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## Ray Wright appointed financial vice president

PASADENA — Ray Wright has been named vice president for financial affairs for the Worldwide Church of God, announced Herbert W. Armstrong Feb. 12.

Mr. Wright, formerly assistant vice president for financial affairs,

fills a post vacated by Stanley R. Rader Feb. 1 when he became senior consultant to the Church.

Mr. Wright was named assistant vice president for financial affairs and controller for the Work in January, 1976, when he took over business responsibilities formerly handled by Frank Brown, who at the same time was transferred to Bricket Wood, England, to become director of the British Work (*The Worldwide News*, Jan. 19, 1976).

With Ambassador College's pursuit of accreditation, a separate business manager for the college was named last year, freeing Mr. Wright to concentrate on Church matters (*The Worldwide News*, July 18, 1977).

Mr. Wright has, in effect, functioned as the Church's vice president for financial affairs for some time.

Mr. Rader, commenting on his resignation from the financial post, noted his "minimal involvement with the day-to-day administration of the Church and college" in recent years because of his full-time duties with Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Wright, a native of Texas, enrolled in the English Ambassador campus in 1969, becoming manager of the Work's printing operations in 1970. Before 1969 he was employed as English-operations manager for a Texas-based electronics company.

(For more information on the new vice president, see the "WINTERVIEW," page 4.)

## Vancouver signs with ad agency

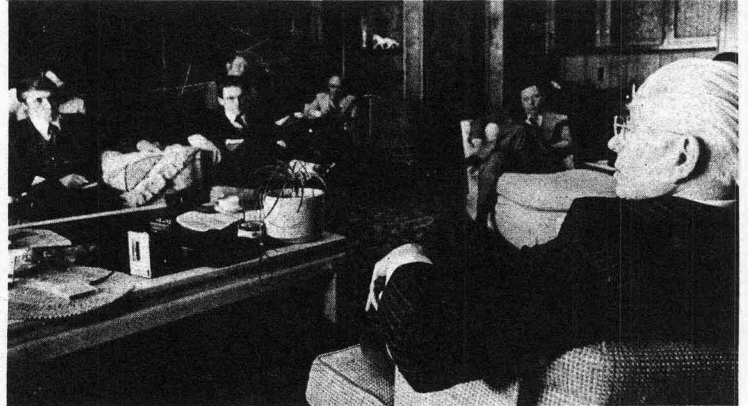
By John R. Elliott

VANCOUVER, B.C. — The Canadian office of the Work has announced that a formal agreement has been drawn up between the Work and Baker Lovick, Ltd., an advertising agency.

A contract was signed in Baker Lovick's Vancouver office Jan. 27 by C. Wayne Cole, director of the Canadian Work, and the agency's West Coast manager, Dougald M. Lamb.

The firm will begin representing the Work exclusively in all media, including advertising placement, April 1.

Baker Lovick is reportedly the largest advertising agency in western Canada, representing such com-



**PASTOR GENERAL TALKS** — Herbert W. Armstrong entertains Ronald Dart and 10 sabbatical ministers in his Tucson, Ariz., home Feb. 19, talking to them for more than two hours. (Photo by John Robinson)

## Mr. Armstrong sees ministers on sabbatical at Tucson home

by John Robinson

TUCSON, Ariz. — Herbert W. Armstrong entertained the first of a scheduled three groups of ministers who are on sabbatical at Ambassador College at his home here Feb. 19, treating them to a buffet luncheon and then talking to them for more than two hours.

Mr. Armstrong told the ministers

that his world travels of recent years have made it impossible for him to personally teach and spend time with the ministry as much as he would like.

After lunch Mr. Armstrong spoke to the men about, as one minister put it, "our roots," retracing principally the Old Testament narrative from the pre-Adamic world to the time of Christ. Without the aid of notes, Mr. Armstrong spoke clearly and with a voice even stronger than he had at the ministerial conference held this past January.

Ten sabbatical ministers and Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, were in the first group, with the remaining 22 ministers slated to go in two more groups, the next planned for March 5.

### Midday arrival

The first 10 sabbatical ministers were Fred Davis, Jess Ernest, Bill Gordon, John Halford, Roy Holladay, Colin Jackson, Lyall Johnston, George Kackos, Al Kersha and Kenneth Kneebone.

The men arrived at Mr. Armstrong's house shortly before 12:30 p.m., when they were greeted at the door by his wife, Ramona, and directed to the family room, where Mr. Armstrong met the men in the doorway. He chatted with them briefly before lunch, expressing his pleasure at their coming.

Within minutes lunch was announced. The buffet table, which was set up in the dining room, featured egg rolls, chimichanga, sweet-and-sour meatballs, relishes, mushrooms stuffed with broccoli, chicken salad, fresh-fruit salad and a sweets tray.

Shortly after 1 p.m. most were finished eating, coffee was served, and Mr. Armstrong began speaking again.

Though most of his remarks dealt with the biblical narrative, he spent time stressing the need to get the Gospel to the world.

He said that the Church is "not finished with the great commission. I've come back [from illness] to finish" (See MR. ARMSTRONG, page 8)

## Churches see GTA in East, West

PASADENA — Six thousand three hundred Church members and co-workers met the Sabbath of Feb. 25 to hear Garner Ted Armstrong speak on the need to keep the law of God during what he called a "mini-Feast of Tabernacles." Some 5,900 brethren from 17 Southern California churches and about 400 co-workers filled the Pasadena Center.

A week earlier, Feb. 18, some 1,500 people heard Mr. Armstrong in Hershey, Pa., as part of a weekend of activities centered around regional Youth Opportunities United basketball and cheerleading competition.

The two get-togethers were the latest in Mr. Armstrong's campaign to visit church areas on an average of once a month throughout 1978.

Sabbath services for California congregations from Bakersfield to San Diego were canceled Feb. 25, with members coming here for the special services, adults' and children's socials, movies, ice skating, a cocktail party and a dance.

Pasadena deacon Bill Evans said about 2,900 people sat for services in the main auditorium of the Pasadena Center, a facility six blocks east of Church headquarters and the Ambassador College campus. The rest of the people were in a nearby exhibition hall and watched Mr. Armstrong and other speakers over closed-circuit television.

### 400 co-workers

An estimated 400 co-workers were there out of 2,000 who had been invited to attend, according to Western



**GTA SINGS** — Garner Ted Armstrong sings at a Pasadena social the evening after his sermon to more than 6,000 members and co-workers. (Photo by Sheila Graham)

Area coordinator Steve Martin.

Services, which began shortly after 2 p.m., included a sermonette by Bob Smith, pastor of the Banning and Fontana, Calif., churches, special music by the Ambassador Chorale and the main message by Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong announced he had talked for an hour on the phone with his father in Tucson, Ariz., earlier in the day and reported the senior Mr.

Armstrong was in good spirits.

He said he is scheduling visits to U.S. congregations at the rate of about one a month during the rest of 1978. Because of that and other responsibilities, he had not been able to speak to many of the churches in Southern California. So, when he was approached by the area coordinator, Mr. Martin, with the suggestion for

(See 7,800 HEAR, page 3)

## 3,000 U.S. members give 'PTs' away via stands

By Randall Brelsford

PASADENA — During February 645,000 copies of *The Plain Truth* have been distributed through the newsstand-distribution network. Mark Armstrong, who now heads the Newsstand Distribution Department, a division of *The Plain Truth's* Circulation Department, says his figures show newsstands should be distributing 800,000 copies by June of this year.

The story of newsstand distribution is like the proverbial grain of mustard seed, one of many such in the Work. It all began in England in 1971 when Jack Martin, now publishing director for the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, developed a suggestion made by Ronald Dart, then dean of students of

the Bricket Wood, England, campus of Ambassador College, to distribute *The Plain Truth* on newsstands.

It was thought this would boost the Work in the United Kingdom and Europe, where it was becoming impossible to buy radio time. But, at the outset, methods for display of a free magazine were nonexistent and had to be developed by personnel in the Work.

Originally the magazines were sent in bulk to a commercial distributor, who would send them to selected outlets and use his manpower to see that the magazines were displayed.

"It didn't work out well," the director, who is the oldest son of Garner Ted Armstrong, says. "be-

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# 7,800 hear GTA in Pasadena, Hershey

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the special services, he gave the go-ahead.

Saturday evening members and guests had their choice of a movie (*The Other Side of the Mountain*), ice skating and a dance, and children could choose between two movies. Mr. Armstrong was onstage for an hour and a half of the dance, singing to the accompaniment of the backup band that travels with him on his church visits.

Members present represented these 17 congregations, according to Mr. Martin: Bakersfield, Banning, Fontana, Glendale, Glendora, La Mirada, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pasadena Auditorium A.M., Pasadena Auditorium P.M., Pasadena Imperial A.M., Pasadena Imperial P.M., Reseda, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Ana and

Santa Barbara.

### Visit to Chocolate Town

Seven days earlier Mr. Armstrong was in Hershey, Pa., for a weekend that included the annual basketball and cheerleading competition of YOU's Northeastern Region. In town for the events, besides Mr. Armstrong, were international YOU director Jim Thornhill, 600 YOU members and 35 ministers, reported Roy Demarest, the host minister, who pastors the Harrisburg, Pa., church, six miles away.

Sabbath services Feb. 18 were in the Hershey Motor Lodge, with "nearly 1,500" attending, Mr. Demarest said, including "50 or so" co-workers out of 2,000 who had been invited. Mr. Armstrong spoke on sportsmanship.

That night the basketball competi-

tion began, and by Sunday afternoon winners were declared in two YOU divisions. Champs in Division 1 were Charleston, W. Va., and Division 2's title was taken by Harrisburg. Charleston will compete in the nationals at Big Sandy, Tex., in March.

Winning the cheerleading competition was the Columbus, Ohio, squad.

Mr. Armstrong made the awards presentations at a dance Sunday night at the lodge. As part of the ceremonies, Church members presented Mr. Armstrong a five-pound Hershey

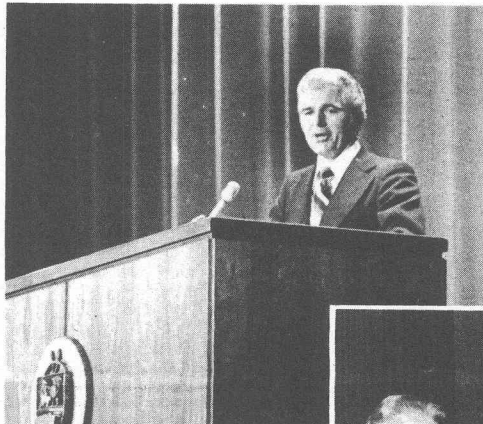
bar. (The city is known as "Chocolate Town, U.S.A.," because of its main industry.)

Mr. Demarest said the Harrisburg and Altoona, Pa., congregations were present at the Sabbath services and other events, but YOU members had come from several others as well, including Akron, Ohio; Baltimore, Md.; Belle Vernon, Pa.; Boston, Mass.; Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Charleston, W. Va.; Columbus, Ohio; Concord, N.H.; Erie, Pa.; Laurel, Md.; Manhattan,

N.Y.; Nanuet, N.Y.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Richmond, Va.; Rochester, N.Y.; Washington, D.C.; and Wheeling, W. Va.

Though Mr. Demarest was the host pastor, in charge of organizing the affair was Dan Bierer, pastor at Buffalo and director of the local YOU region.

Mr. Demarest said the weather was "very nice" for Mr. Armstrong's visit, although "several feet of snow" was still on the ground, left over from recent storms.



**17 CHURCHES** — Garner Ted Armstrong speaks, above, to 17 congregations from Southern California that met in Pasadena Feb. 25. Below: AC faculty member Ray Howard directs the Ambassador Chorale for special music at the Pasadena get-together. [Photos by Sheila Graham and Klaus Rothe]



**CHOCOLATE TOWN** — Garner Ted Armstrong, left, accepts a five-pound Hershey bar from Church members during his visit to Pennsylvania the weekend of Feb. 18. Above: TV lights flank minister Greg Albrecht as he leads songs Feb. 25 at the 17-church Sabbath service in Pasadena. The proceedings were shown via closed-circuit television to the people who overflowed into other rooms of the Pasadena Center. Below: Members dance at the Pasadena social. [Photos by David Armstrong, Klaus Rothe and Roland Rees]



# British ship pirates Texas executive

By John Robinson

PASADENA — In the mid-1960s, in an effort to get the Gospel to the British Isles, the Work bought radio time on a series of extralegal radio-transmitter-equipped ships anchored off the British coast, outside the nation's territorial waters.

Though the "pirate stations," as they were called, eventually ceased operating, they were on the air long enough for a number of people to respond to the message they carried. Two of that number were Ray and Linda Wright.

At the time Mr. Wright and his bride of two months heard Garner Ted Armstrong for the first time in

Mrs. Wright calls Tanya "our miracle baby."

"We had been married four years before Tanya was born," she says. "We had wanted to have a child sooner, but were unable.

"After coming into the Church we were anointed, and we believe Tanya is a result of God's intervention."

## 'Faaantastic'

Mr. Wright, 41, is by nature an upbeat person. When he's up psychologically there is always a twinkle in his eye that borders on the mischievous. He loves to kid you with a straight face.

A vice president of Ambassador



MR. AND MRS. WRIGHT — Ray Wright and his wife, Linda, live five miles from the Church's headquarters in Pasadena, where he serves as vice president for financial affairs. (Photo by John Robinson)

## WNterview



February, 1967, he was in charge of the English operation of Texas Instruments, a huge Texas-based computer-and-electronics firm. A year and a half later he and his wife were baptized, and a year after that he resigned his position with Texas Instruments to attend Ambassador College, which at the time operated a branch campus outside London.

Texas Instrument's loss was the Work's gain.

Mr. Wright, who this month was named the Church's vice president for financial affairs, rose as rapidly in responsibility with God's Work as he had scaled the corporate ladder of Texas Instruments. Little more than seven years after he was baptized in 1968, he had become assistant vice president for financial affairs for the Work.

### Modest home

He and his wife, their 7-year-old daughter, Tanya, and a neatly coiffured French poodle, Sparkle, live in a modest two-bedroom home in Altadena, about five miles northeast of Church headquarters here. They bought the home, which sits on a half-acre lot with a small patio, Tanya's swing set and several fruit trees in the backyard, about four years ago for just under \$40,000. Thanks to escalating Southern California real-estate prices, the home is easily worth more than twice that amount on today's market.

Mrs. Wright describes herself as "a mother and a wife," noting that she was recently told by her daughter's eye doctor that her "profession" was rare. For exercise Mrs. Wright has enrolled in a jazz-dancing class at Ambassador College and also volunteers several hours each week at Tanya's private school.

Her husband characterizes her as a good cook and a good mother who spends much time working with their daughter.

College once described his humor: "Ray comes up with these outlandish stories and you're 99 percent convinced he's pulling your leg, but he includes just enough plausibility to unnerve you."

After he's dangled you on the string for a while, he laughs, tells you almost everything he said was a joke, except for the part about . . . and he's got you again.

His wife claims to "always be able to tell" when he's teasing someone else, "but I'm never certain when he's putting me on."

He likes to be encouraging, and "super" and "faaantastic" punctuate his support of a plan or suggestion he likes.

Members of his staff are glowing in their descriptions of him as a boss and describe him as a highly respected professional. "He's well liked on all levels of the organization," says one of his key department heads. "Ray is an excellent manager

and has a good personal relationship with his employees."

Mr. Wright credits his father, whom he describes as a craftsman, with his ability to relate to his employees. "I owe a lot to him. He taught me the value of a dollar and more of a grass-roots approach to life. He instilled in me the concept that the man on the shop floor is just as vital and professional as the managers."

In recent years, however, job pressures and "12- to 18-hour days with calls all hours of the day and night" have left him less accessible to everyone than he would like. If you hear a complaint, it's that he's sometimes "a hard man to get to see."

### Texas Instruments days

Over lunch Feb. 17 at a Pasadena restaurant, Mr. Wright, who calls Arlington, Tex., his hometown, talked about his days with Texas Instruments. His eyes light up and dance as he relives his 13-year love affair with the electronics giant.

"I started with them as a 20-year-old, snot-nosed kid," he says. "I'd graduated from high school at 15, had a couple of years of college at the University of Texas at Arlington and worked a year with Procter & Gamble when I started at TI.

"They trained me in marketing, sales, manufacturing, planning and

engineering. I had the privilege of working for a shrewd man who took a liking to me and who taught me tremendous lessons.

"He called me 'son,' taught me to copy managers' strengths and not their weaknesses.

"After two years they promoted me to run the entirety of one of their profit-loss centers. From that time on I was used as an internal troubleshooter in management.

"I received some of the worst chew-outs of my life at TI," he says. "But it was always positive. You had to produce. If your profit figures weren't right, you were out. They demanded results, but they believed in their people. They still are a tremendous company."

His last responsibility with TI was directly heading the firm's \$100 million operation in England, plus serving as assistant manager and heir apparent of TI's entire European operation, which was grossing \$500 million.

### English soap opera

Only weeks after their arrival in England to assume the Texas Instruments post, Linda stumbled across a radio broadcast that was to change their life. She heard the announcer introduce *The World Tomorrow* and thought it was an English soap opera.

"Since English programming was new to me, I thought I'd listen to see how they do their soap operas. Mr. Armstrong was talking about something in the Bible. I don't even remember what it was now, but I know I had read it, and I knew that what he was saying was right.

"I began to listen and finally got up enough nerve to tell my Catholic husband about it."

Mr. Wright was reared a Roman Catholic and his wife a Presbyterian. "We were married by a priest in a Catholic church," he relates. "It was a full-blown Catholic marriage, a high-mass ceremony.

"We listened fairly regularly until the summer of 1967, when my job required us to do a lot of traveling over the course of that summer. One stop was in Rome, where I visited the Vatican. By that time Garner Ted had gotten to me enough that, when I saw the riches of the Catholic Church, it turned my stomach.

"That fall we really got serious and began to study. We had our first visit from a minister in November, and in September of the next year we were both baptized the same day at

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WRIGHT FAMILY — Ray and Linda Wright, at left, are at home in Altadena, Calif., with their daughter, Tanya, 7. Above: Tanya holds Sparkle, the Wright family's pet French poodle. (Photos by John Robinson)



**GOT HER GOAT** — Carol Macagno shows off Cottonwood Square Amber, one of her prized registered Nubian dairy goats.

# Never look gift goat in mouth

By Clyde Hubbard Jr.  
 FRESNO, Calif. — "Never look a gift goat in the mouth" is an expression we all may be familiar with, but perhaps it has special significance for Carol Macagno, her husband, Frank, and daughter, Leslie.

Carol, a member of the Fresno congregation for 12 years, raises and sells registered Nubian dairy goats.

The story begins five years ago when Carol was given a Nubian goat by a friend, Neil Prather, and ends in an outpouring of blessings this past third-tithe year.

For nearly two years most of the goats born into the Cottonwood Square Herd (the name Carol gave to her goats) had been bucks. Bucks are fine for eating, but they don't increase a dairy herd very fast.

At the beginning of the year, Carol owned 13 mature expectant does; by the end of the breeding season, counting two sets of quads and numerous twin births, the herd had grown to 40 goats.

With a large number of does plus

several bucks on hand, Carol placed an ad in a newspaper, hoping to trim the herd to a more manageable size. Soon after the ad appeared a representative of Heifer Project International, an organization that sends animals to undeveloped countries, contacted her. The representative expressed interest in Carol's registered goats and made arrangements to send eight of the animals to the Philippines. Carol received a check for \$800.

To cull the herd further, Carol took

several goats to auction, where prices were well above average and her goats brought top dollar.

As Carol, Frank and Leslie were returning from the Feast of Tabernacles in Hawaii (partially paid for from goat money), the family was talking over the tremendous blessing the goats had proved to be.

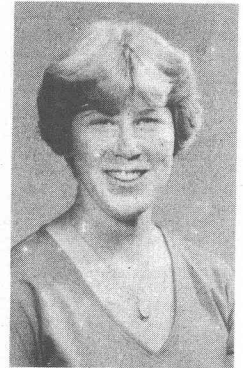
Carol said, "It's fantastic; I can hardly believe it."

Then Frank reminded her that their good fortune had come during their third-tithe year.

## Youths receive honors

AUSTIN, Tex. — Mary Ann Arldt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin A. Arldt of the Austin church, was chosen to be a member of the quiz team of the Giddings, Tex., chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Along with the other three members of her team, Mary Ann won sec-



JUDITH LANEY

she represented her chapter at the YOU conference in Big Sandy, Tex.

After graduation this year she hopes to attend Ambassador College and study business administration and journalism.



MARY ANN ARLDT

ond place in the district contest and later first place in the area contest.

Mary Ann was named third-high-point competitor.

The Giddings team went on to state competition Dec. 3, placing fourth in Texas out of 971 teams.

EVERETT, Wash. — Robin Coombs, son of Mrs. Carol Coombs of the Seattle, Wash., church, was awarded a "gold pass" Dec. 21 by Carver Middle School, which he attends.

The pass, awarded for outstanding school citizenship and conduct, entitles the bearer to certain privileges at the school.

Robin lives in Everett, having recently moved with his family from Gold Bar, Wash. He is 13 and has been an outstanding student for eight years.

His major subject is German, and he tutors classmates in the language in the evenings.

Robin, a YOU member, is the third of four brothers. The Coombses have attended at Seattle for three years.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. — The biography of Judith Laney has been chosen to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. Students whose biographies are printed are chosen from all the United States and are selected for outstanding leadership and participation in school activities.

At Mary Carroll High School in Corpus Christi, Judy is active in sports, the school newspaper, plays and song leading. She works as an office aide and a Red Cross aide and she has been honored with a citizenship award.

Judy and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lindberg Laney, attend church here. Judy is vice president of her YOU chapter, and last year



JOHN WEAVER

## Member honored

BAY MINETTE, Ala. — John H. Weaver, a member of the Mobile, Ala., church, was honored Jan. 12 at a district scout-recognition banquet of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Weaver was presented with the Arrowhead honor, given for recognition of excellence of performance in carrying out his duties as assistant scout commissioner for his district.

Mr. Weaver also serves as scoutmaster for two troops and as a Webelos Cub Scout leader.

The Arrowhead honor is one of the most prestigious in scouting, and Mr. Weaver adds this to many other awards that include the Medal of Merit, the second-highest award in scouting, given him for saving a child from drowning.

# THE MISSING FOOD

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS  
 By Amy Teh

Each time food was laid on the table, Andy seemed to devour it all. He had an enormous appetite lately, his parents thought. So much so that it sort of frightened them too. They wondered whether anything was wrong with him, especially when he had been eating so much but had not gained any weight.

What was more baffling was that he had, in fact, grown thinner!

They took him to see the doctor, but the doctor pronounced him a "healthy, normal, growing child."

"Most probably Andy must have given the extra food to Kim, our dog," Mrs. Wong, Andy's mother, said to herself. "But, oh!" she gasped. "Kim has not grown any fatter either!"

She bit her fingernails and was deeply disturbed and puzzled. She paced up and down the floor until an idea struck her.

"I'll watch Andy closely when he eats this time," she mused.

So the next day Mrs. Wong again placed plenty of food on the table.

"Andee! Andee!" she called. "Come and have your meeecal!"

With that she quickly ran behind the kitchen door and hid herself.

Andy came running, followed by Kim. He sat down and ate as usual. He gave some to Kim, but then, thinking that nobody was watching, he took a plastic bag out of his pocket, opened it and swooped all the food into the bag.

"Follow me, Kim!" he signaled. "Let's go!" And off both of them ran through the back door.

Mrs. Wong was shocked at her son's strange behavior. What on earth he had been up to all this time she could hardly guess. So she decided

Andy started to explain. "This is Krishnan. I—I saw him digging for food from our garbage bin one morning while I was about to go to school. I felt sorry for him, and decided to give him something to eat. Mummy, I'm sorry I did not tell you



to follow his footprints in the sand to see where they would lead her.

She walked and walked for half an hour until finally she came to a spot where from afar she could see a wooden hut and an old man in front of the hut talking to a small boy with a dog. She guessed the boy to be her son, Andy.

When she eventually reached them, she was sad to note that the old man was shabbily clad. His long, white hair and beard were unkempt, and he had no shoes on his feet. From all appearances, he was living alone too.

Turning to Andy, Mrs. Wong asked, "Can you explain all this, son?"

"Mummy, Mummy,"

this much earlier, because — because I was afraid you would scold me." His voice quivered.

Mrs. Wong looked at Andy. She then kissed him and said, "I'm very proud of you, son, for you have done a fine job. You have been merciful."

Then, turning to Krishnan, she spoke to him in Malay and said: "Sir, we need a gardener to attend to our plants. Would you like to work for us? We'll pay you and give you food and lodging as well."

Krishnan understood. He was so thankful that all he could do was clasp his hands and raise them above his head, as if uttering a silent prayer of thanks.

# 3,000 members active in 'PT' distribution

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cause the Circulation Department had no way of monitoring exactly what was happening."

Nevertheless, initial results — in the form of new subscribers — were encouraging.

## Australian system

Because of the great distances involved when the program was tried in Australia, Church members were asked to distribute the magazine. This proved to be so effective that the method was employed in England and the commercial distributors were dropped. By using Church members, the Work assured that 100 percent of the magazines were given away, and loss and waste were eliminated.

During the first few years of the program, distribution was quite extensive in Britain and parts of Europe, with some distribution also in South Africa. With the closing of the Bricket Wood campus and the decentralization of the Work's European operations, the distribution on the Continent slacked off considerably.

After the close of the English campus, Mr. Martin was transferred to the United States, and it was decided to try newsstands in America.

In September, 1976, Dr. Gordon Muir, who had been Mr. Martin's right-hand man in working with newsstands in Europe, moved to Pasadena to begin the program. During this time Mr. Martin hired Mark Armstrong, who currently heads the program.

## Pilot U.S. programs

The first newsstands in America were piloted in Lexington, Ky., and Sioux Falls, S.D.

"We went to Kentucky because we didn't have any representatives anywhere and we had to try it on our own to get the feel of how it was going to go before we could delegate the responsibility or tell other people how to do it," the current program director said.

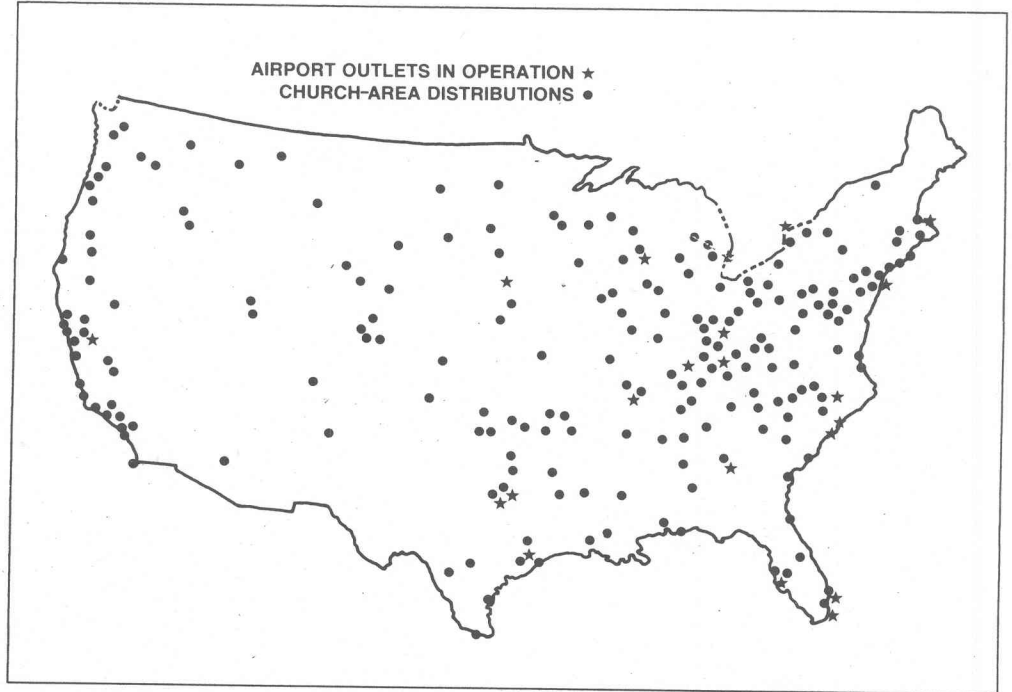
He and Dr. Muir began a trial setup in Lexington, where a chain store had been signed up for *Plain Truth* distribution by Church member Gerry Russell. From there the team traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio, where the first large chain-store distribution opened up.

In Cincinnati the team contacted King Kwik, a convenience-store chain, which allowed *The Plain Truth* to be distributed through its corporate and independent stores.

"We had to first go to the head office to make contacts and get the approval, which we did, and then physically get the magazines and take them to each of their 200 stores."

After this initial operation, Mark Armstrong and Dr. Muir took a list of Church members in each community who had volunteered to help stock the stores and let the member nearest a particular store know where the stand was and how many magazines a month would be needed to keep that outlet supplied.

"Once we got it set up, we left the



whole thing in the hands of the ministers who were our representatives at the time and then returned to Pasadena. It's run smoothly ever since."

## Representative seminars

Eventually a large part of the activities was placed into the hands of lay members. To help them become more effective representatives, the Newsstand Distribution Department gave four seminars during 1977, in Pasadena; Big Sandy, Tex.; Newark, N.J.; and Chicago, Ill. The seminars discussed marketing techniques and familiarized representatives with the operations of the newsstand program.

Using Church members as the magazine's representatives "is the best possible representation that any magazine could have," the director explained. "Even the big-name magazines have only a few representatives who have to make their way all over the country. We have not one but usually several representatives in each church area. I think we probably have the best coverage imaginable."

Nearly 3,000 members are active in the distribution, reports Joanna Pilkington, an assistant in the department. "I'd say in each area where we send magazines, which is about 280, there are around 10 people who help out."

Mr. Armstrong says the number of members who help varies with the size of the distribution in their area.

"If an area has only two or three outlets, then there are probably only two or three people helping out."

High-traffic areas such as airports often have several members who stock the stands on a rotating basis so that the job is not too demanding on any one person. "In Atlanta," he says, "they have about seven or eight different people who take turns taking the magazines to the airport and dropping them off."

The newsstand issue of *The Plain Truth* is printed by R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co. of Chicago. It is then shipped to a *Plain Truth* area coordinator who is in charge of giving the magazine away in his area.

The coordinator either places the magazines himself, if the area is small, or he distributes them to several members in a large area who then stock the stands for which they are responsible.

The magazines are shipped in boxes, each containing 250 copies. On the average between 2,500 and 3,000 magazines are sent to each area. But "we have an awful lot of areas that have only 1,000 or 2,000, and we have a few areas that have 10,000 or 12,000."

## 'Quest' helps

In addition to receiving help from Church members, newsstand distribution is also aided by contacts made by the staff of *Quest*78, the publication of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. "We have consultants who were hired in the process of launching *Quest*," he says, "who we have kept on a retainer basis. These people know basically everybody in the magazine business, and they deal with lots of magazines."

"Consequently they have a working relationship with key people in the industry."

"If *The Plain Truth* would like to begin distribution through a large chain in a particular area, our *Quest* consultants would probably already have a working relationship with the people we would need to contact."

The director points out that the issue that goes on newsstands is different from the one distributed to

mail subscribers. Newsstand copies are 32 pages each; the subscriber issue is 48 and differs slightly in article content.

"The primary reason for going to the 32-page magazine was that it would be cheaper to produce. The subscriber *Plain Truth* basically goes to a crowd of people who have had contact with the Worldwide Church of God in some way and they know what to expect, whereas the newsstand issue is hitting first-time people."

"Therefore anything that Editorial feels might not be fully understood by the first-time reader can be altered slightly. The 32-page magazine gives them that flexibility."

The newsstand has proved to be a valuable feedback system for the Editorial Department of *The Plain Truth*. For instance, sometimes something on the cover may offend someone and the distributor won't want it in his store.

To illustrate, "a couple of issues ago we had a cover that mentioned homosexuals. Some store owners didn't want the word homosexual appearing at eye level in their store because of the children, or whatever."

Another example was an issue that featured an article on child pornography. "They didn't want the magazine being given away in their stores because they didn't want the children to even be aware of kiddie porn."

In most areas *The Plain Truth* is well received, but some problems do occur. Recently a group from another church demanded that *The Plain Truth* be removed from the Tampa, Fla., airport.

## Minister riled

"We were in Tampa less than a month when some minister and his cronies came in and demanded that the publication be removed."

To avoid trouble with the commission, the chain representing *The Plain Truth*, Aero Enterprises, wanted to get the magazine out.

"What we will probably do in a case like that is wait a couple of

months until the issue has blown over and go back into the store."

Such cases are rare, but if they do occur they do not cut circulation because *The Plain Truth* has many outlets to choose from. "Usually if we are asked to remove the magazine from one store or another, we can find one across town or across the street that is just as good. We are not at a loss to find outlets even when we do run into difficulties."

At present more than half a million copies of *The Plain Truth* are being distributed through the newsstand venture in airports, supermarkets, doctors' and dentists' offices, barber shops, beauty salons and other outlets.

Three percent of the people who pick up a newsstand copy of *The Plain Truth* write in for their first contact via mail with the Work.

"We hope that, as we work with different formats and as our systems of getting subscribers become more sophisticated, our response will rise to 5 percent. But our cost per response is so good now that 3 percent is easily sufficient to justify what we are doing."

## Anniversary celebrated

THUNDER BAY, Ont. — Ninety-three friends and relatives gathered at the Royal Edward Hotel for a dinner and dance in honor of Warren and Gaita McMillen on their golden wedding anniversary.

The McMillens were married in Fort Frances, Ont., Dec. 22, 1927, and have seven children and 23 grandchildren, three of whom are members of the Church.

Their son Stanley is a deacon at Thunder Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillen were baptized by minister Glen White in August, 1967.

Greetings were sent to the McMillens on behalf of Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Thunder Bay Mayor Walter Assaf.

## Our awesome literature

PASADENA — Richard Rice, director of mail processing, reports requesters of the Church's literature still get mixed up sometimes on the names of booklets. Recent requests have come in for literature titled:

- *Why Sex—Soon Obsolete?*
- *Sex—Can We Survive?*
- *When Life Tumbles In.*

- *Four Ghost Riders of the Apocalypse.*
- *The Awesome Literature.*
- *Our Awesome University.*

- *After Death Then Where?*
- *What's New After Death?*
- *Is There Hell in Fire?*
- *To Hell With Fire.*
- *Just What the Hell Do You Mean Fire?*

**A Personal Letter**

from  
*Samuel L. Armstrong*

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Church by Youth Opportunities United!

Time and again some of the ministers there and Mr. Thornhill, Mr. Dick and I were explaining to each other what an exciting and rewarding thing it is to see, in such a short time, thousands of our young people deeply involved in a vast array of activities, from community service projects to art, talent and sports competition, leading to district, regional and national awards.

I was particularly impressed by the many fine examples of true sportsmanship I saw displayed on the basketball courts, and my wife and I were continually pleased to see the fresh, wholesome, eager young people express themselves to us and others of their excitement of being in Hershey for the regionals of both cheerleading and basketball contests.

We were pleased to be able to visit with many old friends in the ministry, including Mr. Elbert Atlas, coordinator of the Northeast Area, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Demarest, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bierer, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pack and many others.

This time our flight was uneventful (we are thankful for that!), but it was quite a contrast to arrive back in

Southern California to clear skies and balmy, summerlike temperatures!

On our return we stopped off to see my father in Tucson Feb. 20, once again finding him in good spirits and very pleased with the opportunity of the preceding day (Sunday, Feb. 19), of being able to have an extended visit with 10 of the sabbatical ministers. [Coverage of the visit begins on page 1.]

We stayed for only around two hours or so, for we did not want to tire him unduly. Paradoxically, as he has commented to us on several occasions, it is far better for him to get up and walk at least every 15 or 20 minutes rather than sit still for long periods, which he may tend to do if a number of us are visiting.

So, instead of being "tired" simply because of a visit, it is usually the opposite; he is actually better off to be able to get up and walk about from time to time to get the circulation going and continually try to rebuild his strength, rather than sitting for long periods.

I intend to call him on the telephone soon after completing this "Personal" to you for *The Worldwide News* (it is now the Sabbath, Feb. 25, and I am only about two thirds finished with my sermon preparation) because I wanted to inform him of our special Sabbath services here in Pasadena today and ask him if there is anything he would like me to convey on his behalf to the

people.

God willing, my wife and I and perhaps one of my two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Mattson, together with her daughter and new baby, thus representing four generations, will be able to visit him briefly tomorrow.

My sister Dottie has been wanting, as has my father, a picture to be taken with my father, my sister, her daughter and my father's great-grandchild all in the picture!

**Pasadena combined service**

Later on today (it is now somewhat after 11 and services begin at 2 p.m.) I will be speaking in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium before a packed house, with a large overflow crowd of more than 2,500 expected in the large exhibition hall adjacent to the auditorium that will be watching and listening via closed-circuit, large-screen television.

Because many of the Southern California churches, from Bakersfield to San Diego, have been invited, the headquarters brethren are giving up their seats in the auditorium to watch over closed-circuit TV to provide seating for as many of the outlying churches as possible.

A big churchwide social is planned for tonight. The group that usually accompanies me on our special Sabbath outings is to play. I hope to be able to stop by for at least an hour or so and enjoy some of the music.

For the past week I have been striving to work as hard as I could on my

new book by remaining home a little later in the morning and trying to do typing or complete at least one tape cassette or so before going over to the office.

I am rushing to meet the deadline of April 1 for the new book (title not yet selected), which will be a storylike narrative from Peter's point of view and that of the other disciples and chronologers, such as Matthew and Luke, as they later recounted their experiences with Jesus Christ during His 3½-year ministry.

I am using material from all four Gospels, primarily from a harmony of the Gospels, and attempting to weave the story back and forth in such a manner through flashbacks, etc., as to keep it moving and interesting. I am hopeful that it will prove to be a success.

The only problem is meeting that deadline along with so much else to be accomplished!

**Good news!**

Mr. Dick Janik will drop in sometime early this next week with reports on the progress he and our new advertising agency, Ed Libov Associates, Inc., are making toward putting together our West Coast radio network for the 30-minute broadcast, along with matters pertinent to television.

Here is some really good news! Only yesterday I approved several new television availabilities! They are as follows:

- Charleston, S.C.: WCIV (an

NBC affiliate), channel 4, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

• Columbus, Ohio: WTVN (an ABC affiliate), channel 6, Sunday, 2 p.m.

• Lexington, Ky.: WLEX (an NBC affiliate), channel 18, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

• Little Rock, Ark.: KTHV (a CBS affiliate), channel 11, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

• Nashville, Tenn.: WTVE (a CBS affiliate), channel 5, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

• Pittsburgh, Pa.: WIC, channel 11, Sunday, 11 a.m.

In some cases we are breaking into new areas in which we have not been in some time, while in other cases we are simply improving our times or moving to a different station to, we hope, reach a new and wider audience!

I will try to keep you abreast of all these new developments in these pages, or elsewhere in *The Worldwide News*, and of course we will always try to coordinate such announcements through the Ministerial Services Department so your local pastors can make appropriate announcements in church services.

**Wrote for father**

By now you may have received a letter from me on behalf of my father concerning the building fund. I researched back through many of his letters concerning the building fund clear back as early as 1967 and wanted to put into quotes his own words during those times so the letter could be almost as if it came from him. I hope you will read every word carefully and continue to hold up his hands as much as you possibly can.

Incidentally I have just finished another fairly lengthy letter I will be sending you soon relevant to a nationwide survey concerning possibilities for the Big Sandy campus.

We will send along with the letter a questionnaire to your local pastors with which we hope to take a few moments of your time during some future Sabbath service. The questionnaires will be passed out and each of you will be asked to fill them out and hand them in so we can be given as much information from all of you concerning your own hopes for the future and those of your children as we possibly can.

I won't say more here since the letter covers the entire matter, but I wanted you to know that it will soon be on its way.

I have been striving to make more 30-minute radio programs in order to have a number of them ahead — new Gospel-oriented programs never heard before — by the time we get started back on live daily radio, now perhaps only a couple of weeks or so away!

**Mixed feelings**

I am looking forward to the new daily radio programs with mixed feelings, of course. First I have feelings of enthusiasm and excitement simply because it will mean a return to the same format I used for over 22 years of live, ad-lib, half-hour radio broadcasts directly from the Gospels and other portions of Scripture, relating day-to-day world happenings to the prophecies of the Bible and striving to continually preach the Gospel as a news announcement of the soon-coming Kingdom of God!

On the other hand, it represents an additional crushing load of responsibility that will keep my nose to the grindstone even more than ever before.

My father will certainly appreciate your continued prevailing prayers on his behalf and for the growth and protection of God's Work. I certainly solicit your prayers on my own behalf for the many tasks that lie immediately ahead!

With love, in Jesus' name,  
Gamer Ted Armstrong

**British ship pirates executive from Texas**

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Bricket Wood.

"In those days you had to beg, crawl and cry to be baptized. I'm not being critical; I'm just saying how it was. I mean, we were really ready, no doubt about it."

**Taught advanced speech**

He enrolled at Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, in the fall of 1969, where he took a heavy load of theology classes and taught advanced speech, in which he "introduced a management course within the realm of that speech class.

"I became internal-management consultant for the Work in Britain and was assigned the responsibility of reducing all operations and making the press in England more efficient. I became press manager in 1970."

In 1972 Mr. Wright was transferred to headquarters to assist Albert Portune, then vice president for financial affairs, as internal-management consultant working out of the financial-affairs office.

From then until now he has worked to refine the financial systems of the Work, "trying to reorganize and make every department as efficient as possible in order to cut expenses to meet declining income and inflation."

He served as assistant business manager for the Church from 1973 to 1975; financial vice president for the college from January, 1976, to July, 1977, and assistant vice president for financial affairs for the Church from January, 1976, until his latest promotion.

He also has served as vice president for financial affairs for the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation since March, 1975.

**Beer bet came to head**

Ray Wright and Linda Johnson lived in the same Arlington, Tex., neighborhood and knew each other in high school, though she was three years behind him. But their first date came about as the result of a bet.

He was 19 and in college; she was 16 and in high school. He said he once commented to a group of friends that he didn't like Linda.

They told him the only reason he didn't like her was because he couldn't get a date with her. He countered that he could, so they bet him a case of beer that he couldn't.

He won the case of beer, but the relationship didn't come to a head for more than a decade.

Though they were attracted to each other and were good friends, neither was ready for marriage. Both agree that they were "a couple of kids" and not ready for marriage. Mr. Wright depicts himself as "young and quick tempered" at the time, "but we kept in touch over the years."

He was 30 when they finally married. "We decided that marrying your best friend was a pretty good thing."

The intervening decade between first date and wedding bells was dedicated to professional development for both parties. While Ray was making his mark with Texas Instruments, Linda studied two years at Arlington State Junior College before transferring to the University of Texas, where she graduated in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in theater.

She worked her way through college, singing with a dance band and acting, modeling and doing television commercials on the weekends and summers.

For the next five years after graduation she worked out of New York City, pursuing a career in theater. She performed in musical comedies, sang with dance bands, acted in summer stock and even worked as an entertainer on Cunard Line cruise ships, in addition to continuing to model and make television commercials.

She performed at the Casa Manana Theatre in Fort Worth, Tex., and the New York City Center, was a singer-dancer with the road company of the play *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* (understudying the role of Hedy LaRue), was a champagne lady for Lawrence Welk's personal appearances and sang for Ralph Flanagan's dance band.

Though she "feels very good about my entertainment background," she is "very committed to my husband's success."

Having worked, she says she understands a man's need for fulfillment. "When Ray decided to leave Texas Instruments and go with the Work, I understood. Going through convers on at the same time, I could especially appreciate his feelings of commitment.

"A man's got to do what he has to do," she says slowly and deliberately, pausing at the end of the statement, chucking at the cliché but unable to express it any other way. "If

the man's not happy the woman's sure not going to be happy."

Mr. Wright says Linda is "more than a wife. She's my confidant, a source of encouragement, supportive of whatever I want to do. She's professional, has an excellent mind, Linda is very talented. She can draw, decorate. She'd do well in business."

Not only is she super, she's faaan-tastic.

**Doctors can't understand**

**Woman recovers**

By Leon J. Lyell and Claire Shaw

MELBOURNE, Australia — Julie White, a New Zealander visiting and working in Australia, had planned to return home Dec. 17. But her trip back to New Zealand had been delayed because of a severe illness, glandular fever, which, as it turned out, was surprisingly short-lived.

Julie is convinced her recovery was aided by more than just the care of the doctors.

One specialist decided to keep her in the hospital a few extra days because "I've never had anyone in the hospital for such a short time."

Before going to the hospital Julie had felt generally run down and suffered numerous headaches. Brian Orchard, pastor of Melbourne North, anointed her Dec. 8 for a cold after she had taken the day off work.

By the next day, a Friday, it became obvious the condition was not a cold. Julie had several ulcers in her mouth and throat and was now unable to speak. For a number of days she had not been able to eat, and now she could not drink.

By the Sabbath the news had reached her home congregation, in Auckland, New Zealand, whose members prayed for Julie's recovery. That afternoon there was a slight improvement.

But Sunday she was worse, so bad that, after visiting her, member Peter Altar decided to take her to a hospital,

"By midnight she was finding it difficult to breathe," said her roommate, Claire Shaw.

After a three-hour wait Julie was admitted to Melbourne's Alfred Hospital, where she was given oxygen and fed intravenously.

Tonsillitis was confirmed, and either diphtheria or glandular fever was also suspected.

Glandular fever was confirmed Monday, and Melbourne South pastor Rod Dean anointed Julie for the double complaint.

Recovery was not immediate. Tuesday night doctors were preparing to remove the tonsils and perform a tracheotomy to facilitate Julie's breathing. They had given her morphine for the pain, but she asked that it be stopped because it was causing hallucinations.

The next day, Wednesday, saw a definite turn toward recovery, and by Friday, Dec. 16, Julie was talking again.

Her doctors, a variety of specialists, had told her she would be hospitalized for two to three weeks for such an "unusual case." She was in the hospital for a week and the anticipated operation never materialized.

"The doctors can't understand how I recovered so fast," Julie said with a twinkle in her eye.

"Neither can I," quipped Mr. Dean.



## Mr. Armstrong sees sal

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that Work. I hope to get back in harness the next month or two."

He said the Work does not need to reach every man, woman and child on earth. "That's ridiculous," he said, but he noted that there is still much to be done all over the world.

"We need to take the message Christ brought — not the message about Christ — to the world. Christ has revealed that message to me."

He is convinced that God's Church

has more members and more educated ministers than at any other time in history.

Speaking of his conversion, he said he gave his life to God. "I said, 'If You can use it, You can have it.' I know that I felt that it would be God's Work and if anything was accomplished He would accomplish it and I would merely be a useful instrument, perhaps.

"But, since I was only the instrument and not the actual doer, I felt above all I should organize this Work

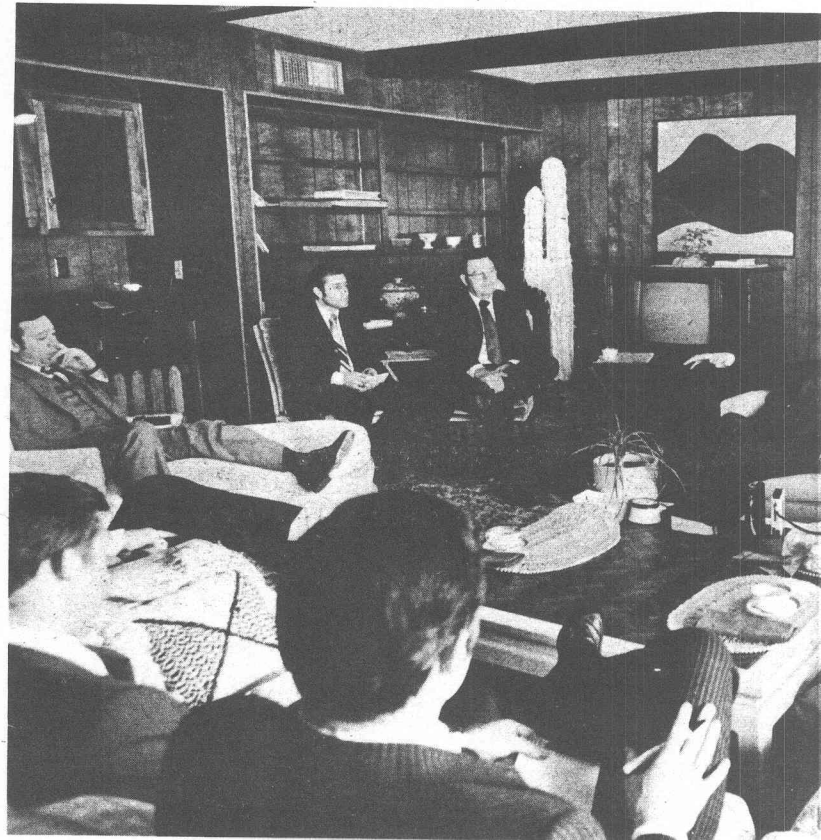
in such a way that I could not profit from it legally . . .

"I've not been in the Work for what I could get out of it."

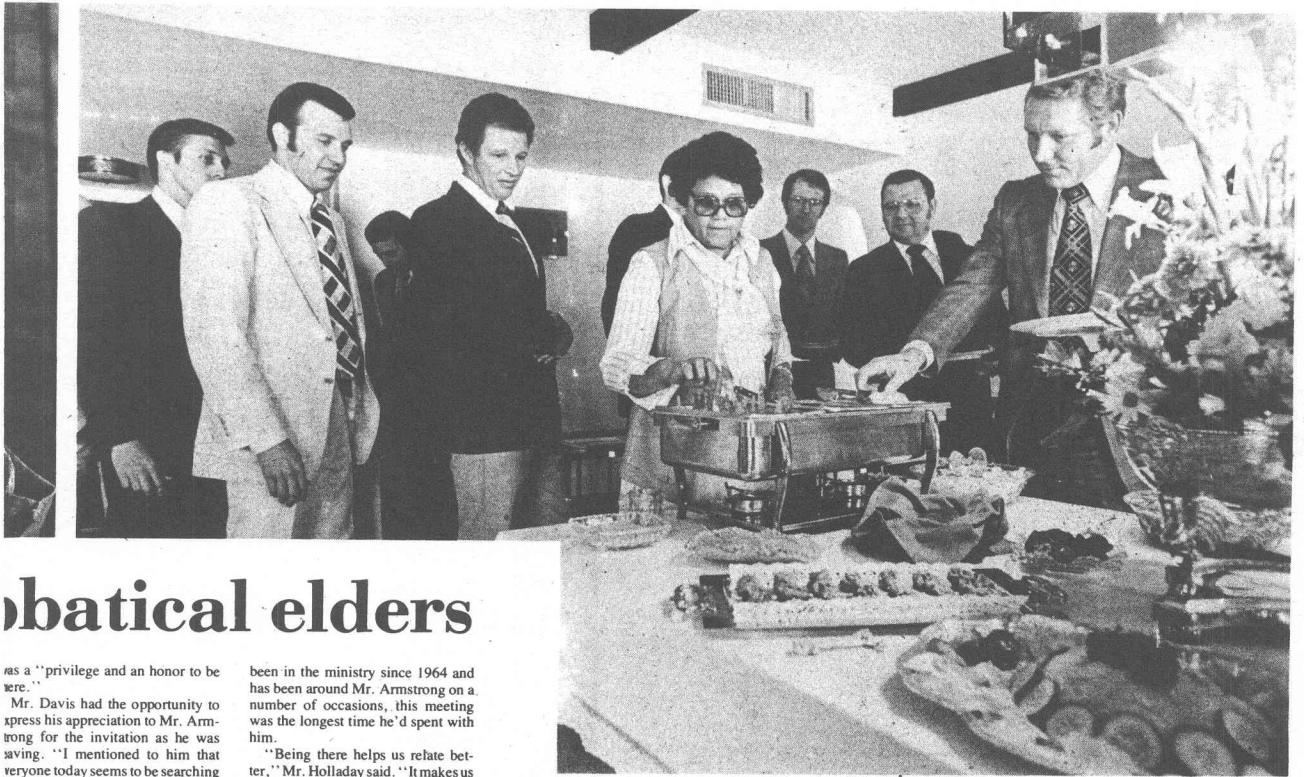
### Ministers impressed

Mr. Dart was pleased at how the visit went. "It was a tremendous opportunity for all of us to have that type of personal exposure to Mr. Armstrong," he said.

Mr. Gordon was "impressed with Mr. Armstrong's alertness and the continuity of his account," saying it







## Sabbatical elders

as a "privilege and an honor to be here."

Mr. Davis had the opportunity to express his appreciation to Mr. Armstrong for the invitation as he was saying, "I mentioned to him that everyone today seems to be searching for their roots. I said to him that that was what he had done for us, taken us back to our roots."

For Mr. Holladay the visit was "encouraging" and provided him with a "renewed enthusiasm" for the work. He said that, though he has

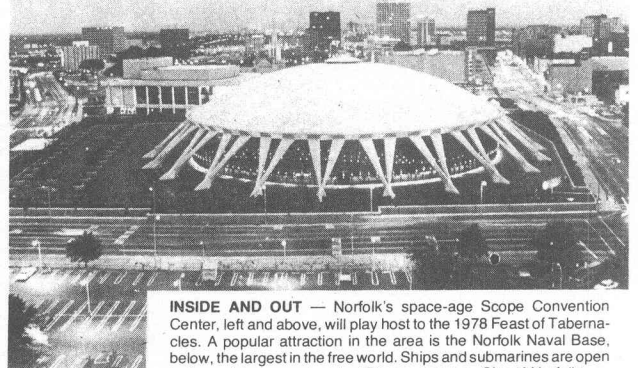
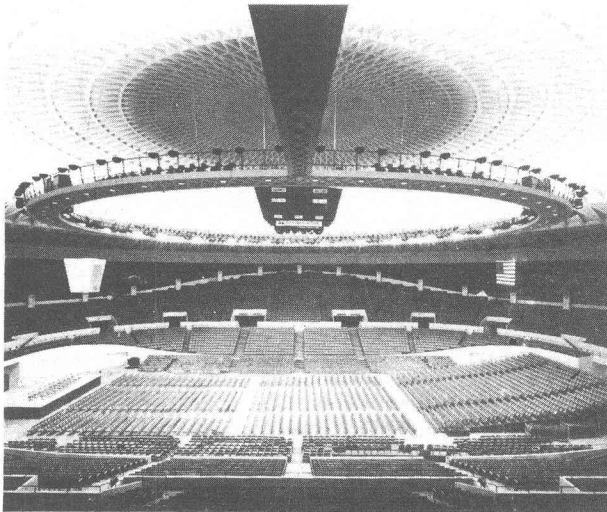
been in the ministry since 1964 and has been around Mr. Armstrong on a number of occasions, this meeting was the longest time he'd spent with him.

"Being there helps us relate better," Mr. Holladay said. "It makes us more effective ministers with the people we come in contact with to have had direct, personal contact with him. It also really helped to see his home and meet his wife. It makes your prayers for him that much more meaningful."

**TAKING NOTES** — Jess Ernest and Bill Gordon (above, far left) take notes, and Ronald Dart (center photo) listens as Herbert W. Armstrong addresses a group of ministers for more than two hours in his home Feb. 19. A buffet luncheon (above) is served for the men before they join Mr. Armstrong in the family room of his Tucson house, where he talked with them about what one minister called "our roots." Ten sabbatical ministers and Mr. Dart were part of a planned three groups to visit Mr. Armstrong in Tucson. [Photos by John Robinson]



**BIBLICAL NARRATIVE** — Herbert W. Armstrong (center photo) gestures to a group of ministers in the family room of his Tucson home, where he recounted much of the Old Testament narrative for more than two hours. After speaking, he and his wife, Ramona, pose for several pictures in the backyard of their house (above and far left). The next group of sabbatical ministers is slated to visit Mr. Armstrong March 5. [Photos by John Robinson]



**INSIDE AND OUT** — Norfolk's space-age Scope Convention Center, left and above, will play host to the 1978 Feast of Tabernacles. A popular attraction in the area is the Norfolk Naval Base, below, the largest in the free world. Ships and submarines are open to the public on weekends. [Photos courtesy City of Norfolk]

## Norfolk, new Feast site for '78, rose from revolutionary rubble

*Terry Warren, an employee of the Festival Office, reveals what the traveler to the new Norfolk Feast of Tabernacles site can expect in the way of places to see and things to do.*

**By Terry D. Warren**

NORFOLK, Va. — Norfolk's dominant characteristic is the ocean. It has also been Norfolk's biggest benefactor.

The ocean was not always friendly to Norfolk, however. On New Year's Eve in 1775, Norfolk was one of the richest and most flourishing towns in the colonies. On New Year's Day, 1776, Lord Dunmore's British fleet bombarded the town with cannonballs, chain and grapeshot.

Disembarking from their men-of-war, British troops rifled the waterfront and reduced the town to rubble. The defiant Virginia militia later burned the remnants of Norfolk to spite the British attackers.

St. Paul's Church, built in 1739, was one of the few survivors of the fiery destruction. Visitors to the Norfolk area still gaze in disbelief at the church's river-front wall, in which an authentic British cannonball lies deeply embedded, a permanent reminder of the bloody revolutionary Battle of Norfolk.

Norfolk is the hub of the Virginia seaport of Hampton Roads, which ranks first in the United States in volume of export cargo.

### Largest base

The Norfolk Naval Base is the largest such installation in the free world. Here is the home of more than 150 ships of the Atlantic and Mediterranean fleets and 32 aircraft squadrons. The base conducts a 45-minute guided bus tour past such awesome gray sights as modern nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and Polaris submarines.

About 5½ miles from the naval station is the final resting place of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The MacArthur Memorial, located downtown, features a 20-minute film of the general's illustrious life and accomplishments. Extensive exhibits and memorabilia are displayed throughout nine galleries that trace the general's controversial military career and end in the rotunda, where he is buried.

The MacArthur Memorial is a log-

ical starting point of the Norfolk Tour, a drive-it-yourself route marked by distinguished blue and yellow trailblazers that guide motorists counterclockwise past 10 attractions:

### The Norfolk Tour

- The MacArthur Memorial.
- The Chrysler Museum, one of the South's finest collections of art. Walter P. Chrysler Jr. has assembled masterpieces from nearly every culture, including originals of Picasso, Renoir, El Greco and Rubens.
- Lafayette Zoological Park, which covers more than 55 wooded acres on the Lafayette River and is the home for 350 animals.
- St. Paul's Church.
- The Moses Meyer House, an elegant townhouse built by a rich merchant in 1792 that still houses most of its original furnishings.
- The Willoughby-Baylor House, a 1794 brick home containing 18th-century furnishings and Norfolk historic memorabilia.
- The Adam Thoroughgood House, which was built in the late 1600s by the man who named Nor-

folk. It's considered one of the oldest homes standing in America.

- The Gardens-by-the-Sea, featuring 175 acres of verdant gardens that bloom year round, shaded paths and quiet waterways.

- The Hermitage Foundation Museum, an English Tudor country house containing an extensive oriental-art collection.

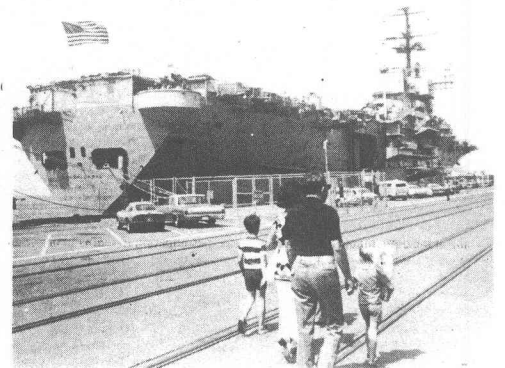
- The Norfolk Naval Base.

The Norfolk area also abounds with fine seafood restaurants and American and continental cuisine. Do-it-yourselfers, I'm told, will find the dock fishing to be a richly rewarding experience. Bluefish, sport, flounder and sea trout are some of the local favorites.

### Scope Convention Center

This year the Festival will be observed in Norfolk's \$30 million Scope Convention Center, a beautiful dome-shaped structure flanked by sunken gardens. The convention hall seats 12,000 people and is in a 17-acre plaza that dominates the downtown area within walking distance of major hotels and restaurants.

Within easy access of the Scope



are numerous outlying attractions. Popular Virginia Beach, with its 28-mile beach of soft, white sand, gentle surf and abundant motel and recreational facilities, is only 25 minutes east via the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway.

To the north, connecting Virginia Beach and Norfolk with the eastern shore of Virginia, is the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. The \$200 million tunnel, considered one of the

seven wonders of the modern world, crosses over and under the Atlantic for 17 miles.

And less than 45 minutes to the west are the historic sites of Williamsburg and Jamestown, where you can relive a fascinating page out of colonial history.

Norfolk and the surrounding region offer an abundant variety of attractions and activities to make your 1978 Festival a memorable occasion.



**NORFOLK HARBOR** — An aircraft carrier negotiates Norfolk Harbor. [Photo courtesy City of Norfolk]



**GEARED FOR ACTIVITY** — Ninety-year-old Ethel Cunningham rides her exercise bicycle. (Photo by Roger Griffiths)

## 90-year-old keeps busy

By Roger Griffiths

**BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia** — What would it be like to be 90 and look back on nearly a century of living?

What would you at age 90 like most of all to pass on to the world and especially to God's Church?

That's the situation a member of the Church finds herself in down under.

Ethel Cunningham is a member of God's Church at Burleigh Heads, on Australia's Gold Coast. She was born at Nerang, Gold Coast, Queensland, July 10, 1887. One of her earliest memories, in the 1890s, is hearing at the dinner table of a "shearer's strike." A shearer was a remover of sheep's wool, but to young Ethel in those days "shearer's strike" created in her mind visions of men on sheep stations hitting each other.

She retained that false concept for some time because her parents were strong on the idea of children being seen and not heard.

In 1909 Ethel married, and she and her husband involved themselves in operating a general store. Later they maintained a pedigree Illawarra-shorthorn herd. This was all before the beginning of World War II.

Bill Bradford baptized Mrs. Cun-

ningham Feb. 28, 1970. At that time she could attend services only at faraway Brisbane and never dreamed the headquarters of the Australian Work would one day move to her area. Now she attends the headquarters congregation here regularly.

Today Mrs. Cunningham maintains the same home she and her deceased husband left in 1950 and she regularly entertains guests. Her family includes five children, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Her home is one of a circuit used for the local ladies' Bible study.

Mrs. Cunningham's good health may in part be because of her active participation in tennis in her younger days, along with a six-mile daily walk during her school years.

She keeps in shape nowadays by riding an exercise bicycle the equivalent of a mile a day.

Mrs. Cunningham's awareness of the world around her may be contributed to by an avid involvement with Scrabble, crossword puzzles, needlework, stamp collecting and photography.

As one of the oldest members of the Church of God today, her message to younger members is to have "implicit trust in God" and "be early to bed and early to rise."

## Member fits in scheme

**SKIPTON, England** — Time was running out for Rosemary Beck when she decided to try for top honors in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. It was less than two years to Mrs. Beck's 25th birthday, and people older than 25 may not compete.

The "award scheme" is a "scheme run throughout the British Commonwealth for young people between the ages of 14 and 25." Mrs. Beck said, "A great variety of opportunities and activities are available through the scheme, and I have personally found it very rewarding and challenging."

Mrs. Beck, a member of the Leeds, England, congregation, lives at Skipton with her husband, Roger, and has been a Church member for three years.

She had already completed the requirements for the bronze and silver awards and then made up her mind to go for gold, the top.

She had recently moved into a new house, so gardening seemed an appropriate choice of categories to pursue to reach her goal. With the help of her husband, she began growing vegetables and other plants.

In the program's service section, she chose first aid.

She helped, and still does, with a Skipton Cub Scout pack.

She completed her "residential" requirement by attending the Feast of Tabernacles at Scarborough.

In the design-for-living section, she worked on family relationships, producing a study on the role of the wife.

Her work came to an end when she was presented the gold award by Skipton Mayor Brian Short in the town hall. The mayor commented, according to the local newspaper: "Rosemary should be commended for the amount of work she managed to fit in in the period up to her 25th birthday."

But all the excitement for Mrs. Beck isn't over yet. Prince Philip (the duke of Edinburgh, the husband of Queen Elizabeth) will present a certificate representing the award to her at a ceremony this spring at Buckingham Palace.

"I would recommend any young person thinking of joining the scheme to go right ahead," she said. "They are sure to find activities to suit them and that will provide them with opportunities to help and serve others, as well as helping to develop their interests and character."

# POSTMARK

"Postmark" is *The Worldwide News*' haven for reader contributions that don't fit into regular departments of the paper. If you have a contribution send it to: "Postmark," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A. All we ask is that you keep it short. (The *WN* doesn't necessarily endorse any material in this column. Contributions are subject to condensation.)

### 'The Love of a People'

As I galloped down the lane,  
The wind blowing in my hair,  
My hand was upon the saddle;  
My scarf waved in the air.

I rode past the cornfield;  
The cows were tromping it down.

The bulls in the back pasture  
Thought they owned the whole town.

The woods were aflame with fire  
From the brightness of the sun above.

The squirrels scampered to and fro;  
The whole farm shone with love.

I then grasped the plenary essence  
Of the sounding love and all:

A farm without a loving people  
Is like a horse without a stall.

Cathy Taylor  
Petal, Miss.

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### Raw energy

I would like to share with you this nourishing and quick-energy pickup. Stir the juice of two lemons into two well-beaten eggs; this causes the eggs to thicken and also reduces the acidity of the lemon. Try it; you'll like it.

Mrs. Robert F. Walker  
Albuquerque, N.M.

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### Month of psalms

Someone once suggested that a good way to review the Proverbs is to read one chapter a day, because the number of chapters approximately matches the days of a month (31).

Psalms is 150 chapters long and a thick book, but I wondered if there was some way the Psalms could be broken up the same way, into a month's daily readings.

I don't recommend this as a pharisaical, end-in-itself, exact, ritualistic exercise, but as a help.

If you make use of the divisions as outlined below, I don't recommend following them exactly. I usually start several verses before, or even at the beginning of the chapter, to catch the drift of the message. At the end, where a chapter might be split, if it too is short I'll continue on past the division and finish the chapter.

The designated sections number 30, with 82 verses each

day. Here are the sections, which could be marked in your Bible:

(1) Psalm 1:1; (2) 9:2; (3) 17:2; (4) 20:5; (5) 25:18; (6) 31:20; (7) 35:23; (8) 39:3; (9) 44:26; (10) 50:11; (11) 56:6; (12) 63:4; (13) 68:25; (14) 72:7; (15) 76:8; (16) 78:58; (17) 83:12; (18) 89:9; (19) 92:6; (20) 98:9; (21) 104:10; (22) 106:12; (23) 109:3; (24) 114:5; (25) 119:11; (26) 119:93; (27) 119:175; (28) 132:4; (29) 137:6; (30) 144:14.

Christopher Cotter  
Columbus, Ohio

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### BB demo: How to planet

As you know, Youth Educational Services (YES, classes for young people during Sabbath services) is a brand-new milestone in God's Church.

Mrs. Peggy Powell, who teaches one of the Sabbath-school classes in the San Diego church, with the aid of her husband developed a novel and interesting way to demonstrate the relative size of the earth to the sun for her Sabbath class for 9- to 11-year-olds. She used a common, ordinary BB to represent the earth. Using fairly accurate dimensions developed on a calculator by her husband, Terry, she took a cardboard pizza plate to represent the sun.

She then stretched out a string 103 feet (about 31 meters) long to demonstrate the distance between the earth and the sun at those sizes.

She then proceeded to show that, as the relative sizes of the earth and sun increased, the distance between them increased accordingly. And that at their present, actual size the distance between the sun and the earth is approximately 93 million miles (149 million kilometers).

(Her classroom was not 103 feet long, but the hallway outside the room was ample for this visual demonstration.)

Susan Karoska  
San Diego, Calif.

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### Polysorbate 60 on the rise

With Passover only a few short months away, it's time we became alert for leaven in the food products we eat. It looks like this job of searching out leaven is becoming more complicated.

The following clipping was found recently in the Wausau, Wis., *Daily Herald* in the paper's

"Speak Up" column, which follows a question-and-answer format:

Question: "The following substances appear in many foods. They are sodium aluminum phosphate, sorbitan monoester, polysorbate 60, mono- and diglycerides. What are they and what do they do?"

Answer: "University of Wisconsin Marathon Center organic chemist Dr. Marcel Grdinic said the four chemicals you cited all have similar purposes. They're leavening agents that appear in a variety of baking products, especially cake and biscuit mixes. They take the place of yeast in some cases and serve to improve texture and keep quality while acting as leavening agents."

Eileen Booth  
Medford, Wis.

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### The years go by

Age is a quality of mind. If you have left your dreams behind,

If hope can no longer look ahead,

Then you are old. But if from life you take the best

And if in life you keep the zest, If love you hold,

No matter how the years go by, No matter how the birthdays fly,

You are not old.

Walter W. Capps  
Big Sandy, Tex.

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### Forgotten city

*Ebla Tablets: Secrets of a Forgotten City* is a book that was written after personal contacts between its author, Dr. Clifford Wilson, and the principals involved in the Ebla excavations. The volume is an interesting presentation of the finds, presented on a layman's level, yet with scholarly stringency.

The ancient Ebla is located on the main road to Aleppo in northern Syria, about halfway between Hamath and Aleppo. The excavations began in 1964, and by now around 17,000 tablets have been recovered. More are expected to follow.

The Ebla findings have been termed by some of the most significant discovery of our times as regards background information on early Bible times. Some of the findings:

- Topography. Several cities of the Bible are referred to, including Sodom and Gomorrah and the earliest known reference to Jerusalem.

- The use of personal names, including king lists and valuable cross references to contemporary rulers of other countries.

- Demography. Early references are made to such peoples and empires as the Sumerians, the Amorites, the Hittites and the Canaanites.

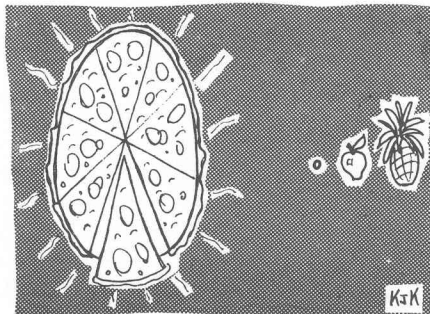
- Various religious concepts of the time.

- The finds also bear out the fallacy of the "Documentary Hypothesis."

On the whole, the evidence brought forth from the Ebla tablets in this book heavily supports the accuracy of Genesis 1 and 2. For those interested in early Bible backgrounds, it must be considered a must.

It is published by Creation-Life Publishers, Box 15666, San Diego, Calif., 92115.

Kristian Kristiansen  
Odense, Denmark



# Local church news wrap-up

## Snow-line party

**ABBOTSFORD, B.C.** — Members here drove to Manning Park Jan. 29 for a day of tobogganing. The youngest member, Raeanne Elliott, did not bother with a toboggan, just slid down the hill with her snowsuit.

Lunch and hot chocolate were enjoyed around a fire built in the snow at the top of the hill. Fire builders were Terry Sykes and Ken Tolmie. Al Hankie kept himself warm by sawing chunks of wood from a dead tree. Other helpers were Gus Brandwyk Nodelyck and pastor John Elliott.

The teens had a bowling and pizza party Jan. 28 in Chilliwack. New YOU leader is Mike Tolmie, replacing Rick Sanchez, who, with his wife, Lynne, and son, Rickie, has moved to Lubbock, Tex.

The Senior Club met for lunch in Chilliwack Jan. 23. Mr. Elliott showed slides of scenery and wildlife around Chilliwack Lake. *Vertla Karr.*

## Chili supper

**BIG SANDY** — More than 800 people assembled at the former Ambassador College campus here Feb. 4. Area coordinator Sherwin McMichael gave the sermon.

An all-you-can-eat chili supper and carnival followed in the Big Sandy school cafeteria. Among the visitors were Bill and Elsie Moore from the Toronto (Ont.) West church. *Bill Moore.*

## Grasshopper pie

**BOISE, Idaho** — The end of the second year of the Women's Club here was celebrated Jan. 28 with an annual banquet at the Gamekeeper, a local night spot, where members and guests dined on Cornish game hens and grasshopper pie. After dinner, cheese and wine were sampled and proper serving explained.

Pastor Jeff McGowan, whose wife, Judy, was mistress of ceremonies and outgoing president, then announced the officers for the coming year: Shonnie Menter, president; Cookie Frynch, vice president; Carolyn Smith Vasquez, secretary; and Laurel Baker, treasurer. *Carolyn Smith Vasquez.*

## Decorated dessert

**BRAINERD, Minn.** — Ten members of the Ladies' Club here met at the home of Mrs. Donald Holmes for a luncheon Feb. 6. A lesson on cake decorating was given by Mrs. Holmes, who then served the cake for dessert.

The February meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Gary Hansen. *Phyllis M. Haquist.*

## 'The Great Composers'

**BRANDON, Man.** — "The Great Composers" was the theme for the annual symposium sponsored by the Spokesman Club here Jan. 30. Dr. Lorne Watson, head of the School of Music at Brandon University, was the guest evaluator.

Charles Norris filled in some little-known facts about Handel; Ross Hamilton compressed the life of Mozart into 15 minutes; Art Penner brought out the contradictory elements in the music of Beethoven; Gene Fosty played recordings of familiar music by Brahms; and Jim Crook gave his analysis of George Gershwin's jazz efforts.

The men felt that having an outside evaluator made them put a little extra zip into their speeches. *Neil Earle.*

## Third and last?

**BRICKET WOOD** — Following a relentless publicity campaign, about 600 people came to the Grand Final Ball (the third annual one) Jan. 28.

Two parties, one for children under 5, kept 100 youngsters busy until 10:30 p.m. and exhausted Mrs. Billy Wilson and Mrs. Tony Lodge and their helpers.

Decor consisted of two displays, one of the college years and the other

of *Quest* 78 and the AICF in Britain.

A special presentation of a donated bottle of whiskey was made to Denis Clapp for his wife, who has been seriously ill for several years.

A skit revealed the career ambitions of six longtime Bricket Wood members, including ministers Francis Bergein and Paul Suckling. A topical and controversial song by Neil Jackson

of snow covered a 150-yard hill.

Many used inner tubes and sleds, while others found body sledding a means of reaching the bottom unexpectedly. A large bonfire offered the chilled sledders a place to warm up, drink hot chocolate and toast marshmallows. The outing was attended by 26 children and 13 adults. *Judy Piccola.*

Bob and Evelyn Vetsch were winners in the spot dance, and Horst and Krista Schwanke won the freeze dance.

Cindy Kempin, a YOU member, was best of four finalists in a turkey shoot. Wendy Vaughn captured three quarters of the final chair, winning at musical chairs. After much hopping and jumping, Peter Schwanke won a balloon stomp for children under 12. The YOU stomp was a wild affair, with Cindy coming out unscathed.

Willie Kempin was master of ceremonies for a variety show. *Marla Kempin.*

## Box social

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.** — Pastor Ledru Woodbury and his wife were presented a friendship quilt Jan. 28, compliments of the Grand Junction and Craig churches. Planning and assembly of the quilt were headed by Nita Darling and Elaine Martin. Each block represented one family's name and effort toward the finished product.

Following the presentation was an old-fashioned box social. About 30 lunches, each individually wrapped and decorated, were auctioned off in adult, teen and under-12 categories by Albert Chandler. Proceeds went to the social fund.

Two short films were presented by John Fogg, and a sing-along was conducted by Mrs. Terry Fogg. The evening ended with a YOU disco dance.

The following day, YOU members cleaned up the meeting hall for the next Sabbath service. *Sally Lyon.*

## 'The Outer You'

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** — The Ladies' Club here met Jan. 21 in the JC building in Grandville, Mich. The theme was "The Outer You."

Hostess Connie Visser spoke on makeup, using several charts displaying shapes of faces and facial care. The aloe vera plant was also used for facial care.

Barb Yauntz spoke on styles of clothing for different figures. Peggy Day spoke about types of hair and care for them. *Joie Krontje.*

## Soap operas

**GREENVILLE, S.C.** — The Women's Club sponsored a potluck luncheon Jan. 29, with the husbands of the women as guests for the first time.

Speeches were omitted. Table topics, with subjects ranging from income-tax returns to soap operas, were the main portion of the meeting. *Joan Jacques.*

## Family camp

**HAMILTON, New Zealand** — A family camp, an annual event here, is held the last weekend of each January. This year the Hamilton and Tauranga brethren traveled to the Coromandel Forest Park, a national park once logged for hardwood. Access to it is a one-lane unsealed track,

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR 'WRAP-UP' WRITERS

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To help "Local Church News Wrap-Up" reflect the latest happenings in the Church worldwide, the *WN* announces a new two-week deadline for all "Wrap-Up" articles. Beginning March 27 all reports intended for this department must be postmarked no later than 14 days after the date of the event reported on.

This should still provide "Wrap-Up" writers ample time to get in their stories and pictures. Submissions not received in time, or lacking a date, will unfortunately have to be rejected.

Additionally a limit for "Wrap-Up" articles to no more than 250 words is being set, also beginning March 27.

The word limit should help the *WN* better handle the increasing number and size of "Wrap-Up" articles.

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## Haggis, tatties and neeps

GLASGOW, Scotland — The Kilmarnock and Glasgow Spokesman clubs combined for a Burns Evening Jan. 25 to remember Scotland's national poet, Robbie Burns, who was born on this day in 1759.

The evening opened with a Scottish-flavored topic session chaired by David Stevenson of Glasgow. Following was a traditional Burns Night meal of haggis (an altered recipe), tatties (potatoes) and neeps (turnips), the haggis being given the traditional address by George Wier of Kilmarnock.

The speeches centered on Robert Burns, his poetry, life-style and ideals. Alec Jack of Kilmarnock, accompanying himself on guitar, sang two of Burns' poems set to music. *Bob Letham.*

## Wild-bronco barrel

**GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta.** — Members here met in the Sexsmith Town Hall for Sabbath services Jan. 21 to hear news of the ministerial conference from pastor Kent Fentress.

Following was a baked-bean-and-wiener supper, setting the mood for the evening's western social. The hall was decorated with bales and saddles and the stage corralled. Children rode a wild-bronco barrel.

Fred Kuipers supplied taped country music for listening and dancing.

Fred Lawson, press supervisor, won first prize in the raffle, a bottle of whiskey. Scottish country dancing rounded out the evening. *John D. Stetford and Bill Allan.*

## Weekly bulletin

**CINCINNATI, Ohio** — In an effort to streamline Sabbath services at the Cincinnati East church, pastor Reinhold Fuessel has introduced "The Weekly Bulletin." The program is handed out each week to those attending services in an attempt to reduce the amount of time spent during services on announcements. Also included in it are telephone numbers of the ministers, deacons, advisers and coordinators. *Mike Brandenburg.*

## Body sledding

**CINCINNATI, Ohio** — The Cincinnati West YOU chapter sponsored a church sled ride Jan. 15 at the Hillview Golf Course, where 6 to 8 inches



**HAGGIS PIPER** — Ian Kennedy pipes at a supper honoring poet Robert Burns. (See "Third and Last?," this page.) [Photo by John D. Stetford]

often eroding at the edges. The area is rugged and beautiful, with crystal-clear streams rushing down bush-clad gullies. Although the streams are often icy cold, the group enjoyed swimming, canoeing and fishing.

On the Sabbath, members gathered under tall, silent pines for an informal service conducted by Ambassador College graduates Bill Sydney and Olivier Carion. *Faye and Peter Kay.*

## Two-week absence

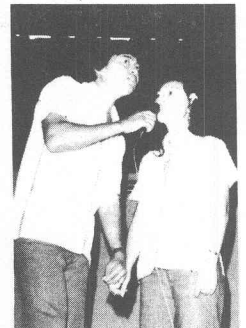
**HARRISBURG, Pa.** — Brethren here met Jan. 28 for Sabbath services after a two-week absence because of snow and bad weather. Pastor Roy Demarest spoke about the headquarters ministerial conference. After services, the movie *Animals, Animals*, *Animals* was shown by Robert Feaser and refreshments and cookies were served by the 50-Plus Club. *Mrs. Vernon E. Hurley.*

## From pop to hula

**HONOLULU, Hawaii** — From skits to classical Bach, from pop to hula, from Elvis' to "Shortnin' Bread," the multitalented brethren here put on their first official fun show Jan. 28. Organized by John Brown, the four-part show had a different master of ceremonies for each segment.

The youngest participant, 3-year-old Lyle Stout, did an imitation of Elvis Presley. The preteen children did a comedy skit and Keoki and Nicole Jackson played piano solos. Adults sang, danced, acted and

(See WRAP-UP, page 13)



**HONOLULU FUN SHOW** — Multitalented Honolulu brethren stage a fun show with several acts including Sonja Simpson's hula, left, 3-year-old Lyle Stout's Elvis Presley imitation, center, and Milton and Marion Lee's duet. (See "From Pop to Hula," this page.) [Photos by Steve Brightbill]

# Wrap-up

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played musical instruments. Even the audience participated in a mind-reading act by Mel Chum.

The two-hour show followed a potluck buffet after Sabbath services. Vicki Brightbill.

## First meeting

HOUSTON, Tex. — The West church's Ladies' Club here held its first meeting Jan. 30 at the home of local elder Tom Whitson and his wife, Betty, club advisers.

The ladies are looking forward to the monthly meetings and putting their talents to use helping others in the community. Cecilia Stephens.

## Borrowed Time

LAKELAND, Fla. — The church here held its annual formal dance at the Bartow Civic Center Jan. 14, with about 200 in attendance from the Jacksonville, Melbourne, Tampa, St. Petersburg and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., churches.

The theme was "Starry, Starry Night," with decorations provided by the YOU teens.

The church's band, Borrowed Time, provided the music. Featured singer was Rick Peterson, regional winner of the YOU talent contest at the St. Petersburg Feast of Tabernacles. He placed fifth in the national contest in Pasadena, receiving a one-semester scholarship to Ambassador College.

Also featured were soloist Brenda Peterson, Mike Peterson on lead guitar, Reggie Peterson on bass guitar, Greg Lobdell on drums and Ron Peterson at the organ.

Door prizes were given to the most recently married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardy, and the longest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Phillips. Prizes were also given to winners of dance contests. Faith Harkins.

## Cutting and styling

LAWTON, Okla. — The Women's Club's third meeting was Jan. 22, beginning with a buffet meal prepared by the women, coordinated by Louise Pemberton.

Topic mistress was Jackie Caldwell. The point-of-interest discussion was given by Sue Ballard on "Know Your Hair Type."

A lecture and demonstration were given by Steve Dotson, a local hairdresser. Margie Roberts and Jana Lynch were volunteers for the cutting and styling demonstration. Lisa Moody.

## Progressive barn dance

LIVERPOOL, England — Brethren here were hosts to members from Manchester and northern Wales Feb. 4, the third anniversary of the Liverpool church.

After services, they partook of a snack, then prepared for the evening's entertainment. Members were invited to choose a name from a bag and then find their opposite number, e.g., Romeo and Juliet. These partners started the ball rolling with a progressive barn dance.

A cartoon film was shown for the children during the judging of the YOU cake-baking contest. The first three cakes were mock auctioned, raising more than 9 pounds for the YOU fund.

A talent contest featured a band, a harmonica player, a soliloquist and a news broadcaster. Val Carroll.

## History in the making

LONDON — The staging of the monthly derby between the North London and Wimbledon soccer teams was Jan. 22, when they created their own piece of history. Never before had a draw occurred between the two sides, making the 0-0 score all the more historic.

One week later, 11 London members braved the inclement weather for their first hike this year. The walk featured mud, a bear and Phillip Zammit singing. The tired hikers returned to

the home of Gordon Brown, where cards around the fire became the order of the day. Barry Robinson.

## New Bible study

MELBOURNE, Australia — A Bible study has begun in semirural Mornington, just outside Melbourne's metropolitan area. Thirty-three adults and four children attended the first study Jan. 24, conducted by Gippsland pastor Kerry Gubb in the recreation room of Mornington's Ranch Motel.

Mr. Gubb, surprised that the attendance was three times what he had expected, announced that a study would be held each month.

After the study, fellowshiping was facilitated by vast quantities of coffee and light refreshments. Leon Lyell.

## Tuxedo premiere

MIAMI, Fla. — More than 225 members and guests attended the church's annual semiformal dinner dance at the Marriott Hotel Jan. 28. Gerald Waterhouse, pastor here, donned a tuxedo that he says he has owned for several years and never before had an opportunity to wear.

A white, red and green afghan, made and donated for that purpose by Mrs. Ralph Miller, was raffled off by the Women's Club. Many door prizes were won by those holding winning tickets during the breaks taken by the orchestra hired for the occasion. Bill Pearson.

## Arm-wrestling tournament

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The brethren here were hosts for their fifth annual basketball tournament Jan. 21 and 22 for men's and women's teams from three states.

The men's championship game between St. Paul and Des Moines became a battle of hot shooters. Brian Downing had the hot hand for Des Moines with 27 points, but his team kept only a 1-point lead as St. Paul's tough defense refused to let it run away with the game. With seven seconds left, St. Paul tied it up. Des Moines grabbed the rebound and, at the final buzzer, Dan Reyer was fouled in the act of shooting. Reyer made both free throws to push Des Moines to a 65-63 victory.

The women's championship game saw Des Moines win the title for the third consecutive year by beating the Fargo, N.D., team 33-14. Sue Lehmueller threw in 14 of her team's 33 points.

During halftime was the traditional arm-wrestling tournament. The lumberjacks from Duluth swept four of the seven divisions. Winners were Teeny Huffman of Fargo, women's division; John Lundberg of Minneapolis, midweight; Kirk Schmidt of St. Paul, junior-weight; Loren Matson of Duluth, featherweight; Steve Carlson of Duluth, lightweight; Dave Carlson of Duluth, middleweight; and Dennis Palkki of Duluth, heavyweight. Greg Johnson and Bonnie Knudsen.

## Flowers and cards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — So many activities were scheduled at the Metro Center here Feb. 5 that the Women's Clubs call for a small salad grew into a big salad to feed children, teens, men and ladies.

The 60 ladies discussed making crafts to sell at a shopping-center booth. The club has \$400 in the kitty, including \$200 netted from selling refreshments during a basketball tournament. They have been sending flowers and cards to the sick and assisting those in need with the money. The women also have been serving coffee following Sabbath services about once a month.

The men and teens also met for meetings and the basketball team and the cheerleaders practiced.

During services Feb. 4, an announcement was made that the church had cleared \$600 on its fruit sale. Everett Corbin.

## Facts and fables

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The Women's Club here held its third meeting of the year, a wine-and-cheese-tasting party, on Jan. 22 at the

Holiday Inn, with 46 attending.

Iris Wilson demonstrated the correct way to hold a wine glass in her point of etiquette. Norma Love, cohostess, gave a speech on cheese, discussing its many virtues and accompaniments.

Hostess Essie Washington spoke about the facts and fables of wine and how to buy, serve and store it. Linda Hillhouse.

## Impromptu cabaret

NORTHAMPTON, England — Members of the Cambridge church traveled to the Northampton church Jan. 14 for Sabbath services and an evening social.

The split-sermon format featured Graham Mitchell of Northampton speaking on preparing for the World Tomorrow and David Gunn, Cambridge pastor, giving an update of the Work in England. After light refreshments, Garner Ted Armstrong's film *Is Man Alone?* was shown.

The social began with table tennis,

Class B. They will both compete in the regional tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, March 5.

First- and second-place winners in the cheerleading competition were Kansas City East and Kansas City South. Dianne Otto.

## Senior citizens' Appreciation Day

PORTLAND, Ore. — A senior citizens' Appreciation Day with a potluck dinner and entertainment were presented here Jan. 22. At the close of the dinner attended by about 200 from the Portland North church, Mike Stewart singled out those with long tenure in the Church and commented about each one. Among those honored was Elmer Upton, who was about to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Then came a version of television's *Gong Show* with about 20 acts, several of which were intentional gong presentations, ranging from vocals to dance groups to a drunk piano player (who had a striking resemblance to the master of ceremonies and this writer)

jumped off to a 2-0 lead in District 13 play by defeating the Norfolk (Va.) Knights Jan. 15 and the Baltimore (Md.) Roadrunners Jan. 22. Richmond was led in scoring in the first game by John and Wayne Hawkins with 16 and 15 points respectively, while Dave Sutton paced the Knights with 12. Wayne led the fired-up Royals in the second game with 27 points. Washington, D.C., also defeated Norfolk in action Jan. 22 and have a 1-0 district record.

A monthly YOU Bible study was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miri Austin Jan. 28, with each girl bringing a box lunch for two. The lunches were auctioned off to the guys, who shared them with the originators. YOU President Jim Bolling and Debra Austin reported on the activities and topics discussed at the YOU conference in Big Sandy. Then the teens played bunco.

Twelve preteens and six adults enjoyed roller skating at Golden Skate World West Jan. 29.



GOING, GOING, GONG — Performers in a *Gong Show* act entertain brethren from the Surrey and Vancouver, B.C., churches. Fifteen acts ranging from the serious to the hilarious comprised the show. (See "Jar of Coins," page 14.)

identifying famous personalities and pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey. An impromptu cabaret with members of both churches letting their lights shine concluded with a sing-along. The rest of the evening was spent dancing. Richard Peacock.

## Basketball invitational

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — For the fourth consecutive year, Big Sandy took home the winner's trophy in the Oklahoma City YOU invitational basketball tournament, held this year Jan. 28 and 29. Eleven teams battled for first place in their divisions.

The Texhoma, Okla., girls took first place in the girls' division, defeating Big Sandy 40-28, then Oklahoma City 24-23.

The boys' Division II championship also went to Texhoma. They walked over Oklahoma City 65-29, then defeated Wichita 71-35 in the final. Big Sandy took third place, defeating Oklahoma City 77-41.

Big Sandy won the boys' Division I championship in a closely contested match with Lawton, 61-60, after Lawton had taken an 8-point lead in the first quarter. Oklahoma City took third place by beating Wichita 80-57 in a one-sided second half.

Most valuable players of the tournament were Susie Smith of Oklahoma City, girls' division; Charles Rowland of Texhoma, Division II; and Perry Worthen of Big Sandy, Division I. Mark Sadler.

## Basketball tournament

OMAHA, Neb. — A YOU boys' basketball tournament was held here Jan. 29. Teams participating were Kansas City East, North and South; Topeka, Kan.; and Grand Island and Omaha, Neb.

Kansas City East won the Class A competition and Omaha won the

wearing his wife's pajamas. David A. Wakin.

## 38 legs, 19 mouths

REGINA, Sask. — What has 38 legs, 19 mouths and goes "click-clack-oops!"? Answer: 18 members and one guest using chopsticks at the Ladies' Club here.

The club members, some in oriental attire, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hay on Jan. 24. Norma Burns set the scene with hanging lanterns, oriental place settings and a Chinese mural.

Rita Fenk showed how to wield the culinary sticks to sample Jackie Stilborn's Chinese food. The women discussed Bonnie Maystruck's table topics, then Georgina Nadler gave a biographical sketch on Confucius. Rita Fenk, Joy Gall and Mary Hay took the group on a brief trip through China, geographically, culturally and politically.

The emphasis was on family fun as the church held its first social for 1978 on Jan. 28 in Lumsden, Sask. Dennis Van Deventer was master of ceremonies for the entertainment. The YOU group did songs and a skit, the Ladies' Club did comedy television commercials and one-liners and the Spokesman Club acted out a meeting of Groucho Marx look-alikes.

Refreshments included snacks supplied by members and doughnuts, coffee and soft drinks sold by YOU members.

The first volleyball tournament here was Jan. 20, with the YOU girls defeating the women in the first and fourth games. The YOU boys beat the men in three out of five games. Linda Biasotto, Georgina Nadler, Sylvia Van Deventer and Melody Dobson.

## Box-lunch auction

RICHMOND, Va. — The YOU basketball team here, the Royals,

The Ambassador Women's Club met at the home of Joyce Yates, where two representatives of the Virginia Electric Power Company lectured on how to conserve energy, then showed a film with some energy-saving tips. Spike Knuth and Kathryn Austin.

## Every available ball

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. — The church's social season got under way Jan. 14 with a potluck dinner and game night. The meal featured salads and spaghetti, set out by ladies under the direction of Isabelle Hopkins.

Volleyball and an array of table games were enjoyed by all, while the children occupied themselves in half of the gymnasium with every basketball, football and volleyball available in the school. Coming socials will include swimming, informal dancing and a film festival. Becky Watkinson.

## Movie night

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The church here enjoyed its first Night at the Movies of the winter season Jan. 28. Films ranged from a series on drugs — *Alcohol, Smoking and Sniffing* and *Tranquilizers* — to a documentary entitled *Mao's China*.

Refreshments were prepared and served by the YOU members. Lavene L. Vorel.

## Man-made volcano

SPOKANE, Wash. — "An Island Evening" was the theme of the formal dance held by the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, churches in the Lodge at Spokane Falls Community College Feb. 4.

The old log Lodge, which served as an officers' club during the war years, was transformed into an island setting with plants and fishnets. Mt. Deiningner, a man-made volcano (See WRAP-UP, page 14)





# THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

PASADENA — The Ministerial Services Department has released the names of 11 new congregations of the Church. The churches and their pastors are as follows:

Bombay, India, **Seevaratnam Kulasingam**; Colombo, Sri Lanka, **Mohan Jayasekera**; Enugu, Nigeria, **Harold Jackson**; Kenosha, Wis., **George Meeker**; Kingwilliamstown, South Africa, **John White**; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, **Yong Chin Gee**; Lagos, Nigeria, **Harold Jackson**; Nairobi, Kenya, **Owen Willis**; Sa Khan Gyi Village, Burma, **Saw Lay Beh**; Singapore, **Yong Chin Gee**; and Warwick, Australia, **Rod King**.

The department also announced name changes for three congregations. The Garden Grove, Calif., church is now La Mirada, Calif.; Mankato, Minn., is now Mason City, Iowa; and Cape Town (Colored), South Africa, is now Retreat, South Africa.

The department reported three southern-African churches have been canceled: Bulawayo (Non-European) and Salisbury (Non-European), in Rhodesia, and Welkom, South Africa.

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PASADENA — The Ministerial Services Department has informed *The Worldwide News* of six men whose ministerial ordinations have not been announced in the *WN*.

Five who were ordained local elders are as follows:

**Francis Bergin** of the Bricklet Wood, England, church; **Merle Cunningham**, Dallas (Tex.) North; **Robert Flores Jr.**, Monterrey, Mexico; **Davis Reynolds Grove**, Hagerstown, Md.; and **David Silcox**, Bricklet Wood.

**David Treymbig**, who now pastors the Portsmouth, Ohio, church, was raised in rank to preaching elder.

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PASADENA — The Admissions Office of Ambassador College announced Feb. 13 that the Admissions Committee is accepting students for the fall, 1978, semester. Completed applications will be given immediate attention, and applicants should be notified within a few weeks of the committee's decision.

For application forms and information on financial aid, housing, degree programs and scholarships, write: Admissions Office, Ambassador College, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

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PASADENA — **Richard Rice**, director of mail processing, reported Feb. 21 his department is receiving "heavy responses" to **Garner Ted Armstrong's** co-worker letter of Jan. 30.

"After only 10 days," Mr. Rice said, "the co-worker response reached 16 percent and member response reached 30 percent. These percentages are very close to the normal average co-worker response after a period of 30 days."

This was in spite of the bad weather that still had a hold on much of the United States. "Apparently those areas of the nation not affected by heavy snows are helping to keep the mail picture quite strong," Mr. Rice said.

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PASADENA — **Ronald L. Dart**, vice president for pastoral adminis-



MR. AND MRS. RONALD DART

tration, and his wife observed their 25th wedding anniversary Feb. 21. To mark the occasion, the vice president and evangelist took his wife, the former **Allie Driver** of Arp, Tex., and two other couples out to dinner at The Tower, a restaurant atop the Occidental Center, a 32-story building in downtown Los Angeles.

The sabbatical ministers at Ambassador College (those in from the field for a year of studies) chipped in and bought the Darts a 400-day anniversary clock.

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PASADENA — The Systematic Theology Project will be translated into French, German and Spanish, announced **Leslie McCullough**, director of the International Division, Feb. 13.

The 400-typewritten-page original, English version was given to ministers during their January conference here. It is a summary of the

"doctrines, beliefs, practices and traditions" of the Worldwide Church of God.

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — **Stanley Rader**, senior consultant to the Church, arrived here Feb. 12 to meet government, business and civic leaders on behalf of **Herbert W. Armstrong**.

Beginning Feb. 13 he met with **Dr. Jan Marais**, a member of parliament and economist, and **Dr. Christiaan Barnard**, the heart-transplant surgeon, reported **Andre van Belkum** of the Church's office.

He also met South African President **Nicolaas Diederichs** and other government officials.

Mr. Rader traveled Feb. 15 to Namibia for a dinner for business, religious and political leaders sponsored by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. The next day he talked with **Marthinus T. Steyn**, administrator general of Namibia (South-West Africa).

The Sabbath of Feb. 19 Mr. Rader addressed 600 members at a combined-church service in South Africa. After several more meetings, Mr. Rader returned to the United States Feb. 22.

He had been accompanied during his travels here by **Robert Fahey**, director of the Work in Africa.

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PASADENA — A limited number of Church hymnals is available by mail to members who want their own copies, the Ministerial Services Department said Feb. 21.

"There is a \$3 charge to cover the cost of producing each hymnal," said department head **Ted Herliofson**.

Checks should be made out to the Worldwide Church of God and kept separate from tithes or offerings. Requests may be sent to the Church at Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

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PASADENA — The Spanish Work has announced a series of moves by ministers to take place during the first six months of 1978.

**Tom Turk**, his wife, **Jody**, and daughter, **Tamera**, have been granted a visa that will enable them to



MOPPING UP — Dexter Faulkner, assistant managing editor of *The Plain Truth*, and his wife, Shirley, remove inches of mud from their lawn with the help of Ambassador College volunteers. Torrential rains in Southern California recently caused widespread flooding and mud slides throughout the area. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

move their household belongings into a house in Mexico City duty free.

Mr. Turk will pastor the Mexico City congregation of 96 people and manage the local office and staff. His responsibilities will include the territory from Guadalajara, where **Alfredo Mercado**, a local elder, ministers to a church of 48 members and prospective members, to Veracruz, Chiapas, Tabasco, and Yucatan; about a fourth of the country.

**Robert Flores II**, who was made a local elder during the January headquarters ministers' conference, and his wife, **Dorothy**, are moving to Monterrey, Mexico, to minister to the northeastern section of the country, from Tampico on the Gulf of Mexico to Juarez, near the Texas border at El Paso.

Mr. Flores will be assisted by **Al Sousa**, a ministerial trainee, in covering about a third of Mexico.

**Pablo Gonzalez** has been granted a permanent working visa for Colombia and, with his wife, **Auria**,

will move to Bogota this summer to pastor the congregation of 104 in that city. He will conduct Bible studies in Cali, Medellin and Barranquilla, Colombia, and Caracas and Barquisimeto, Venezuela.

**Mario Seiglie** and his wife, **Catalina**, who serve the San Diego and Escondido, Calif., churches, will move to an as-yet-unannounced area of Central America in the spring. Mr. Seiglie currently holds Bible studies in Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico, twice a month.

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PASADENA — **Ray Howard**, conductor of the Ambassador Chorale, announced that five performances by the group are slated for four western states during March and April.

The chorale will perform for congregations in San Francisco, Calif., March 11; Portland, Ore., March 15; Seattle, Wash., March 18; Salt Lake City, Utah, April 15; and Pasadena April 26.

## New agency to represent Canadian Work

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panies as Chrysler, Kodak, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., Xerox and Greyhound.

Mr. Cole, in an address to his staff, said he is excited about this agency change in the respect that it places the time purchasing and servicing of the Church's radio and TV productions for Canada totally within Canada.



SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED — C. Wayne Cole, director of the Canadian Work, signs a contract, left, with Baker Lovick, Ltd., a Canadian advertising agency, as the firm's senior vice president, Dougald M. Lamb,

the East and West and even from province to province and city to city.

Mr. Lamb, who is a senior vice president of the agency, which is headquartered in Toronto, Ont., expressed his intentions of overseeing personally the Church's account and insuring that its needs are met promptly.

"Already we have attractive sta-

tions nibbling away, wanting us to get on with them," Mr. Cole said. "Initial assessment of station needs and the acquisition of good time slots on those stations will take time. But eventually the impact of this open door will be felt."

After Mr. Cole's announcement the office staff celebrated with champagne.



looks on. Mr. Cole and Mr. Lamb shake hands, right, after the contractual arrangements that authorized the agency to represent the Work in Canadian media markets. (Photos by John R. Elliott)