquet, basketball and volleyball while the younger set made mud pies and pressed out Play-Doh. *Wendy Keller.*

Thirty-eight people and two dogs gathered for the third annual car rally of the PLYMOUTH, England, church and surrounding areas Sept. 17. The participants, in 12 cars, met with organizer Angus Robertson on the Plymouth road just south of Tavistock. Each driver was closely questioned about the highway code, with correct answers going toward his total score. Then each car was dispatched with a set of questions that had to be answered correctly and in order before the next part of the route could be discovered. Breathtaking terrain in Devon and Cornwall was covered before all arrived about 50 miles later at the Dartmoor Inn and quenched their thirst. Winners of the rally were Bill and Eileen Deakins of the Plymouth church. *Francis Cann.*

Local elder Larry Shamus and his wife

later in the season to give other club members the challenge of serving in an executive capacity. *Mike Brandenburg.*

The Spokesperson Club of the SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., church met for its first meeting Sept. 21, thereby solving the dilemma of a small church area wanting to have a Women's Club and a Spokesman Club but not having enough people to warrant starting both of them. In this pilot program directed by pastor Les McColm both men and women were invited to participate in topics and speeches. Named as officers were Terry Seymour, president; Del Hoste, vice president; Colleen Gulliver, secretary; Betsy Sitzer, treasurer; and Phyllis Hoste and Randy Bordon, sergeants at arms. *Colleen Gulliver.*

The BELLE VERNON, Pa., Women's Club met Sept. 17, with director David Johnson discussing the importance of the club, its meaning and future. This was the final meeting of the year because of the busy Fall Festival season and the coming winter weather with its sometimes hazardous driving conditions. *Peggy Henry.*

The first meeting of the season for the WICHITA, Kan., Women's Club was Sept. 17 with Mary Ann Aust, club director, opening the meeting and welcoming the women's husbands, who were guests. Janice Fahrenholtz gave a book report on *Aerobics*, by Dr. Kenneth Cooper, and Mildred Wellbrock, instructor and coordinator of Basic Emergency Medical Training at Wichita State University, spoke on how to react responsibly to emergency situations. *Faye Campbell.*

About 70 people participated in the annual card party of the WOODBRIDGE, N.J., Ladies' Club Sept. 23. Through the admission charge of \$2, the club earned \$161 for the treasury. *A.L. Legg.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Guests at the Sept. 17 meeting of the BIG SANDY, Tex., Silver Ambassadors were Bertha Shaw of the Gilmer (Tex.) Rest Home; Emma Jans of the Oak Manor Rest Home in Gladewater, Tex.; and Mrs. Mac Hanna and family, Alvin Stockstill and Clella Rogers, all of Big Sandy. Mr. Stockstill became a member of the club and was installed as vice president for the coming year. Also installed as officers were James Jackson, president; Neva Compton, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Crain, treasurer. Officers during the past year have been Adolph Bjoraker, James Jackson, Louise Moore and Charles Crain. The meeting concluded with a potluck meal and coffee and wine furnished by the club. *Lela Fisk.*

Six widows of the EVANSVILLE, Ind., church gathered at the home of pastor Ron Reddy and his wife Sept. 24 for a day of fellowship and games. The ladies brought dishes to accompany the turkey dinner prepared by the Reddys. Attending were Norma Blaketer, Verona Coultas, Lillian Hise, Frances McKee, Bessie Shaw and Iona Smith, and Harmon and Lucy Garrett and Carl and Velma Frankum assisted the Reddys as hosts of the party. *Dorothy Webb and Wilma Niekamp.*



FAMILY PORTRAIT — Teens of the Roanoke, Va., YOU chapter pose for a family portrait dressed in 1870 fashion on their visit Sept. 17 to Silver Dollar City in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. From left are Julia Lanum, Don Roschelli, John Crissinger, Sue Crissinger, Jeff Lance, Diane Roschelli, Christine Livsey, Rickey Riddle and Clyde and Benjamin Lance.



FOUR FOR THE ROAD — Julie Trayhorne, left, of London, England, and Michael Larson of Minnesota, Max D. Haymes of Southampton, England, and Martin Fielding of London pose with their gear on the former Bricket Wood Ambassador College campus at the conclusion of their six-week, 2,000-mile cycling tour of Europe. The four members traveled through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, West Germany and the Netherlands before returning Aug. 26 to Bricket Wood.

SINGLES SCENE

The newly organized Young Adults' Club of the CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., church held its first activity, a camp-out, Sept. 23 and 24 at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Skinner. Saturday evening began with a hayride, then the group set up camp on the banks of the Tennessee River. Sunday morning, after breakfast cooked over an open fire, the young adults engaged in such activities as fishing and archery. *Beverly Bozeman.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The CINCINNATI (Ohio) West YOU chapter started its own weekly newsletter in March of this year, beginning with a

few announcements and now including articles and a calendar of future events, reports of past activities, articles by and about YOU members and news of the junior YOU chapter that began in September. The newsletter is now a part of the weekly church bulletin distributed at each Sabbath service. *Gerry Tenneppohl.*

The junior YOU chapter of the HOUSTON (Tex.) North church had its first activity Sept. 17, with 34 children and 19 adults attending a swim party. *Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hake.*

Thirteen-year-old Tina Griffin and her sister, Schonda, 12, both WOODBRIDGE, N.J., YOU members, handled the sale of items at a yard sale coordinated by the YOU chapter Sept. 24. To promote sales the girls gave away free balloons to the neighborhood children. The \$100 profit was donated to the Monmouth County Foster Parents Association, a charity the Woodbridge congregation has been working with for several months. *A.L. Legg.*

Thirty-one teens of the MORWELL, Australia, church packed themselves into three minibuses for a YOU-sponsored week of sight-seeing in Tasmania, the land down under the land down under. Settled and developed during the days of British transportation of convicts to Van Dieman's Land (its former name), Tasmania is rich in history and relics of the era. Months of fund raising and planning were well worth the effort for the teens, who packed the week with numerous first-time experiences. *Kerry Gubb.*

'LOCAL CHURCH NEWS' DEADLINES

Reports for "Local Church News" must be postmarked no later than 14 days after the date of the event reported on and be no longer than 250 words. Reports lacking the date of the event cannot be published.



SPECIAL MUSIC — The Detroit (Mich.) East congregation was treated to a duet sung by Frances Gornick and Kirsten Priebe, left, at services Sept. 16. The girls were accompanied by, above, violinists Laura Priebe and Julia Hester, Katrina Priebe on the flute and Makiko Jones on the piano. (Photo by J.O. Smith)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AGUNABUR, Samuel and Chinyere, of Lagos, Nigeria, girl, Nwamaka Uzoma, July 13, 4.5 kilograms, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ARDIS, Gene and Jeanette (Powell), of Columbia, S.C., girl, Diana Joy, Sept. 12, 12:09 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

AVILA, Michael and Melody (Mountford), of Perth, Australia, boy, Anton Michael, May 27, 2 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

BRYAN, Joel and Patti (Lindquist), of Charleston, Ill., boy, David Matthew, Aug. 28, 8:34 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

BUCHSTABER, Brant and Leona (Schacht), of West Dundee, Ill., boy, Jason Robert, Sept. 19, 6 p.m., 14 ounces, first child.

CLEMENTSON, John and Charolette (Meade), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Michelle Leanne, Aug. 26, 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CORNBETT, Roc and Nancy (Hampton), of Renton, Wash., boy, Jesse Aaron, Sept. 5, 4:30 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CRAY, Donald and Cordella (Piggins), of Macon, Ga., girl, Della LaDuval, July 11, 11 a.m., 7 pounds 13½ ounces, first child.

DEMIRGIAN, Jack and Rose, of Newport News, Va., girl, Anna, Sept. 11, 11:13 a.m., 3.55 kilograms, first child.

DESCHAMPE, Timothy and Debbie, of Las Vegas, Nev., boy, James Conrad, Sept. 11, 6:27 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ELLETT, Briscoe II and Donna (Reeck), of Greenville, S.C., boy, Eric Troy, Sept. 2, 10:35 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

FEATHERS, Harold and Esther (Gable), of Klamath Falls, Ore., boy, Joshua Ray, Aug. 7, 12:35 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

FISHER, Ron and Carole, of Auckland, New Zealand, girl, Caron Victoria, Sept. 8, 6:13 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

GLENISTER, Bransby and Hazel, of Carmarthen, Wales, girl, Michelle, Aug. 18, 7:42 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

GOBBE, William and Margaret (Pye), of Sydney, Australia, boy, Michael William, Sept. 19, 8 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

GRAHAM, Edward and Barbara (Gaines), of Hebron, Ind., boy, Eric Curtis, Sept. 25, 6:31 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

HARDY, Elbert and Brenda (Simmons), of Ekharth, Ind., girl, April Colleen, Sept. 15, 2:05 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HEYKOOP, Coy and Leona (Wilson), of St. Catharines, Ont., girl, Alissa Marie, Oct. 16, 8:25 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

HOLMES, George and Treasa (Martin), of Victoria, Tex., boy, Grady Allen, Sept. 21, 7:14 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HYATT, Charles and Jean, of Nederland, Tex., girl, Dana Lynn, Sept. 16, 9:05 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 girls.

JOHNSTON, Gary and Sheri (Barclay), of Llano, Tex., boy, Gary Ryan, Aug. 22, 11:57 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JONES, Julien and Rita (McDonald), of Port of Spain, Trinidad, twin girl and boy, Julia Esther and Daniel Reuben, Aug. 31, 7:15 and 7:40 a.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces and 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

LANE, Michael and Karen (Melum), of Wausau, Wis., boy, Clinton David, Aug. 29, 5:25 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

LARK, Fred and Margaret (Houston), of Sacramento, Calif., boy, Corey Jeremy, Sept. 10, 8 pounds 13½ ounces, now 4 boys, 3 girls.

MAHLO, Phil and Susan (Sivits), of Coffeyville, Kan., girl, Melanie Roxann, Aug. 30, 10:25 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

McDEID, Kennard and Leona (Johnson), of Ames, Iowa, boy, Bradley Joy, Oct. 4, 12:23 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

McELWEE, John and Ellen (Douglas), of Portsmouth, Ohio, girl, Laura Ellen, Sept. 21, 2:54 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

McGARVEY, Conal and Bridget (Gallagher), of Bricket Wood, England, boy, Conal David Joseph, Sept. 13, 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 4 boys, 3 girls.

McGEHEE, Jerry and Gail (Poisal), of Pinole, Calif., boy, Caleb Taylor, Oct. 15, 3:55 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

MEADOWS, Lonnie and Dian, of Russellville, Ark., girl, Spring Asher, Sept. 16, 6:45 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

MELNICK, Charles and Julie (Wasser), of Vanport, Pa., boy, Jesse Levi, Sept. 2, 2:40 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

MILLS, Geoff and Liza (Ortigueiro), of Auckland, New Zealand, boy, John Peter Ortigueiro, Sept. 10, 1:16 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

MORISSET, Eugene and Susan (Wilson), of St. Paul, Minn., girl, Sirena Christine, Oct. 5, 8:07 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

MORRIS, Jerry and Becky (Burns), of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Emily Lisa, Sept. 13, 1:14 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

MUCKIAN, Tom and Ruth (Burrows), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Sarah Lynn, Sept. 28, 8:10 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

NASH, Tom and Joan (Sanchez), of Denver, Colo., boy, Ian Hamilton, Aug. 21, 1:39 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

NIKOLAI, Bernie and Tina (League), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Michael Benjamin, Sept. 22, 4:29 p.m., 8 pounds 14½ ounces, first child.

OMER, Marcus and Michele, of Sturgis, Ky., girl, Laura Marie, Oct. 3, 9:02 a.m., 8 pounds 1½ ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

PARIS, Wayne and Sharon, of Ontario, Ore., girl, Melody Kristyne, Aug. 21, 7:12 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

PARKER, Wayne and Beth (Van Patten), of Pasadena, Calif., girl, Claire Elizabeth, Sept. 28, 10 a.m., 10 pounds, first child.

RANEW, Mark and Pam (Brooks), of Atlanta, Ga., girl, Melanie Pamela, Aug. 10, 8:52 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RAPP, Randall and Kathryn (Hayes), of Phoenix, Ariz., girl, Rashele Nicole, Oct. 1, 11:30 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

RENZ, L. John Jr. and Carolyn, of San Diego, Calif., girl, Melissa Beth, Sept. 22, 5:09 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

RIGBY, Jerry and Sharon (Hatch), of Salt Lake City, Utah, boy, Justin Lane, Sept. 2, 12:56 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

RIVERS, Tony and Gwen (Dennison), of Denver, N.C., boy, Anthony Boyd, Sept. 10, 7:09 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROBERTS, Harold "Dean" and Helen (Smith), of Capitola, Calif., girl, Carissa Ann, Oct. 20, 7 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

ROBERTS, Kerry and Anna Marie (Boniello), of Belle Vernon, Pa., boy, Bruce Alvin, 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ROBINSON, David and Karyn (Gorsuch), of Spokane, Wash., boy, Dirk Jacob, March 7, 9:30 a.m., 3 pounds, first child.

ROBINSON, Joel and Brenda (Busenburg), of Los Alamos, N.M., boy, Jason Joy, Oct. 6, 7:23 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

ROMERO, Lloyd and Connie (Wilson), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Lloyd Ralph, June 16, 10:09 p.m., 9 pounds, first child.

RUSSELL, Thad and Bettie (Kirkpatrick), of San Antonio, Tex., boy, James Bryant III, Sept. 24, 3:36 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

SANDER, David and Linda (Dillingham), of Medford, Ore., boy, Timothy Reed, Sept. 18, 8:15 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

SATTERLY, James and Bonnie (Douglas), of Lake Jackson, Tex., girl, Jennifer Lynne, Oct. 8, 8:41 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

SCHILDTKNECHT, Richard and Connie (Greene), of Baltimore, Md., girl, Rebecca Danette, Sept. 17, 12:42 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

STAUFFER, Orla and Rhonda (Osborne), of Oakland, Calif., girl, Tara Lynne, Oct. 3, 4:43 a.m., 8 pounds 15½ ounces, first child.

STEPHENSON, Skip and Glenda (Scarborough), of Independence, Mo., boy, Ralph Anthony, Sept. 8, 5:08 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

SUBIAH, Sergio and Rose, of Durban, South Africa, boy, David Doran, Sept. 13, 2:45 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

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TYLER, Joseph and Susie (Hensley), of Clermont, Australia, boy, Robert Joseph, Oct. 1, 12 a.m., 3.800 grams, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VANSLUYS, Dennis and Marion (Vandervalk), of Lethbridge, Alta., girl, Michele Rhae, Sept. 15, 12:40 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

WALKER, David and Marie (Stait), of Auburn, Calif., girl, Vanessa Rae, Sept. 4, 2:24 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy.

WILLIS, Owen and Tina, of Nairobi, Kenya, boy, David Joy, Sept. 16, 4:10 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 girl.

WOOD, James and Colleen (Richards), of Auckland, New Zealand, girl, Naomi Ruth, Aug. 16, 3:05 a.m., 4 pounds 13 ounces.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ken MacLeod of Perth, Australia, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Carolyn Ann to Ian Porter of Perth.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Wallace of Shawnee, Okla., announce the engagement of their daughter Linda Susan to Michael D. Crist of Oklahoma City, Okla. The couple will be married in December. The bride and groom are members of the Oklahoma City church.

WEDDINGS

Gordon P. Haughe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haughe, and Elaine Rose Hopkins, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Hopkins, were married July 9. Bill Quillen performed the ceremony. Debra Hopkins was matron of honor and Richard Haughe was best man. The couple reside in Dublin, Calif.

Susan Mary Murman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murman of Mountain Top, Pa., and David Freeman McNally, son of Freeman McNally of San Angelo, Tex., and Ardys Seelig of Pasadena, Calif., were united in marriage Oct. 8 at the Administration Building in Mount Pocono, Pa. Ozzie Engelbert, pastor of the Mount Pocono church, officiated. Dave, a former Ambassador College employee, had Tom Meier of Pasadena as best man. Nancy Evans served as maid of honor.

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

PASADENA — Carol Little, daughter of Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, was baptized at the Rader home Oct. 27 according to Bob Fahey, former director of the African Work currently in Pasadena on sabbatical.

The baptism was performed by Mr. Fahey and was attended by Mr. Rader and Ralph Helge, head of the Work's legal department. Mrs. Little counseled for baptism with Mr. Armstrong, to whom she feels very close, according to Mr. Rader.

Mr. Rader commented to Tucson, Ariz., Feastgoers Oct. 23 that his daughter had requested baptism and would be baptized shortly after he returned to Pasadena following the Feast.

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PASADENA — Ray Wright, former financial director of the Work, left for England Oct. 26 for a two-to-three-week preliminary trip. He will then return to Pasadena for his family and move to England for six months to a year.

In England Mr. Wright will study the business aspects of the Work's foreign offices and assist Frank Brown, director of the Work in Great Britain. He will also help coordinate and oversee the British Work's printing needs and preparation for foreign-language editions of *The Plain Truth*, according to Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte church presented Mr. and Mrs. Burk McNair an engraved silver tray as well as congratulations June 11 in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary July 18. Tape recordings from the McNairs' two older children in Pasadena, Kerry and Susie, were played at the surprise reception.

In August the McNairs went to Pasadena for the marriage of those two children — both weddings within 24 hours. According to the McNairs the weddings were another special milestone in their lives.

Aug. 20 Kerry Burk McNair was married to Debra Jean Wendt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wendt of Pasadena, in a double ceremony with Debra's sister Nancy and Elmer E. Collins Jr. The ceremony was in the Italian Gardens

on Ambassador College campus. Mark McNair was his brother's best man and Sue Wendt was maid of honor for her sister.

The following day, Aug. 21, Mark Curtis Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Weaver of Dayton, Ohio, and Karen Sue McNair were married in the Ambassador College Recital Hall. Tony Morelli and Elizabeth Meredith were their attendants. Mr. McNair conducted the ceremony for both his son's and daughter's weddings.

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PASADENA — Herman Hoeh, co-pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, traveled to Syria during the first two weeks of October to visit the Mesopotamian excavation site at ancient Terqa, or modern Ashara, and other archaeological sites along the upper Euphrates from the Iraqi border to the border of Turkey.

An archaeology enthusiast, Mr. Hoeh helped uncover history by digging the earth at Terqa.

The Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) has been jointly sponsoring the Terqa excavation along with the Institute of Archaeology at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Johns Hopkins University and other institutions for the past three years. The AICF will discontinue its participation in the project after this year.

Terqa was on the route by which traffic from Babylonia and Sumer left Mesopotamia and the Euphrates Valley and crossed into inner Syria to the Kings Highway to the Jordan in the second millennium B.C., according to Mr. Hoeh. The excavation is directed by Dr. Giorgio Buccellati, director of the Institute of Archaeology at UCLA, and his wife, both personal friends of the Hoehs.

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PASADENA — Stanley Rader announced that Jack Bicket has been appointed to the position of assistant treasurer and will be reporting directly to Mr. Rader as a member of his financial staff. Mr. Bicket worked as business manager in Big Sandy, Tex., until 1974, when he was moved to Pasadena to assume responsibilities in the Accounting and Data Processing Departments.

CHURCH

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group, but we fellowshiped with them.

The former Oregon Conference members in the Willamette Valley now established, under my pastorate, a regular Sabbath afternoon service. They, though not I, joined as members with Salem, W. Va. I preached Sabbath morning at Eugene church, then drove 55 miles to the schoolhouse near Jefferson to preach to them Sabbath afternoons.

More radio stations open up

It must have been late in 1935 that a Portland radio station opened up. Then, for a time, I preached Sabbath mornings at Eugene, afternoons at Jefferson, then on to Portland for a 4 p.m. Sunday broadcast. Very shortly after that, I went on the air in Seattle, station KRSC, 8:30 Sunday mornings.

In those days I continued fellowshiping and cooperating with the Salem-based faction. I had to turn the Sunday morning radio program over to my assistant elder, Claude Ellis. I preached Sabbath mornings at Eugene, Sabbath afternoons at Jefferson, then on to Seattle, arriving usually after midnight. Up at 5 a.m., a quick coffee while I scanned the Sunday newspaper at a corner drugstore for war news to broadcast, then I had to type the entire broadcast script, because World War II was by then under way, and radio announcers had to hold script on me to see that I did not deviate from it on the air.

Precisely at 8 a.m. I was in my car, driving past the Boeing works, to KRSC. On the air at 8:30 — off at 9, drove on to Portland arriving about 3 p.m. for the 4 p.m. broadcast, off the air at 4:30, then the 123-mile drive to Eugene, arriving by 7:30, with a church full of people awaiting a full evening evangelistic service. Then a full week writing and printing *The Plain Truth*, holding a midweek Bible study, visiting members and prospective members, anointing the sick, answering mail.

And STILL preaching for the Sardis church near Jefferson

Sabbath afternoons!

I say this to PUT AN END to the FALSE RUMOR that my son, now, or other ministers who have gone out of God's Church to draw away disciples after them, are doing what I did.

Two incidents prove

Let me here cite two incidents to show that I was never a member or in the employ of the Dugger faction at Salem, W. Va.

Shortly after the Oregon Conference brethren had gone in with the Dugger faction, which had pulled about half of the Stanberry members into it. I agreed to cooperate with them but not as a member — my SOLE MEMBERSHIP WAS AT EUGENE in the parent Church of the present Worldwide Church of God! We at Eugene handled our own finances for the Church. Meager though they were, starting in 1933, yet they were GROWING at approximately 30 percent per year.

Soon after I decided to cooperate with them, they made a political move to stop the *Radio Church of God* broadcast, as it then was called, and also *The Plain Truth*, and to TAKE OVER the members God had ADDED to His Church at Eugene. Please read that again, and GET IT STRAIGHT as to WHO was trying to steal WHOSE members! Quite the OPPOSITE of what departed dissidents are trying to claim today!

Otto Haerber, one of "the 12," was sent to my office in Eugene. (God's present Work *already* was established in an office in Eugene beginning about November, 1933.)

"We have decided," said Mr. Haerber, "to transfer you to Tacoma, Wash."

"Why should I move to Tacoma?" I asked.

"Well, we think there is an interest there."

"What do you mean, Otto, by 'an interest'? How many people are 'interested,' as you say, in Tacoma?"

"Well, possibly three or four," was the hesitating answer.

"Otto," I said, "I have agreed to cooperate with the Salem church — but my only membership is here in the Church at Eugene and none of our Eugene members are members of the Salem church. Due to my broadcast and *The Plain Truth*, several hundred definitely are 'interested' here, and this is where I intend to stay."

He gave up and left.

A second incident

A second incident occurred prior to that. Mr. Haerber came to my office, soon after I had agreed to cooperate with them.

"We have assigned all the territory from Salem to Eugene to Elder A. J. Ray," he said, "and the Eugene territory to you."

"I interpret that to mean that all the Eugene territory, from the city of Eugene north to Salem, is assigned to me, and that is what I shall keep."

Actually, these Dugger men wanted to cooperate with me for one reason only. They saw that GOD WAS BLESSING EVERYTHING I DID WITH SUCCESS — many new members being brought in — and they wanted to TAKE OVER God's people whom God had added to HIS CHURCH, then starting a tre-

mendous growth at Eugene, Ore.

Until I went to Hollywood, 1942, to broadcast DAILY, I had continued to pastor, or to copastor, the Sardis people near Jefferson.

As late as 1945 — 12 YEARS after Christ started the present Worldwide Church of God (then called the Radio Church of God), I was *still* cooperating with and helping the Sardis people. One of their "12" — John Kiesz — had moved to Canon City, Colo., because he said he needed to live there due to its dry climate. He had no means of financial support at the time. He had had a small church there, whose tithes kept him alive — but they had all moved elsewhere. I went to Canon City to help Elder Kiesz. I conducted nightly meetings for some weeks, going into Denver every week to record the broadcast. RESULT? God, through me, raised up a new church there for him.

GOD'S PRESENT GREAT WORK was getting off to a start, growing 30 percent per year. By no stretch of the imagination could anyone say that I left the Sardis people to draw away their members after me. I NEVER DREW ANY OF THEIR MEMBERS — although the Henion and Cole families did of their own free choice, affiliate with the Church of God starting from Eugene.

Mr. Wayne Cole, then quite small, but now in charge of Pastoral Administration in the Worldwide Church of God, will confirm this.

Part of the FACTS recorded here were written in *The Autobiography*, yet many of them have not been previously published. I have felt it is time to STOP their mouths!

As we read in Titus 1:11, there are *deceivers whose MOUTHS MUST BE STOPPED!*

But, more important, I have felt it profitable to our brethren for me to give you this review of the BEGINNING of the Worldwide Church of God.

Looking back, it is difficult for me to understand, now, WHY I was so mixed up in those days about Church organization. I knew neither Stanberry nor Salem factions had God's own form of Church organization. This had us all confused — even though, when one puts the pertinent scriptures together, it becomes crystal clear.

Organizational pattern restored

But God's Church, though continuous through all generations from A.D. 31, LOST much or all of its original organizational pattern established BY CHRIST — until God finally restored it IN THIS END TIME through His present-day apostle.

Truly, GOD HAS PREPARED A PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME — and His WIFE (God's Church of today) is making herself ready!

There is only the ONE, TRUE and ORIGINAL Church of God — and today CHRIST has organized it according to the original pattern HE, the ETERNAL, INSTALLED!

My new book, *Seven Proofs of the TRUE CHURCH*, is starting to appear serially in both *The Good News* and *The Plain Truth*. It leaves no DOUBT as to the identity of the ONE and ONLY TRUE CHURCH!



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Burk McNair, right, were honored for their 25th wedding anniversary June 11 by the Charlotte, N.C., church, where Mr. McNair serves as pastor and area coordinator. In August the McNairs traveled to Pasadena for the marriages of two of their children, Kerry and Susie, to Debra Jean Wendt and Mark Curtis Weaver Aug. 20 and 21. In the left photo are, from left, Mr. and Mrs. McNair, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Curtis Weaver, Mark McNair, and Mr. and Mrs. Kerry McNair. (See "Update," this page.)