

Herbert W. Armstrong marries

Tucson wedding

The entire Worldwide Church of God will rejoice at the news that its sole Apostle and Leader has married again. Once more our Pastor General has a wife by his side as helper in the arduous responsibility God has

For more photo coverage of Mr. Armstrong's wedding, see pages 8 and 9.

committed to him of walking through doors providentially opened to Kings, Emperors, Presidents, Prime Ministers and those high in governments in all continents of the earth.

Since the death of Loma D. Armstrong, 10 years ago, Mr. Armstrong has had to carry on despite loneliness in this NEW DIMENSION of the work which kept him away from home 300 of the 365 days of the past year.

Many rejoice that God has provided, in Ramona Martin, a wife who can withstand the arduous rigors of this almost constant worldwide travel. God says it is not good that a man should be alone — and for that very reason He created woman. The Apostle Paul traveled a great deal, and, while he himself never married, he wrote: "Am I not an apostle? . . . Do we [apostles] not have the right to be accompanied by a wife . . . ?" (R.S.V. translation).

In this new dimension of Mr. (See MR. ARMSTRONG, page 8)



CONGRATULATIONS — Garner Ted Armstrong, left, congratulates his father, Herbert W. Armstrong, and his new bride, the former Ramona Martin, minutes after the ceremony. (Photo by John Robinson)

Bride in Work 15 years

TUCSON, Ariz. — How did Herbert W. Armstrong come to meet his new bride, the former Ramona Martin?

The new Mrs. Armstrong, who had been in the Work for 12 years at the time, was commissioned to personally bring a large quantity of promotional literature to Manila, Philippines, from Pasadena, where she was working. The literature was needed immediately for backup for Mr. Armstrong's 1974 personal-appearance campaign there.

"Because of the urgency of the situation," Stanley Rader recalled, "she was asked to bring the needed literature as extra baggage and come with it on the very next flight out of Los Angeles. After arriving in Manila, I decided she should be retained as a secretary and a part of our traveling team.

"For the first several years that Mr. Armstrong and I traveled overseas we did not have any help, other than that provided by my wife and then later by Mr. Armstrong's daughter. By the time of the Manila campaign our staff had increased somewhat. Mrs. Martin had special abilities and talents which made her a (See MR. ARMSTRONG'S, page 16)

A Personal Letter from

This is the morning after an epochal event in my life. I want to write you my own summary of the most recent 3½-week trip to South Africa. But, this being the morning after an event such as happened right here in my new home in Tucson, Ariz., it is naturally freshest on my mind and so I am going to write this as I personally experienced it first.

Mr. John Robinson, our managing editor, was here and has given you his report on it. But I have learned from it that life does have some experiences for us — IMPORTANT experiences too — and I think it well that we realize these things.

Yesterday was my wedding day — my second, since my first was 30 years ago and ended in the death of my beloved wife 10 years ago.

First I did not realize that a man my age — actually I am now 39 going on 38 (but the CALENDAR misreports my age as 84) — could experience the SAME emotional experience of being up on cloud nine that I did as a young man of 25 at the time of the marriage to the wife of my youth. I supposed only YOUNG people experienced that emotion of ecstasy about engagement and a marriage.

Some four or five months ago, Mr. Stanley R. Rader, my chief adviser and assistant on our traveling team, suggested one day when we were spending a few days in Palm Springs that we each buy a small home in Palm Springs for an occasional place to "get away" and rest. But we found there were many more advantages for us in Tucson. So some weeks ago we each did buy a place here in Tucson.

My new home here is only about half furnished so far, but livable.

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Mr. Armstrong recaps journey

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Readers of *The Worldwide News* already have read a synopsis diary of the latest South African visit. But it was brief — just a summary diary. I would like to give some of my personal reactions and highlight some of the really IMPORTANT events, which in a brief diary form gave the reader no insight whatever to the true importance and significance of some of these events.

The itinerary was largely arranged by Mr. Robert Fahey, manager of our South African headquarters, with offices in Johannesburg. I think Bob took me literally when I said I am now 39 going on 38.

A year or two ago I was saying I was 37 going on 36. But this is written two days after my recent wedding, and the new Mrs. Ramona Armstrong is in her 39th year — that is, 38 going on 39 — so I have had to change my REAL age (my calendar 'age' misrepresents me as being much older — but I rate my age according to current capacity, activity and accomplishment. Some men are OLD men at 45 or 50).

A Few Still Young

I know a very few, like Dr. Floyd Lochner, who are still YOUNG men in their activities and accomplishments at 64. In his college days, at the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Lochner

won all the distance races in track, and held the WORLD'S RECORD in the two-mile steeplechase. In fact, the present world record is only one tenth of a second faster than the record he set. Now he intends to once again break the world's record in the two-mile run or the two-mile steeplechase

in a meet for men over 60 this coming year at Paris, France.

The Great Commission

I don't think I'm vain when I say I do not FEEL 84, I do not LOOK 84, I do not act like 84, but I do the job God (See MR. ARMSTRONG, Page 7)

'Stirring experience' recorded by minister

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — When Herbert W. Armstrong visited Namibia during his recent travels in southern Africa (*The Worldwide News*, March 28), one of the people accompanying him was Martin Bode, a minister of the Church and computer-systems analyst for the Work's office here.

Mr. Bode, who speaks fluently the three principal languages of Namibia (South-West Africa) — English, German and Afrikaans — was asked to assist Mr. Armstrong on his Namibian trip in whatever way possible.

The following is Mr. Bode's report of Mr. Armstrong's activities:

Monday, March 14, Capt. Ed

Black landed the G-II at Eros Airport, on the outskirts of Windhoek, capital of South-West Africa/Namibia. As on the previous occasion in November, 1976 (when Stanley Rader and Robert Fahey, director of the Work in Africa, represented Herbert W. Armstrong at a Rotary luncheon), the G-II landing caused quite a stir. It is the only jet aircraft landing at Eros, which has a very short runway; commercial jet aircraft have to use the airport 40 miles outside of the city.

All work seems to stop when the G-II is around, as people speculate whether the runway will be long enough for takeoff in the heat of day at that altitude. Similar aircraft of the (See 'STIRRING,' page 7)

A Personal Letter

from

Samuel Led Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings from Wichita! I've just returned to my hotel room following a very thoroughly moving and wonderful afternoon spent with about 1,650 of you brethren from Wichita, Salina, Hays and Coffeyville, Kan., and Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., and am looking forward to a major church social with the brethren from the Kansas and Oklahoma churches in Wichita this evening. I announced before my sermon my father's marriage, as you will see from the first page and other articles and my father's own "Personal" in this issue.

I had told my father on many occasions I would have felt very awkward and perhaps, from an emotional standpoint, would have been unable to perform the ceremony. But at the very last minute, even though he had called upon the local pastor of the Tucson church, Mr. Larry Neff, to perform the ceremony, I called him aside and asked him if I could perform the ceremony.

And in retrospect, as I think back at his immediate and spontaneous outburst of deep emotion and affection toward me, his expressions of deepest thanks toward me for granting him his wish, I am very thankful that I was able to overcome my emotional reservations and grant him his wish.

I would like to repeat for you here a step-by-step explanation of events as they transpired on that day, as I told our ministers in *The Bulletin*.

Big Bear Hug

His answer to my request was a big bear hug and quite literal tears of rejoicing, and he told me with great emotion that I had given him the "greatest wedding present" I could ever have given.

He was so bubbling over with joy and happiness that I felt I could not withhold such a personal expression of my own emotion and love toward him by not granting his request,

which he had repeated to me over the course of many months, and so changed my mind at the last moment and did perform the ceremony.

Without meaning or implying any undue sentimentality or emotion, I would like to tell you that it was the most moving ceremony (as you can well imagine) that I have ever performed, and perhaps one of the most difficult.

I began with very informal remarks, saying, "This is a unique occasion, if not in all of history, at least in the history of this Work, for a son to perform the wedding of his own father," and I told the audience not to be nervous, "because I am nervous enough for all of you!"

I then read through the standard wedding ceremony, commenting prior to beginning that I was going to use the same ceremony written by "this man who designed this ceremony from the Word of God when he was first called into God's Work when I was yet a little boy up in Oregon."

Humorous Aspects

I cannot help but relate to you a very humorous aspect of the ceremony and at least two strange things which occurred during the wedding which I have never seen or heard before in the many ceremonies I have performed. One was uproarious laughter; the other was a burst of applause at the conclusion!

The laughter came when wondering how I was going to manage the question, "And now do you, his first name . . ." I said, "And now do you, Dad, take . . ." Upon his very positive affirmation of "I do!" I looked soberly at him, nodded, and said, "I thought you would."

At this the entire assembly burst into spontaneous laughter. I continued with the ceremony to the conclusion, asking God's blessing upon the union in prayer, and at the end, as Mr. Armstrong placed the wedding band on his new bride's finger, there

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a mini-Feast when I can read of Mr. H. W. and what he is directly saying to the leaders of the world.

Mrs. Clyde Mottin
Grand Island, Neb.

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What's going on

We enjoy getting *The Worldwide News* and read it at once. It is the only way we have of hearing from the Church about what's going on. The personal-letter column from GTA is especially welcomed.

Mrs. L.B. Morgan
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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Sorry, Walter

The recent recovery alive after 11 days of burial in earthquake debris of a victim [of the March 4 Rumanian earthquake] was truly good news, if good news can come from a tragedy. Walter Cronkite on CBS news read that this was a record length of time for survival without food and water. Sorry, Walter, CBS and any other media who thought this was a record! It seems that Moses went 40 days without food and water (Exodus 34:28). Later on Elijah repeated that (I Kings 19:8). Lastly, we all should remember that our Saviour fasted 40 days and nights (Matthew 4:2).

It is unknown if the earthquake victim [reportedly a teenage boy] called out to God. But whether he did or not I'm sure God helped him. It's a miracle he survived. It's another miracle that Moses, Elijah and Jesus survived. We know that they called on God.

Doug Stubbs
Guelph, Ont.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Reader suggestion

I just finished reading Mr. GTA's "Personal" in the April 11, 1977, [WN] and was very sad to hear of brethren of God's Church being taken advantage of through "unwanted" mail.

I have a suggestion. Why not print the name and no address of those who send in a "request or ad of any kind"?

State in the WN that all addresses are on file and only eligible to a subscriber of the WN who sends their WN label plus self-addressed stamped envelope.

Viola R. Cossel
Thornton, Colo.

Mrs. Cossel, whose letter arrived just as we were putting the finishing touches on our new remaining system for personals, proposes a procedure basically the same as the one we came up with (see page 10). We don't ask that readers send in self-addressed, stamped envelopes with their personals, as Mrs. Cossel suggests, but we'll keep the idea in mind for future reference. Our system is admittedly still experimental, and we expect refinements will come along.

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Namibian transcript

Just read March 28's news. I hope you will continue to publish transcript speeches of Mr. HWA with heads of state, etc. This is the "next best thing" to being there. Please give us more! It's like

America: on verge of a mistake

By Gene H. Hogberg
News Editor, "The Plain Truth"
PASADENA — While Jimmy Carter's plans to combat the looming energy crisis in America have grabbed most of the headlines recently, another development of perhaps far greater significance to the economic health and military security of the United States has received only minimal attention.

Representatives of the United States and the Republic of Panama are deep into a round of negotiations with the aim of producing a new treaty to replace the 1903 pact under which Panama granted the United States control "in perpetuity" of a 10-mile strip across the Central American isthmus.

The negotiations have proceeded in a start-and-stop fashion over 12 years but have picked up a bit of steam since Mr. Carter took office, even though he had promised, probably to counter Ronald Reagan's strong don't-give-up-the-canal stand, that the United States would not surrender "practical control" of the vital sea gate.

Mr. Carter had hoped to have a new treaty ready to present to the Senate, which must approve it by no more than 38 negative votes, by June. But obstacles have surfaced, principally because tiny Panama is taking a hard line.

I will cover this critically important issue in detail in the July *Plain Truth*, but here are some factors:

● Panama is demanding — and America will concede — sovereignty over the Canal Zone no later than three years after the treaty goes into effect.

● Panama is willing to let the United States stay on and operate the canal (since it can't do it itself) "in partnership" with Panama until the year 2000. After that Panama does not want to have any more Americans around on the isthmus. The American negotiators are pleading with Panama to let them hang on a little longer, say to 2025.

Panama, of course, is not willing to pay anything substantial for America's \$7 billion investment in the canal and, in fact, insists that the United States vastly increase its annual payments to her for the privilege of using the canal after it gives the waterway up.

If my words sound a bit sarcastic, they are intended to; the more diplomatic prose will appear in *The Plain Truth*. But the fact is, the United States has consistently given in to Panama's unwarranted demands regarding the canal almost from the day Panama solemnly agreed to grant the zone "in perpetuity" — meaning forever — to the United States in 1903.

On the one hand, the United States has faithfully observed its commitment to operate the waterway on a completely fair and equal manner, open to all nations at reasonable rates. (Panama, by contrast, aims to milk the users of the canal — the big

MOVING?

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Gene Hogberg, news editor for *The Plain Truth*, has spent the past two decades as a dedicated news watcher. Since 1958 he has served in the *Work's News Bureau*, reading, studying, collecting and collating news from around the world. He has traveled extensively in Europe, including Eastern Europe, and southern Africa, as well as the Middle East, Asia, India and elsewhere.

ones being America, Britain, Japan, Norway and Greece — for all the traffic will bear, short of forcing shippers to consider sailing around Cape Horn again.)

In its relations with Panama, however, this country has never been able to say no to Panama's outrageous demands reinforced by occasional temper tantrums. The whole history of negotiations with Panama has been a succession of one-sided concessions, with Panama offering nothing in return but a promise to behave better.

A Question of Covetousness

Recently I talked with one of the foremost authorities on the Panama Canal question, Professor Donald M. Dozer of the University of California, Santa Barbara. A full interview with Dr. Dozer containing his frank, sobering, even frightening, analysis of the canal situation will appear with the article. But I thought I would pass along a couple of questions and answers from our conversation:

How do you answer the familiar cry that the United States has exploited little Panama?

"That is not a fair charge at all. The United States has made an honorable record in operating the canal as an international public utility at minimal charges and no financial profit to itself.

"The very success of the United States in building and operating the canal and in developing the Canal Zone, when contrasted with the conditions of underdevelopment in the Republic of Panama, has filled Panamanian demagogues with envy, which has driven them to covet their neighbor's canal and Canal Zone. There would be no canal problem today if these politicians would follow the commandment 'Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's Canal Zone, his canal or anything that is thy neighbor's.'"

If the United States relinquishes its control of the zone and the canal, what is to prevent tiny Panama from sooner or later being swept into the expanding Soviet orbit?

"Very little. It can easily be anticipated that, with the removal of the United States' authority, Panama will again become a focus of international rivalry as it was for many centuries before the United States brought law and order there. Besides, what defensive capability does Panama have to prevent a Soviet takeover of this international waterway? Only the United States possesses this capability.

Soviet Objective

"Anyone who understands anything about geopolitics and Soviet world strategy knows that the control of strategic waterways of the world, including the United States Isthmian Canal, has been one of the major geopolitical objectives of the Soviet Union since 1917.

"The critical situation of the United States in the Canal Zone, produced largely by Washington policymakers, is not a mere local question between the United States and Panama. It is part of a global power struggle directly related to the security of the United States and the entire western hemisphere.

"Upon the defense of the Canal

Zone by the United States depends the fate of the canal. Upon the fate of the canal depend the safety of world sea-lanes and the fate of the entire Caribbean-Gulf area. On these factors depends the survival of the United States as a free and independent nation and the safety and welfare of the American continents."

Negotiations for a new treaty have been going off and on now for about 12 years. Are they really negotiations? How much give and take has there been on both sides?

"From the very beginning these negotiations have lacked the central feature of negotiation, namely a quid-pro-quo, give-and-take relationship. When I had an opportunity in 1967 to discuss with Ambassador Joseph Farland, our ambassador who began the negotiations with Panama in 1965, I asked him, 'Joe, when you began these negotiations to give the canal back to Panama, did you ask the Panamanians to give us anything in return?'

"His answer was, 'No, I don't think so . . . Oh, yes, I did ask them to give us an additional 55-foot frontage of land adjoining the embassy residence [in Panama City] for a parking lot.'

"Did you get it? I asked him. 'No, I did not.'

"Now, the idea of exchanging the Panama Canal for a 55-foot frontage of parking lot is a ridiculous comparison, but through the years the U.S. has made no other demands upon Panama in these so-called negotiations except to ask the Panamanians to abandon their tantrums and quit rioting against the U.S. This is the only benefit we would derive from the giveaway policy."

Potential Calamity

Our leaders, it seems, have no conception of the potentially calamitous consequences of their totally uncalculated territorial giveaway. When the State Department shows it is willing to give up a portion of America's God-given birthright — a vital sea gate that insures the nation's security and economic well-being (see Genesis 22:17) — for a parking lot and a bunch of empty promises, then something is wrong at the top levels of government.

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137 stations carry spot broadcasts

PASADENA — Garner Ted Armstrong's five-minute radio broadcasts are now aired on 137 stations in the United States, announced Dan Ricker of the Media Services Department April 11. The programs are now on the following stations (all are AM stations unless otherwise indicated):

Alabama: WYDE, Birmingham, 850 kHz, 6:05 a.m. and 8:05 p.m.; WAAX, Gadsden, 570 kHz, 12:25 p.m.; WKRG, Mobile, 710 kHz, 12:15 p.m.; WFMI-FM, Montgomery, 98.9 MHz, 12:15 p.m.; WMGY, Montgomery, 800 kHz, 7:10 a.m.; WQTY, Montgomery, 1000 kHz, 12:15 p.m.

Alaska: KBYR, Anchorage, 700 kHz, 6:06 p.m.

Arizona: KPGE, Page, 1340 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KTUC, Tucson, 1400 kHz, 12:45 p.m.

Arkansas: KNEA, Jonesboro, 970 kHz, 4 p.m.

California: KHSL, Chico, 1290 kHz, 12:15 p.m.; KNCR, Fortuna, 1090 kHz, 7:55 a.m.; KLAC, Los Angeles, 570 kHz, 10:55 p.m.; KCLM, Redding, 1330 kHz, 12:05 p.m.; KSDO, San Diego, 1130 kHz, 8:55 p.m.

Colorado: KGIW, Alamosa, 1450 kHz, 6:30 p.m.; KQXI, Arvada, 1550 kHz, 4:45 p.m.; KPIK, Colorado Springs, 1580 kHz, 4:10 p.m.; KDTA, Delta, 1400 kHz, 6:35 p.m.; KOA, Denver, 850 kHz, 11:45 p.m.; KGUC, Gunnison, 1490 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KWSR, Rifle, 810 kHz, 11:50 a.m.; KVRH, Salida, 1340 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KVRH-FM, Salida, 92.1 MHz, 6:05 p.m.; KGEEK, Sterling, 1230 kHz, 5:55 p.m.; KCRT, Trinidad, 1240 kHz, 1:05 p.m.

Connecticut: WELI, New Haven, 960 kHz, 10:30 p.m.

District of Columbia: WKYS-FM, Washington, 93.9 MHz, 6:05 a.m.; WRC, Washington, 980 kHz, 6:55 p.m.

Florida: WCMG, Jacksonville, 1090 kHz, noon; WBIX, Jacksonville Beach, 1010 kHz, 3:45 p.m.; WINZ, Miami, 940 kHz, 12:35 p.m.; WINQ, Tampa, 1010 kHz, 12:01 p.m.

Idaho: KBAR, Burley, 1230 kHz, 6:30 p.m.; KVSI, Montpelier, 1450 kHz, 4:15 p.m.; KWIK, Pocatello, 1240 kHz, 6:45 p.m.; KLIX, Twin Falls, 1310 kHz, 10:05 p.m.

Illinois: WMAQ, Chicago, 670 kHz, 5:30 a.m.

Indiana: WGL, Fort Wayne, 1250 kHz, 12:06 p.m.; WBRI, Indianapolis, 1500 kHz, 1:45 and 6 p.m.

Kansas: KGGF, Coffeyville, 690 kHz, 5:20 p.m.

Kentucky: WFTG, London, 1400 kHz, 8:30 a.m.; WHAS, Louisville, 840 kHz, 5:25 a.m.; WKYQ-FM, Paducah, 93.3 MHz, 12:55 p.m.; WKYX, Paducah, 570 kHz, 5:45 a.m.

Louisiana: WWL, New Orleans, 870 kHz, 5:55 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; KRMD, Shreveport, 1340 kHz, 5:55 a.m.

Maryland: WLPL-FM, Baltimore, 92.3 MHz, noon.

Massachusetts: WACE, Chicopee, 730 kHz, noon; WMEX, Boston, 1150 kHz, 12:05 p.m.

Michigan: WLDM-FM, Detroit, 95.5 MHz, 6:55 a.m.; WKMF, Flint, 1470 kHz, 7 p.m.; WBUC, Portage, 1560 kHz, 12:32 p.m.

Minnesota: WEBC, Duluth, 560 kHz, 6 a.m.; KOLM, Rochester, 1520 kHz, 7:55 a.m.; KRSI, St. Louis Park, 950 kHz, 7:55 p.m.

Mississippi: WCPC, Houston, 940 kHz, 11:06 a.m.; WCPC-FM, Houston, 93.3 MHz, 12:45 p.m.

Missouri: KMBZ, Kansas City, 980 kHz, 10:30 p.m.; KCLU, Rolla, 1590 kHz, 7:25 a.m.; KCLU-FM, Rolla, 94.3 MHz, 7:25 a.m.

Montana: KBMN, Bozeman, 1230 kHz, 4:40 p.m.; KBOW,

Butte, 550 kHz, 6:55 p.m.; KDBM, Dillon, 1490 kHz, 4:25 p.m.; KLTZ, Glasgow, 1240 kHz, 5:10 p.m.; KXGN, Glendive, 1400 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KMON, Great Falls, 560 kHz, 6:20 p.m.; KBLL, Helena, 1240 kHz, 5:40 p.m.; KOFI, Kalispell, 1180 kHz, 6:35 p.m.; KXLO, Lewistown, 1230 kHz, 6:30 p.m.; KPRK, Livingston, 1340 kHz, 6:25 p.m.; KRBN, Red Lodge, 1450 kHz, 12:36 p.m.; KSEN, Shelby, 1150 kHz, 6:25 p.m.

Nebraska: KCOW, Alliance, 1400 kHz, 6:25 p.m.; KUVR, Holdrege, 1380 kHz, 5:35 p.m.; KICX, McCook, 1360 kHz, 1 p.m.; KOGA, Ogallala, 930 kHz, 6:32 p.m.; KNEB, Scottsbluff, 960 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KSID, Sidney, 1340 kHz, 6:15 p.m.; KVSH, Valentine, 940 kHz, 4:10 p.m.

Nevada: KELK, Elko, 1240 kHz, 6:10 a.m. and 6:55 p.m.; KVEG, Las Vegas, 970 kHz, 5:05 p.m.; KSRN-FM, Reno, 104.5 MHz,

12:05 p.m.

New Jersey: WRDR-FM, Egg Harbor, 104.9 MHz, 6:35 a.m.; WRDI, Hammonton, 1580 kHz, 6:35 a.m.

New Mexico: KGRT, Las Cruces, 570 kHz, 12:30 p.m.; KGRD-FM, Las Cruces, 103.9 MHz, 12:30 p.m.

New York: WKOP, Binghamton, 1360 kHz, 6:25 a.m.; WVOX, New Rochelle, 1460 kHz, 2:10 p.m.; WVOX-FM, New Rochelle, 93.5 MHz, 5:10 p.m.; WOR, New York, 710 kHz, 8:10 and 11:10 p.m.; WHLD, Niagara Falls, 1270 kHz, 4:40 p.m.

North Carolina: WWNC, Asheville, 570 kHz, 3:45 p.m.; WSOE, Charlotte, 930 kHz, 6:55 a.m.; WPTF, Raleigh, 680 kHz, 11:55 p.m.

Ohio: WSLR, Akron, 1350 kHz, 6 a.m.; WCKY, Cincinnati, 1530 kHz, 5 a.m.; WZIP, Cincinnati, 1050 kHz, 4:20 p.m.; WWWWE, Cleveland, 1100 kHz, 5:05 a.m.;

WIOI, New Boston, 1010 kHz, 1:05 p.m.; WHHH, Warren, 1440 kHz, 6:25 p.m.

Oklahoma: KTOK, Oklahoma City, 1000 kHz, 10:10 p.m.

Oregon: KSHA, Medford, 860 kHz, 12:50 p.m.; KLIQ, Portland, 1290 kHz, 4:02 p.m.

Pennsylvania: WRCP, Philadelphia, 1540 kHz, 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.; WGBI, Scranton, 910 kHz, 12:30 p.m.; WMBS, Uniontown, 590 kHz, 12:30 p.m.

South Carolina: WCAY, Cayce, 620 kHz, 7 a.m.

South Dakota: KOBH, Hot Springs, 580 kHz, 4:25 p.m., November, 4:10 p.m., December, 5:25 p.m., rest of year; KCCR, Pierre, 1240 kHz, 7:05 p.m.; KIOV-FM, Sioux Falls, 104.7 MHz, 5:05 p.m.

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1450 kHz, 6:25 a.m.; KLO, Ogden, 1430 kHz, 6:06 p.m.; KOAL, Price, 1230 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KDXU, St. George, 1450 kHz, 6:30 p.m.; KSL, Salt Lake City, 1160 kHz, 5:30 a.m. and 12:30 and 10:55 p.m.; KVEL, Vernal, 920 kHz, 4:30 p.m.; KSVL, Richfield, 980 kHz, 4:25 p.m.

Virginia: WRVA, Richmond, 1140 kHz, 10:10 p.m.

Washington: KMO, Tacoma, 1360 kHz, 12:50 p.m.

West Virginia: WKOY, Bluefield, 1240 kHz, 11 a.m.; WWVA, Wheeling, 1170 kHz, 6:55 p.m.

Wisconsin: WAXX, Chippewa Falls, 1150 kHz, 9:55 a.m.; WEAU-FM, Eau Claire, 104.5 MHz, 9:55 a.m.; WISN, Milwaukee, 1130 kHz, 7:05 p.m.; WSAU, Wausau, 550 kHz, 6:10 p.m.

Wyoming: KBBS, Buffalo, 1450 kHz, 6:10 p.m.; KUGR, Green River, 1490 kHz, 6:30 p.m.;

KOWB, Laramie, 1290 kHz, 4:10 p.m.; KRAL, Rawlins, 1240 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KWOW, Riverton, 1450 kHz, 6:20 p.m.; KWOR, Worland, 1340 kHz, 6:05 p.m.



ESCAPE — Church member Eldad Opio and his family — from left, Mr. Opio, daughters Sarah and Owor, Mr. Opio's cousin, son Tezerah and Mrs. Opio — fled from Uganda to Kenya March 6.

Member flees Ugandan terrors

NAIROBI, Kenya — Church member Eldad Opio, along with his wife, three children and a young cousin, escaped from Uganda — and the reported bloodbath spawned by dictator Idi Amin — into Kenya last month. Mr. Opio wrote the following account after taking up temporary residence in this country.

Immediately after Passover and the first day of Unleavened Bread, feeling relieved and safe and being together with other brethren for the first time, together with a minister of the Church, Mr. Owen Willis, I felt I should write about my safe escape from Uganda into Kenya, to add to the joy of those whose

unceasing prayers for us were and are being answered before us.

I got in contact with God's Work in late 1966, and as a result two of us in Uganda were baptized on the 29th of September, 1970, by Mr. Richard Frankel and Mr. Martin Watson during their African tour. We have continued due to your prayers to receive *The Plain Truth* and *Good News* magazines, booklets, articles, Correspondence Course lessons and co-worker letters safely, even if sometimes opened by the authorities.

Being in much difficulty, we have been quiet, unheard, as if not living, cut off from other scattered

members, yet one and sharing spiritually all things with you all.

After the death of Archbishop Janani Luwum, and after the escape and fleeing of the country by my brother, Jonah Okoth, an Anglican bishop, I felt my life and the life of my family were in danger. So on the 6th of March, 1977, after getting proper information of the killings and the movements of soldiers and studying the situation, I and my wife took a quick and active decision to leave the country, leaving all belongings.

We left during night because during day there was fear of being seen and shot by the patrolling soldiers, going by foot for about 20 miles, resting at times for the sake

of my wife, who is pregnant, and the children. I hired three men who know the paths to help carry the children: Tezerah, 5, Sarah, 3½, Owor, 2, and an orphan, the son of my late uncle.

We were helped by moonlight to see the way through very bushy paths and forests and to cross rivers, streams and swampy, muddy places.

On the morning of the 7th of March we reached a major local road and got a taxi car to Kisumu Town in Kenya. After leaving my family with a friend whom we met in Kisumu, who gave us his kitchen to live in, I left for Nairobi to report to the authorities.

Youths honored

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Brenda Sue Purkapile, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Purkapile, was installed as a member of the National



BRENDA PURKAPILE

Honor Society March 8. She is a junior at McArthur High School here.

Lawrence Lane, principal at McArthur, sent Brenda's parents a letter that read in part: "The National Honor Society recognizes those students who are the highest in scholastic achievement, service, leadership and character. There is no higher honor than this school can bestow upon a student of this school."

Brenda said the honor came as a surprise, since her band grades had been lowered because she had not been able to attend several graded activities that fell on the Sabbath.

Brenda is a leader of the YOUS-sponsored children's choir here and directed the group for special music during the spring Holy Days and will direct a fun show later this year. She

has attended services with her family here for six years.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Pam Brothers, a member of the YOU chapter here, was a member of the No. 1 girls' all-state YMCA basketball team for Alabama in the first such tournament held for girls 12 and younger. Pam, who played outstanding defensive ball and was credited with many assists on offense, was named all-tournament player.

Pam also won the first-place



PAM BROTHERS

trophy for being the best free-throw shooter among girls 12 and younger at the YMCA.

Also an active member of 4-H, she has won ribbons in cooking, sewing and essay writing.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Brothers and attends church here.

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — Ginger Stockwell, a sophomore at Orange



GINGER STOCKWELL

Glen High School here, entered a winning drawing in the Statewide Youth Arts Month Art Exhibition, sponsored by the California Art Education Association. Ginger's drawing was selected from among 22 school districts to represent San Diego County after being judged by three panels of judges.

The exhibition was held at the Pacific Design Center in Beverly Hills, Calif., March 1 to April 11.

A special reception in honor of the participating art students took place March 11 at the center. During the reception Ginger talked with and got the autograph of actor Jack Lemmon, one of the celebrities who attended.

Ginger will have more of her drawings displayed in an art show at the Vineyard in Escondido this month and in La Jolla, Calif., in May.

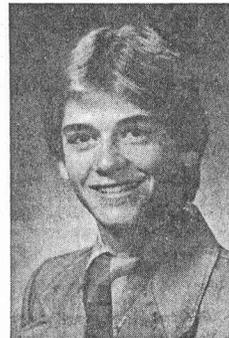
She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Stockwell, members of the San Diego church.

NORTH CANTON, Ohio — Jay Brothers, a senior at Hoover High School here and president of the Akron YOU chapter, recently received two honors in salesmanship.

Jay was the only student recognized by the sales-and-marketing executives of Canton, Inc., among a group of 28 Canton-area sales people who received the group's annual Distinguished Salesman's Award.

The 28, including Jay, were pictured in a full-page ad in the Feb. 28 *Canton Repository* and honored at a banquet.

Placing first in district distributive-education competition in the sales-demonstration category,



JAY BROTHERS

Jay is eligible to compete in state competition.

Jay, who hopes to attend Ambassador College in Pasadena this fall, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Brothers of the Akron P.M. church.

Now you know

STOCKTON, Mo. — Five-month-old Kenneth Lincoln Hamilton, grandson of Church member Loha E. Hamilton of the Springfield church, is the fourth member of Mrs. Hamilton's family, in successive generations, to be named after former President Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Hamilton's father was Isaac Lincoln Baker, her brother is Avis Lincoln Baker, and her son, a twin, is Jerry Lincoln Hamilton.

Still teaching at 96

She never slows down

By Stephen Brown

FARMINGTON, Mich. — Once in a while you hear stories of people who have led long, productive lives, accomplishing much, never seeming to slow down. Such is the case with Margaret S. Lancaster, a longtime member of the Detroit West church. At 96 Mrs. Lancaster still does what she does best: She teaches private speech classes.

The former Margaret Slifer was born in 1881 on a farm in Illinois, the oldest of four children and the apple of her father's eye. She was an entertainer and teacher from the word go, starting at age 5. Young Maggie took private "expression" lessons and at her father's encouragement was up early in the morning memorizing her readings.

When Margaret graduated from Bunker Hill Academy in Bunker Hill, Ill., she already had a class of pupils, plus a few private students, setting the pace for an active life.

She attended Marion (Ind.) College, giving lessons in all phases of entertainment to help pay her way through school.

She graduated as an outstanding student (and later took postgraduate courses) in oratory in 1903.

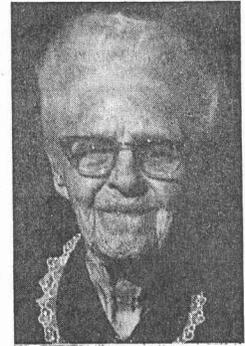
Private Teacher

Since then Mrs. Lancaster has been a private speech teacher, working in private and public schools, directing plays, holding speech contests, giving recitals, conducting programs for crowds as large as 10,000 people.

She has committed to memory more than 100 readings, some lasting 45 minutes. Whenever possible Mrs. Lancaster has given her readings in costume and often with accompaniment.

On Aug. 1, 1905, Miss Margaret Slifer held a recital in her studio in Alton, Ill., for several of her former pupils. Immediately afterward, in the same studio, she married her childhood sweetheart, William F. "Football Willie" Lancaster. She remembers Willie as a "blue-eyed man with a beautiful singing voice."

In 1911, when long-horned cattle were still in Texas, Willie and Margaret and their only child, Richard,



MARGARET LANCASTER

then 5, moved to Carrizo Springs, Tex., staying there for six years. It was then that the Lancasters began a "hamper business," sending fresh vegetables in bushel hampers through the mail to people who answered their newspaper ads.

She also sold real estate and gave her lessons and programs all over Texas, she says.

In 1945, after William retired, he and Margaret moved here to be near their son and his family. She set up another studio, teaching hundreds of children and adults in this area. She presented programs all over the Detroit area, holding recitals, contests, plays and poetry readings, as well as renting rooms and costumes.

Interest via Correspondence

Mrs. Lancaster became interested in the Church via the Correspondence Course in 1958 and was first contacted by Ken Graham, now a local elder at Detroit First, in 1961. Mrs. Lancaster's first visit from a minister was by Art Molarow in 1963. That same year she attended the first Detroit church service, and ever since has been a member.

After 63 years of marriage her husband died, in 1968, at the age of 90.

Mrs. Lancaster still gives private lessons in her home, and many of her former pupils stop in on occasion to see her and tell her of their success and how her lessons have helped them.

Boy's hearing improved

ESSEX, Ont. — Seven-year-old Jerry Bondy can hear again, even though he did not undergo an operation a doctor said he would have to have to restore his hearing. Jerry's "left ear was almost completely healed" and his right ear "greatly improved," says Jerry's father, after a minister of the Church anointed him.

Jerry's parents are George and Rose Bondy, members of the Windsor, Ont., congregation.

The Bondys suspected their son had hearing problems when he "seemed to tune us out and ignore us often when he was playing around the house," says Mr. Bondy.

"One day we received a letter from Jerry's school saying that they had given him a routine hearing test, and the results indicated a hearing loss. The school suggested we take him to a doctor and notify them of the results."

"Our family doctor examined him and said that he would have to be seen by a specialist."

The specialist told the Bondys Jerry had a ".40-decibel hearing loss in both ears" and would have to take medication to dry out fluid behind his eardrums that was preventing the drums from being sensitive to sound.

After a month, with the medication apparently having no effect, the specialist decided Jerry must undergo an operation to "drain out the fluid in the middle ear."

"As instructed in James," says Mr. Bondy, "we took Jerry to Mr. Thomas N. Ecker, one of God's ministers and pastor of the Windsor congregation of the Worldwide Church of God," who anointed the boy.

"On the day preceding the scheduled operation I took Jerry in for a blood test. At the same time, his mother phoned the specialist and told him that Jerry seemed to be hearing better."

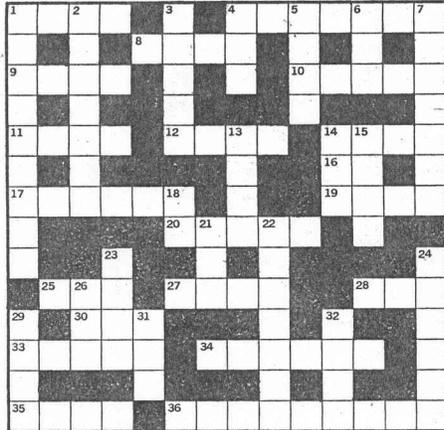
"The doctor said that his last examination revealed no improvement, but he would cancel the operation for 8 a.m. the next morning, and [he] asked me to bring him in for another examination."

A new hearing test showed Jerry had almost total normal use of his right ear, and his left was greatly improved. The doctor now says, according to Mr. Bondy, that both ears should be normal before long.

"He [the doctor] said he could not understand it," Mr. Bondy says. "We understand, and we thank God for His great mercy."

BIBLE CROSSWORD

BY MR. AND MRS. JACK L. BAILEY



ACROSS

- 1 Took Ruth to be his wife.
- 4 Successor of Aaron as high priest (Numbers 20:28).
- 8 "And man became a living ____" (Genesis 2:7).
- 9 A means of trial.
- 10 Father of Moses and Aaron (Exodus 6:18-20).
- 11 First king over Israel (I Samuel 9:31).
- 12 Successor of Abimelech as judge of Israel (Judges 10:1-2).
- 14 Fifth book of the New Testament.
- 16 A king of Egypt with whom Hoshua formed an alliance against Assyria (II Kings 17:4, 6).
- 17 The 17th book of the Old Testament.
- 19 To give or donate to others.
- 20 Where Joseph was put in prison (Genesis 39).
- 25 A king of Hamath (II Samuel 8:9, 10).
- 27 Second son of Adam and Eve.
- 28 One of the fruits of God's Spirit (Galatians 5:22).
- 30 A name associated with the last three plagues (Revelation 9-11).
- 33 Food God supplied the Israelites.
- 34 David's first wife.

DOWN

- 1 Solomon's mother.
- 2 A sudden vigorous attack.
- 3 Proverbs 27.
- 4 A high priest and judge (I Samuel).
- 5 Means hairy.
- 6 A king slain by the Israelites (Numbers 31:8).
- 7 The Israelites departed from ____ in the first month (Numbers 33).
- 13 A title given to women of certain ranks in the British Empire.
- 14 The third king of Judah (I Kings 15:8).
- 15 "The love of many shall wax ____."
- 18 The second tone of a music scale.
- 21 A battlefield (II Samuel 21:18, 19).
- 22 A large bird with a pouch-shaped bill.
- 23 The "city of David" (II Samuel 5:7).
- 24 An island in the Mediterranean.
- 26 "His ____ received him not" (John 1).
- 29 Last word in the New Testament.
- 31 "He that has an ____ let him hear" (Revelation 2).
- 32 His name after conversion.

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Local church news wrap-up

Campaigns and Chili

AKRON, Ohio — The first Church campaigns here were March 16 and 17, as Norman Smith, evangelist and Northwest Area coordinator, conducted the two-night event.

An audience of 320 heard Mr. Smith speak about prophecy-fulfilling events of today, the World Tomorrow and God's plan as outlined by the Holy Days.

Refreshments rounded out the evenings, and Ray Meyer, pastor here, commented that he was pleased with the response to the campaigns.

Twelve women here cooked up a chili feed attended by 300 persons in the church's downtown hall March 19. The women, most of whom are widows or wives whose husbands are not members, raised \$165.50, which was donated to the Work.

The chili supper also featured a talent show put on by young people in the 5- to 12-year-old age-group, a square dance, a cakewalk and a kiddie show.

The church's Brownie Scouts held an unlevained bake sale and a book sale to raise funds for the church library. *Charlotte I. Hensley and Bill Meyer.*



CAMPAIGN — Norman Smith, right, discusses his campaign theme with a member of the audience in Akron, Ohio. (See "Campaigns and Chili," this page.) [Photo by Charlotte Hensley]



HIKERS — Belfast hikers stop for a much-needed rest. Their leader, Douglas Anderson, is on the far left. (See "Gale-force Winds," this page.) [Photo by Morris McCabe]

Gale-Force Winds

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Under the leadership of Douglas Anderson, an experienced mountain climber, 23 climbers from the church here set out March 20 to conquer Sive Donard, the highest mountain in Northern Ireland.

The group departed from Newcastle and trudged for two hours up a gentle slope until reaching a disused quarry 1,250 feet up. Here they halted for a short rest and a meal.

Then began the most difficult part of the journey, climbing a steep rock-strewn slope into the mist that enveloped the 2,796-foot peak. After frequent rests, the climbers reached the top, where gale-force winds blew showers of hail, forcing them to seek refuge behind the piles of stones that had been erected at the summit. The view was disappointing, with visibility down to a few yards due to clouds.

The climb was part of the training for YOU members here who are attempting to gain the Duke of Edinburgh award. *Valerie Lethem.*

Tasty Pastry

BUFFALO, N.Y. — "Purge out therefore the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened." These words were printed on the front of an unleavened-bread recipe booklet prepared by the Women's Club here.

At a meeting March 25, the women learned to better understand and prepare for the spring Holy Days. Joan Wooldridge read from a book about foods that explained what leavening is and how it is used in causing foods to rise and expand.

Carol Biegalski, Ann Clifford and Cindy Schmitt gave a demonstration on making unleavened baked goods. The recipe booklets, prepared by them and Betty Pomhern, Joyce

Tracey and Mary Ellen Vranick, all on the program committee, contained more than a dozen recipes for "having your unleavened bread and enjoying it too." Tasty pastries having no leavening were prepared by the committee and several other members and served as refreshments.

Dan Bierer, pastor here, chose five women to be an advisory steering committee for the club. Appointed to a six-month term are Judy Lenz, Joan Fishburn, Alice Bierer, Joan Wooldridge and Peggy Kozak. *Bobbie Tomucci.*

Crocheted Yellow Roses

CHICAGO, Ill. — The Southlake Women's Forum of the Chicago Southeast church celebrated its first anniversary March 27.

Lucille Soltysik was in charge of decorating, using balloons and ribbons to give a festive atmosphere. Sue Foshough and Carol Massey made posters depicting previous activities.

The meeting's theme was "Back to the Basics." Donna Abels brought the forum to order, welcoming the members and guests, and Waueda Fowler served as hostess. Doris Anderson gave a demonstration on the making and baking of whole-wheat bread; Linda Halliar demonstrated how to knead yeast dough and make it into cinnamon rolls; Ann Halliar showed the proper way to make cloverleaf rolls; Joyce Hill explained how to make unleavened bread; Margaret Warden made unleavened cookies; and Sue Ball gave a demonstration on the making of chicken-vegetable soup.

Mrs. Abels was crowned best club director and presented a crocheted shawl made by Norma Fisher, a bouquet of yellow roses, a vase of crocheted yellow roses made by Florine Criswell, an album of pictures

from previous forum meetings and notes of thanks for her initiative and work to make the club a success.

After the women had sampled the turkey sandwiches, breads, soup, rolls and cookies, Mrs. Anderson served an anniversary cake she had made and decorated. A champagne toast concluded the meeting. *Florine Criswell.*

Bronze Medals

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The Cincinnati South B-league basketball team, coached by Henry Ward, went undefeated in district action with a 9-0 record. They received a trophy for first place and were invited to Lafayette for the regional finals.

In the regional tournament they met Detroit East and suffered their first and only loss of the season. But they went on to defeat Belleville, Ill., in a consolation game and received bronze medals for their third-place victory.

Steve Ward, guard, was picked for the all-tournament team, receiving a gold medal for his performance. *Brenda Mullins.*

20 Sundaes

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The Cleveland West chapter of YOU had a roller-skating activity and a meeting March 13. Fund-raising and service projects were discussed. Then all 19 teens and three adults went to George's Tin Roof Ice Cream Parlor, where the parlor's employees busily made 20 sundaes. The youths went to Skate World for two hours of roller skating, where many were able to show their proficiency on wheels. *Colleen Gus.*

Olio Tournament

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The A.M. and P.M. churches here sponsored an invitational basketball tournament March 20. The teams invited were from the Dayton, Cincinnati East and Northwest, Toledo, Cleveland and Youngstown, Ohio, churches.

The champion team for the juniors was Dayton, with Columbus as the runner-up. The senior champion was the Youngstown team, with Cincinnati Northwest as runner-up. The Toledo team was men's champion and Youngstown was runner-up. *Cheryl R. Hickman.*

Chips, Cookies and Cakes

DAYTON, Ohio — The Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches met together for a square dance in the Tipp City, Ohio, community center March 19.

Larry Strippy called and taught a number of dances. All ages were included in the dancing.

Special activities for the young children were in an adjoining room. Refreshments of chips, cookies, cakes, juices and coffee were provided. *Dianne Seab.*



IN FASHION — Tanya Baxter, left, models a dress she made for herself at an Edmonton fashion show, while Oswald Sonnenberg, above, models a tailored suit by member Willi Mandel. (See "Tailored Suits," this page.) [Photos by Ron Heibert]

In Concert

DENVER, Colo. — Members here and visitors from neighboring churches enjoyed a concert given by the Texas Ambassador Singers from Ambassador College in Big Sandy March 26. Among the songs performed by the group were "Psalm 67" by Charles Ives, "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson and a rendition of selections from *Annie, Get Your Gun* by Irving Berlin.

The students arrived late Friday afternoon and stayed in brethren's homes. At Sabbath services they performed special music. The singers left Denver Sunday morning to go skiing in the Colorado mountains and returned to Big Sandy Tuesday. *Gayla McKillican.*

Rocky Mountain Finals

DENVER, Colo. — Basketball teams from the Rocky Mountain Region met here for the regional tournament March 19 and 20. Amid the cheers and screams, the Denver Bucks captured the YOU division-one title, while Wichita, Kan., took the division-two top spot. Cheerleading competition was won by the Denver A squad.

The tournament got under way Saturday night with Wichita beating Oklahoma City, Okla. Next, Lawton, Okla., upset Amarillo, Tex., with a 64-53 win. Then Albuquerque, N.M., walked away with a win over Greeley, Colo. The final game that evening was a barn burner between Tulsa, Okla., and Denver. During the last minute of

the frantic nip-and-tuck overtime, Denver pulled ahead to eke out a 2-point win, 60-58.

Action resumed Sunday with Wichita's resounding victory over Albuquerque for the division-two trophy. In the finale Lawton was pitted against Denver, the hometown favorite, with Denver winning 65-50.

Named as division-two most valuable player was Stuart Powell of Wichita. Monty Lindquist of Denver was most valuable player of division one. The single-game high scorer of the tourney was Rick Bolin of Amarillo with 43 points.

Just as exciting was the cheerleading contests, with squads from Wichita, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Denver and Tulsa. The judges didn't surprise anyone when they announced that only 3 points separated the top two teams: Denver won first place and Amarillo second. *Gerald Schnarrenberger.*

Spring Tournament

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — Spring weather greeted participants of the first Eau Claire basketball tournament, held in Menomonie, Wis., March 27. Twelve teams, representing the Milwaukee, Eau Claire and Wausau, Wis., and Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., churches, participated.

Four women's teams vied for the tournament championship. Milwaukee took top honors, defeating Minneapolis and Eau Claire. The Eau Claire women's team took second place. Eight men's teams took part in the A and B divisions. Duluth gained the B-division trophy and St. Paul, in a fast-moving game, defeated Milwaukee to claim the A-division championship.

The YOU members here provided lunch and refreshments for the players and fans. *Dianne McClelland.*

Tailored Suits

EDMONTON, Alta. — The church here sponsored its first annual fashion show March 13. The show featured both homemade garments and professionally tailored fashions, the latter supplied courtesy of Val Berg's Men's Wear Ltd. and Gray's Apparel Company Ltd. A commentary was given by Linda Bergstrom and Ken Lofts.

The first half featured casual wear for the entire family, with gauch pants and jump suits, leather jackets and slacks. After an intermission of door-prize draws and musical entertainment, the second half emphasized formal gowns and tailored suits.

The evening closed with a quintet of little girls in nightgowns with teddy bears. *Donald J. Bergstrom.*

Welcome Cheer

EUGENE, Ore. — A reception was given for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Walker (See WRAP-UP, page 12)



UNLEAVENED BAKERS — Buffalo bakers, from left, Ann Clifford, Cindy Schmitt and Carol Biegalski, demonstrate making unleavened baked goods. (See "Tasty Pastry," this page.) [Photo by Robert Rodkey]

Member of college board

Director reflects on 27 years

By Keith Wagner

LONGVIEW, Tex. — Jack R. Elliott, who retired in January as managing director of the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena, feels his "crowning accomplishment" was his part in the construction of the Auditorium as an "owner's representative," coordinating the architect's ideas and the desires of the potential users of the building.

Mr. Elliott, 54, who retired because of health problems, ended a 27-year career of service to the Church and Ambassador College (*The Worldwide News*, Jan. 3).

Baptized by the first student baptizing team from Ambassador in the late 1940s, Mr. Elliott was invited here by Herbert W. Armstrong and hired as a math instructor beginning with the fall semester of 1949. Within "two or three months" Mr. Armstrong appointed him to head a small buildings-and-grounds staff.

With an engineering background with Gulf Oil Corp., he soon became supervisor of the college's physical plant.

In 1951 he was named dean of men and two years later dean of students. He served in these capacities for a total of 17 years.

Helped Create Clubs

Mr. Elliott also was instrumental in organizing Ambassador and Spokesman clubs.

"With Mr. Armstrong's permission and guidance," he said, "I organized the original Ambassador clubs," and, assisted by David Jon Hill and Paul Kroll, compiled the first club manual.

Mr. Elliott, who has written "numerous articles" for *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News* over the years, holds several college degrees: a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas, a master's in the same field from the University of Southern California

and a master's in theology from Ambassador.

His interests and hobbies are so varied that "one interferes with the other." He likes to go hunting in Utah; he paints with oils; he's a repairman; he's an inventor. He once built a portable doghouse that can be assembled or taken apart in a minute. His interest in quail prompted him to come up with an automatic, "self-sufficient" cage that operates without maintenance except for cleaning every other week.

"If there is some need I enjoy working out a design myself rather than having someone else do it for me," he says.

Mr. Elliott and his wife, Ann, recently celebrated 30 years of marriage. Their three sons are married. The oldest, Stephen, is supervisor of the Church's Summer Educational Program grounds in Orr, Minn.; Mark works for a diesel-repair company in Tucson, Ariz.; John is a local elder in Abbotsford, B.C. Two grandchildren "were born on the same day, only one year apart."

Mrs. Elliott was active with the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation for two years and was hostess of the Auditorium and a trustee of the Pasadena Historical Society.

Mr. Elliott spent his last 17 years in Pasadena as an official of the annual Tournament of Roses Parade. The Pasadena Rotary Club, Pasadena Central Improvement Association (of which he was president and vice president) and Pasadena Today Association all carried his name on their membership rolls.

College Master Plan

Mr. Elliott assisted Mr. Armstrong in overseeing the construction of the Auditorium, which was part of the college's master plan, much of which was supervised by Mr. Elliott.

Once the Auditorium and master plan were completed, he was named managing director of the building. While in this post Mr. Elliott met "several notable and distinguished performers," many of whom have become close friends.

After a visit to Texas Mr. Elliott, who serves as a member of Ambassador's board of trustees, decided to settle in Longview after his

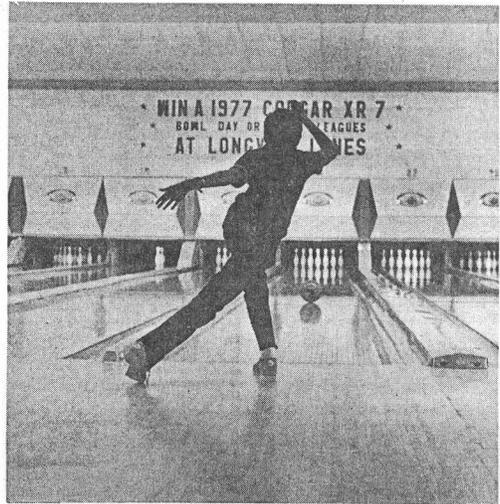
retirement and begin contracting and building houses.

Jack Elliott wants to do productive, worthwhile things and feels life must be productive to be interesting. "When a job no longer is productive, I want to move on," he says. He had "come to an unproductive period of maintaining a building" that he had helped create, and "maintenance just isn't my field."

As a result — and also to improve his health — he and his wife relocated here.

"My heart is always in this Work," Mr. Elliott says, "and I expect to be supportive of it wherever I am, through whatever I can do. Anything I can do I want to do, and I'm hoping in the future there will be something . . . that I'll be called on to do.

"The opportunity to be in this organization, especially since it is God's Work, is one of the greatest opportunities that could befall anyone, and I feel the experiences . . . are invaluable."



HEADED FOR A STRIKE — A bowler tries for a strike during the national YOU bowling competition, held in Longview, Tex., during the national basketball and cheerleading competition at Big Sandy April 6 through 9. [Photo by John Wright]

Plexiglas forms an unusual art

By Bonnie Silvy

ANNAPOLIS, Mo. — How many forms can art take?

Who can say? How many forms are there in life?

Helen Watts, a member of the Poplar Bluff, Mo., congregation, has developed a form that may not be entirely new, but at least it's extremely rare. It may even be challenged as art by those who work with other media, but Mrs. Watts maintains that it is art indeed.

The Missourian has been making novelty jewelry of Plexiglas (acrylic plastic in sheet form) since 1948, carving designs similar to the blown-in-glass articles in vogue more than 50 years ago.

The Plexiglas jewelry is, for the most part, small and delicate, and the designs actually are engraved upside down and backwards, using small electric drills (unlike any other drill) and dyed inside the Plexiglas.

The designs first are engraved on either side of a piece of the plastic. This in itself is an art, for most of the designs are small, delicate flowers. And, to give the impression of depth,

an engraving must be as precise as miniature sculpture.

The formal name of this art form is "internal hand carving," says Mrs. Watts.

Plexiglas is of a texture that makes it impossible to engrave with a knife. Mrs. Watts manages it with a small, high-speed drill and a special pointed bit as another artist might use a pencil or brush. The artistry does not end there, for the flowers or other etchings must be colored, and in many designs more than one color must be used.

The engraving next is filled with dyes, injected with hypodermic needles and eyedroppers. So delicate is the engraving that two colors cannot be permitted to touch each other, but they must come so close that to the naked eye they appear to run together. This process requires considerable time for the dyes to dry, then a backing of thin, colored Plexiglas (white, black, red or green, for example) is fused onto the engraved piece. When this becomes solid, the entire piece is shaped on a small electric sander and polished with an elec-

tric buffer. The shaped object is now as one piece, with the design engraved and dyed inside.

The Plexiglas pieces are made into necklaces, earrings, cuff links, bracelets, brooches and pins. Mrs. Watts also makes heavier objects such as paperweights, desk pen sets and other ornamental pieces, but her specialty is jewelry.

So amazed at Mrs. Watts' fantastic handiwork are onlookers that, after seeing it, they exclaim, "How in the world do you press those little flowers in there?"

Mrs. Watts' training in art consisted of a year in high school before she began working with Plexiglas 28 years ago as a hobby. This was in Alton, Ill., and within three months the hobby had become a business.

About 23 years ago the Watts family moved near this quiet Missouri community of 300 people.

In 1976 Mrs. Watts took a student partner, Margaret Franz, who continues to make the jewelry and carry on a small business in Annapolis. Mrs. Franz is also a member of the Poplar Bluff church.

Girl unhurt in accident

LAKE CHARLES, La. —

Three-year-old Ann Kesler was up and walking "within minutes" of having her foot run over by a car, said Ann's father, John, 33.

Mr. Kesler, a member of the church here, was pulling into his driveway March 2 when Ann ran to meet him.

"I waved her away from the car," Mr. Kesler said, "and, thinking she had moved back, I drove on toward the garage."

Mr. Kesler didn't realize his daughter had grabbed the handle of the right back door of his Mercury station wagon.

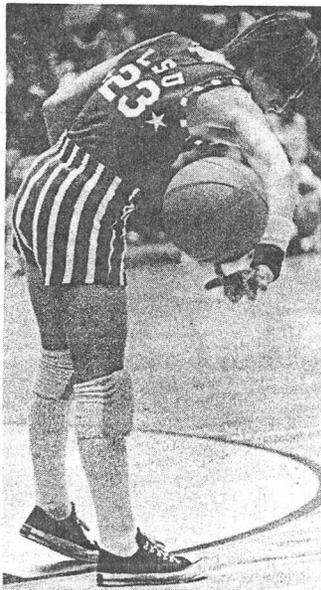
"As the car moved she fell to the pavement, her left foot and ankle moving into the way of the right rear tire, which then ran over them," he stated.

The accident was witnessed by Ann's brothers and sister, Paul, 9, Ruth, 7, and Mark, 5.

Mr. Kesler "heard the other kids screaming what had happened," so he "ran to the back of the car and picked Ann up" and carried her "into the house and took off her shoe and sock," he said.

"There were welts on her foot across the front of the ankle, but no other damage. And, believe it or not, within minutes she was walking."

"To me, this was another example of God's protection by unseen hands that move faster than our minds can even ask for help."



WATCH THAT BALL — The LSU Tiger Tykes, a basketball-handling troupe from Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, did their stuff April 6 during the YOU national basketball tournament at Big Sandy. The team, patterned after the Harlem Globetrotters, ranges in age from 6 through 13. It has appeared in the Houston Astrodome, on the NBC television network and in the Globetrotters' 50th-anniversary TV program. [Photos by David R. Knight]



Mr. Armstrong recaps journey

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commissioned me to do — carry the GREAT COMMISSION to all the world — with a vitality, energy, drive and power more dynamically than one man in hundreds HALF my calendar age could do — and let me say here that by far my GREATEST work still lies ahead of me. But of course I do not want to be younger than my lovely, competent and able young wife, so since she is 38 going on 39 I have changed my REAL age to 39 going on 38 — which is much more REAL than the misleading calendar age.

On this recent African tour, we flew from Rome to Johannesburg, arriving after hours of tiresome flight at 1:10 a.m. on the morning of Thursday, March 10. After driving into the city, awaiting the arrival of luggage which followed us to the hotel, it was precisely 3 o'clock on my bedside clock as I reached over to turn out the light and go to sleep.

To prove Bob believed I am still under 40, he had scheduled that I drive from Johannesburg to the national capital city, Pretoria, to ad-

dress the local Rotary Club at 1 o'clock noon luncheon.

I address many Rotary clubs. Of course there are many other businessmen's luncheon clubs in major cities all over the world — and I think I have spoken more times than I can remember at all of them — such as the Lions Club, the Kiwanis, the Jaycees and many others. The Rotary is different in that it accepts in membership only one man in each profession, business, industry or category. But usually the Rotarian is the LEADING and most prominent man in his field. Rotarians, therefore, are usually top leaders in their community, as also are members of other luncheon clubs.

Well, my South African trip was off to a fast start, giving me only a few hours' sleep after a tiresome eight- or nine-hour flight. Most of that time in flight was spent writing articles.

Mayor Requests Autograph

Then, from the Rotary luncheon, we had a meeting with the mayor of

the City of Pretoria, Dr. J. Greyven-steyn. I was amazed to see him, as I was introduced (2:45 p.m.), holding in his hand an old copy of *The Plain Truth* — one from the tabloid-format days — with my editorial on how I keep young and fit and driving on in my calendar 80s.

I knew when I wrote that article that some sourpuss critics would say: "Mr. Armstrong is just bragging. Why doesn't he preach the Gospel instead of talking about himself?" I don't remember any such letters, but there must have been a couple or so. Well, let me explain that right here. It is a FACT that most men allow themselves to GROW OLD before their time. After all, WHAT IS the Gospel Jesus preached? It was the GOOD-NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD. It is the restoration of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD to bring this earth PEACE, HAPPINESS, ABUNDANT WELL-BEING. It is a WAY OF LIFE that will prevent aging before our time — that will reach right ways of LIVING, to keep ourselves active, with vitality, drive, zeal, ACCOMPLISHMENT. I have always tried, though not perfectly, to SET AN EXAMPLE for the Church and the world in GOD'S WAY OF LIFE.

What has CAUSED all the unhappiness, discontent, misery, poverty, pain and suffering and death in this unhappy world of Satan? Simply WRONG WAYS OF LIVING.

Did the Apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit in writing MUCH of the Bible — the VERY WORK OF GOD — ever write ABOUT HIMSELF? In the first two chapters of his letter to the Galatians alone, Paul uses the personal pronoun I more than 40 times — and this was inspired of God!

In any event, this highly rated mayor said he had gotten so much HELP from that editorial on living GOD's way he had preserved it and asked if I would autograph it for him. Then he pulled out a copy of the booklet on the PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS and asked if I would autograph that too. Then a plain piece of paper to autograph for one of his children.

After this delightful and profitable meeting with the mayor, we went back to Johannesburg that night.

Well, that was a starter for a visit of about 3½ weeks that included Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town and two other adjoining countries.

AICF Visit

The next day, Friday, was not so hectic. We lunched with Jennifer and Owen Williams at Ellis Park. This was really an AICF visit. Owen is the leading tennis promoter in South Africa, and together with Arthur Ashe is president of the Black Tennis Federation. Possibility of AICF help for their foundation is being considered to assist promising and underprivileged to develop and enjoy tennis. Following our business conference and luncheon, we were privileged to watch Bjorn Borg of Sweden, one of the four or five highest-ranking professionals in the world, defeat Frew McMillan. Although for many years tennis was my favorite sport, I seldom get to see tennis any more.

Sabbath, March 12, I preached at the combined church service in Johannesburg at Deutsche Schule. Robert E. Fahey emceed, Mr. Stanley Rader gave a comparison of Joseph's life with this Work today. I spoke on "Just What Is Real Conversion?" Dinner with some brethren that evening.

Sunday, March 13, I had a free day for catching up on writing of articles, co-worker letters, etc. Mr. Rader went to a tennis luncheon to meet Judge Blen Franklin, president of the

South African Tennis Federation. That evening Mrs. Rader, who had not accompanied us until this evening, arrived from New York.

The Outstanding Event

Monday, March 14: On this evening occurred probably the outstanding event of the entire trip — actually an event of two or three lifetimes, and so far as I know without precedent. South-West Africa is planning to become a new national government, and representatives of 22 factions, parties, with different religions, different colors — multiracial, etc. — were in session at Turnhalle.

We took off the Johannesburg runway at 11 a.m., arriving at Windhoek, S.W.A./Namibia, at 12:30. Other details, of being met at the airport and various meetings through the afternoon, were printed in the earlier diary of our South Africa trip. But the opportunity to speak to representatives drafting the constitution for a new nation in the world in their official hall was an opportunity of a lifetime.

We met with them in formal session at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Rader introduced me. He had noted that these framers of a new national constitution had been criticized for the length of time they were taking. Mr. Rader mentioned that, while in our U.S.A. the Declaration of Independence was signed July 4, 1776 — we have just last year celebrated our bicentennial year — yet it took our founding fathers THIRTEEN years after that to draft the U.S.A. Constitution amid much controversy, disagreement and delay. He encouraged them not to be discouraged, and congratulated them on their progress.

I had never spoken before this type of group before, and I felt really inspired of God. I spoke more as an elder statesman — one who knew personally perhaps more heads of state in all parts of the world than any other man — and I spoke boldly, though very calmly, as the direct personal representative of the GREAT GOD, Creator of all races of men that dwell on the earth. I told them that the governments of nations are now being overthrown at the rate of one a month — of how many kings, emperors, presidents and prime ministers I had known that have in the past three years been removed by assassination, losing elections or resigning from office in disgrace. I told them that there are, basically, just two ways or philosophies of life — the way of "GET" and the way of "GIVE," or "LOVE."

I told them of the creation of the first man and woman on earth, from whom all races, people and nations have sprung — and how our first parents REJECTED the Government of their Creator — a Government based on the way of LOVE — obedience to our Creator and outgoing concern for the good and welfare of any and all other humans, regardless of race, color or creed. That after our first parents REJECTED God's GOVERNMENT over them, and HIS WAY OF "LOVE," mankind has always since pursued the way of "GET" — the way of vanity, lust and greed, jealousy and envy, competition leading to strife, violence and war — the way of resentment against and rebellion against the WAY OF GOD. And how GOD'S WAY IS THE ONLY way that can bring us PEACE, HAPPINESS and universal well-being.

'Founding a New Nation'

"You representatives are founding a new nation in the midst of a world all of whose nations, even with their many different forms of human GOVERNMENT, are based on the way of 'GET' — competition, strife, violence."

I told them, on the AUTHORITY of the living GOD OF THE ENTIRE EARTH, that insofar as they framed a constitution based on the "GIVE" principle, with fairness and justice to ALL, regardless of race, color or creed (for their new country will be multiracial, multicolored — multireligious) to that extent I am authorized by the GREAT CREATOR OF ALL, whose eyes are on WHAT THEY ARE DOING, to say that they will receive blessings from Him — and to whatever extent they frame a constitution based on "GET" — on injustice, favoritism, concern for the few and unconcern for the many — they will bring curses on themselves and their peoples.

I told them that if they frame a constitution based as nearly as possible on the GOVERNMENT OF GOD they will be specially blessed by the GREAT CREATOR — but they will find they are like a nation of lambs among all other nations of WOLVES. I cautioned them it will be difficult to frame such a constitution, when nations are interdependent on one another, and they must deal with their neighbor nations. Nevertheless, I advised them, as a father to his children, to do their very best and they will be rewarded.

I am sure that nothing like that has been heard before such a lawmaking assembly, but God gave me the opportunity to deliver that Message, and I did. But I ended by saying the nuclear-armed nations are bringing this world to the place where — IN THIS GENERATION — unless the Almighty God steps in, intervenes and establishes by supernatural FORCE His Government of PEACE and GOODWILL, that all humanity will be blasted off this earth before the end of the present living generation.

"The new nation you are founding is destined, by the MISRULE of the nations of the world, to be short-lived. Therefore make it the nearest like the GOVERNMENT OF THE ETERNAL GOD you possibly can."

Delegates Sobered

Those delegates, you may be sure, were SOBERED! To what extent they BELIEVED, I cannot say. Our first parents did not BELIEVE what their very Creator said in person to them. Jesus Christ proclaimed the same Message of GOD'S GOVERNMENT (the KINGDOM OF GOD) to many THOUSANDS — IN PERSON — yet only 120 believed what He said!

But whether they believe or not is NOT MY RESPONSIBILITY. God wants them TOLD. He has opened the doors, and I am TELLING THEM. From there on it is THEIR responsibility.

A week later we visited the newest nation on earth — Transkei. There I said very much the same thing. I already knew the new prime minister. He had flown to Johannesburg for a conference with me last June, before his country gained its independence as a NEW NATION.

He had assembled to hear me his entire cabinet, the entire parliament and many VIP private citizens.

God is giving me opportunities like this, and with it both the wisdom to know what to say and the power to say it.

As Mr. Rader said to me after the first Rotary Club speech: "They sat there absolutely STUNNED at what you said."

We spent another hour and a half with the president of the Republic of South Africa. There were many other important meetings and speeches. They have been published in *The Worldwide News*.

At this moment I am very tired with fatigue and will break off here, saying that I feel this South Africa trip was the most successful yet. GOD IS ON HIS THRONE — He is GUIDING this Work. It is like feeling a dynamic SENSATION to realize how God is leading me, strengthening me, giving me more and more wisdom and POWER to GET HIS JOB DONE.

'Stirring experience' recorded by minister

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diamond-mining companies haven't dared use the airport. The interest Mr. Armstrong's G-II generates has even allowed us to get a newsstand going out at the airport!

For Mr. Armstrong, having his aircraft land close to the city provides enormous convenience, else he would not be able to keep up the tough schedule of meeting all his appointments. Using commercial aircraft with Mr. Armstrong's commitments in this part of the world would bog him down to a snail's pace.

That evening we sat in the main conference hall of the Turnhalle (gymnasium), which has been beautifully refurbished to accommodate the delegates to Namibia's constitutional conference.

Independence by '78

Mr. Armstrong was addressing a specially convened after-hours meeting of the 11 ethnic-group delegates who have been meeting since September, 1975, to draft a constitution and form an interim government that will lead the one million residents to independence from the Republic of South Africa by the end of 1978.

To listen to Mr. Armstrong explain to this embryonic government how the Eternal will one day set up His government on this earth after ages of man's rebellion against God and man's efforts, which could one day destroy all human life, was an incredibly stirring experience.

Mr. Armstrong was the first person from outside Namibia ever to have addressed the Turnhalle.

How did it happen for such a door to open?

Among the delegates that Monday night was Dr. Ben Africa, leader of the Baster Delegation. He had written the short article "An Appeal to Prayer and Reason" in the international edition of *The Plain Truth* last November that accompanied an article on Namibia by Herman L. Hoeh.

Dr. Africa received worldwide response to his article from PT readers.

An article about the Turnhalle a month earlier was also circulated among leaders in Namibia.

The leaders commented on Dr. Hoeh's objective statement of facts. Some of the Turnhalle delegates had

already met with Mr. Armstrong during a luncheon when he visited Windhoek in June last year. *The Plain Truth* magazine was, therefore, not unknown to them.

AICF Assistance

I traveled from Johannesburg to present to the Windhoek Rotary Club a \$1,000 check from the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation in support of their nutritional scheme for destitute, aged and other needy people. I invited Dr. Africa to lunch during my visit to Windhoek this last January. During lunch I asked him, "What would you think about Mr. Armstrong addressing the Turnhalle?"

Without hesitance he expressed his enthusiasm.

An hour and a half later I had a meeting with the secretary to the conference, Billy Marais, having been introduced by Dr. Africa. Mr. Marais was particularly interested when he saw Mr. Armstrong's curriculum vitae and the brochure *Herbert W. Armstrong, Ambassador for World Peace*. He also felt strongly that Mr. Armstrong could contribute something to the Turnhalle delegates.

I supported that wholeheartedly, explaining that Mr. Armstrong has a unique way of describing human nature and the philosophies of "give" and "get." It just seemed to fit in at the right time, I found out later, because the delegates had to adjourn much earlier than usual that afternoon after reaching a moot point on some issue of interim government.

I left the Turnhalle building sometime later, having been assured that Mr. Armstrong could address the delegates. I could not believe it! No one had ever addressed this government-to-be from outside the country.

I made the invitation known to Mrs. Joey Schoeman immediately. The Schoemans are influential business people in Namibia. She is also a trustee of the South Africa Foundation (SAF) in Windhoek. The SAF, through its president, Dr. Jan Marais, has been instrumental in arranging meetings for Mr. Armstrong with leaders in South Africa.

I found Mrs. Schoeman in a perturbed state after she had heard that

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Herbert W. Armstrong marries

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Armstrong's worldwide ministry, it is necessary to attend and speak at many banquets, special dinners and social occasions, where wives attend. Mr. Stanley R. Rader, his chief assistant and adviser, for example, is usually accompanied by his charming wife, who acts as his hostess at such occasions. Mr. Armstrong has tried to fill this need by taking along his elder daughter as hostess, but the rigors of travel have been too much for her to go along much more than half the time.

Private Ceremony

The wedding took place April 17

in the family room of Mr. Armstrong's home in Tucson with Garner Ted Armstrong officiating. About 50 people attended, most of whom were members of the immediate family or close friends.

In addition to the bride's sister's family, her mother and Mr. Armstrong's daughters and their families, other guests included the Dibar Apartians, the Benjamin Chapmans, the Robert Kuhns and the Stanley Raders, all of Pasadena.

The ceremony was simple and informal, with no music or formal attendants. After the guests were seated, Garner Ted Armstrong entered

with his father.

Mrs. Martin then entered with Mr. Rader, who gave the bride away.

'Nervous Enough'

Garner Ted Armstrong began with informal remarks, saying, "This is a unique occasion, if not in all of history, at least in the history of this Work, for a son to perform the wedding of his own father." He told those present not to be "nervous, because I am nervous enough for all of you."

He then read through the standard wedding ceremony, commenting before beginning that he was going to

use the same wording written by "this man who designed this ceremony from the Word of God when he was first called into God's Work when I was yet a little boy up in Oregon."

A brief reception followed at which cake and champagne were served.

Mr. Armstrong said he didn't plan to go anywhere for a honeymoon. He said a trip to an exotic spot was not nearly as special to him as having a chance to spend a few quiet days in his Spanish-style home in the foothills of the Catalina Mountains of northeast Tucson.



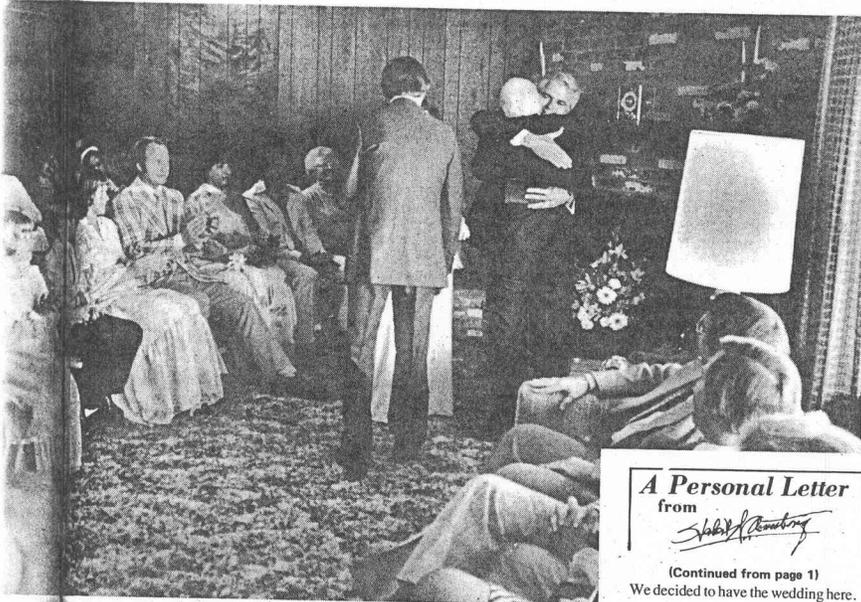
CAKE CUTTING — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong, above, cut their wedding cake. Minutes later, below, the bride and groom talk with Garner Ted Armstrong as Robert Kuhn, center, and Larry Neff look on. Mr. Armstrong, lower right, shares his exuberance with Robert Kuhn, center, and his son, Garner Ted. Mrs. Armstrong, behind her husband's right shoulder, talks with a well-wisher.



BEAR HUG — Herbert Armstrong and his son, at right, embrace at the end of the ceremony. Congratulating the bride is Stanley Rader.

PERSONAL MOMENT — Mrs. Garner Ted Armstrong, above, talks with her father-in-law minutes before the wedding. The bride and groom, right, stand with Stanley Rader in the kitchen of their new home. [All photos by Ken Evans and John Robinson]





A Personal Letter from

Stanley Rader

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We decided to have the wedding here.

How It Started

But how did it all start? I think Mr. Robinson gathered most of the facts about how at the time of the big Manila campaign some three years ago we needed several thousand copies of *The Plain Truth* AT ONCE for the campaign. Mr. Robinson, I am sure, has given the details of how Mr. Rader telephoned his hostess-assistant, Ramona Martin, in Pasadena to bring this huge bundle of *Plain Truths* as extra baggage and come with them to Manila on the first plane.

At this point I want to quote from a memorandum I wrote for my own personal record entitled "HOW DO I KNOW God chose and SENT RAMONA TO ME?"

After the death of Loma, the wife of my youth (our marriage was terminated by death 10 years ago after 50 happily married years), some weeks later I gave serious consideration to the matter of marrying again. My wife had said that if she died she felt I ought to marry again. She knew I needed a wife by my side in carrying out the GREAT COMMISSION God had committed to me. But certainly no one could ever take her place as "first lady" of God's Church. I decided at that time against ever remarrying and publicly announced it. I put marriage out of my mind COMPLETELY.

New Phase of Work

Meanwhile God had opened this NEW PHASE of the Work provisionally, opening doors to kings, emperors, presidents, prime ministers and those high in governments of nations all over the world. He had actually given me a most friendly and even affectionate relationship with them — opening doors for Christ's Gospel message to be carried where doors had been closed to that message. This new phase of the Work made necessary extensive worldwide travel my wife could not have endured. She was allergic to flying, and, since I now must be away from home about three quarters of the time (actually 300 of the 365 days of the past two years), I could never have started this new and most important phase of the Work had she lived — for I would never have left her at home alone. God says a husband must "cleave to" his wife — be together as if GLUED together.

But this new phase also brought the necessity of a wife or hostess to help in that capacity at dinners and banquets and many social occasions in world capitals where wives of those high in the government attend. I usually speak, often up to 45 minutes, before such distinguished people.

As you know, Mr. Stanley R. Rader, chief legal counsel for the Work, now vice president for financial affairs for the Worldwide Church of God and my chief personal adviser, accompanies me on these important trips. As hostess Mrs. Rader accompanies her husband as part of our traveling team. I had no option but to take my elder daughter, Beverly Armstrong Gott, as my hostess. But a daughter cannot take the place of a wife in personal companionship.

My son, Garner Ted, was well aware of the loneliness and the need. He said some two years ago: "Dad, if you'll be patient and WAIT ON GOD He will choose and SEND TO YOU the one He will choose for a wife to be at your side — one who can withstand the rigors of this almost torturing worldwide travel."

Actually, God already had sent her. But often we do not recognize the hand of God — and He does work in mysterious ways. His wonders do perform.

Part of Traveling Team

Actually, at the time Ramona Martin arrived in Manila with the large bundles of *Plain Truths* for the campaign, I scarcely knew her. She had been in the Church 12 years or more and on campus almost as long. But I had never had a single conversation with her. I'm not sure I even realized she had arrived in Manila. Mr. Rader had been using her as an assistant and secretary in various capacities as one of the most capable women in the Church. At the time of her call to rush to Manila, she had been hostess in Pasadena, meeting VIPs at the airport — usually those in high places we had met in their countries and invited to visit Pasadena. Ramona met them at the airport, saw that they were properly accommodated at a hotel, escorted them over the campus, etc. After her arrival in Manila Mr. Rader decided to keep her on as one of our traveling team, assisting him as he assisted me in this most important phase of the Work.

I'm not sure now when I first really noticed her. Generally, when there was no scheduled event, our traveling team all ate together for evening dinner and often also at lunch. But with Ramona's charm and beautiful personality she soon caught my eye. We began to get better acquainted, often sitting together at dinner. My first date alone with her was July 4, 1974, in Paris. We lunched together in the beautiful courtyard outdoor luncheon room of the Hotel Prince de Galle about 1 1/2 blocks from our hotel.

I would like to stop here and consider the circumstances. We were traveling to all parts of the world — Asia, Europe, Africa, South America. We were away from Pasadena about three fourths of the time. When Garner Ted said God would send to me the right one to be my wife in this new phase of the Work, I assume he had in mind that such a woman would be one of distinguished appearance, distinguished

family and background, sophisticated and of the socially elite. Ramona has been required to support a growing son and her mother, beside herself. The principal difference between a "distinguished-appearing" woman of high culture and a woman like Ramona is primarily two things — being of a wealthy family and therefore smartly and expensively groomed and having acquired much of THIS WORLD'S sophistication, and what my wife Loma would have called "put-on" sophistication and social culture. No. 1, there is no such woman in God's Church. No. 2, God forbids me to be unequally yoked together with an unbeliever. No. 3, I would have nothing in common with such a woman anyway. When God chose me as His apostle, and laid on me His GREAT COMMISSION, He did not choose from the wealthy, socially elite of this world. Ramona comes from the same kind of substantial, down-to-earth, humble, God-fearing stock that I do. Anyway, as I got to know her I became aware of her unusual talents, abilities and competency, her inner spirit, her sincerity, the fact that she was being truly led by God's Holy Spirit.

Of course, I did not know that my son had any such conception of the wife God would send me, but I know rather that some had that idea (perhaps I exaggerated it to show the contrast — because Ramona is certainly not that type).

Received Most Cordially

But when Mr. Rader, Mr. Gotth and I were all needed for several days elsewhere, and one had to go immediately to Nairobi, Kenya, in central eastern Africa, Mr. Rader picked Ramona as the one for the job. She flew alone to Nairobi and made the necessary prearrangements for my big campaign there. Later she went alone to Tokyo and made all the advance arrangements for our visit and banquets there, and repeatedly she has been received most cordially by the wives of government heads. In other words, she has all the qualifications the wife of Herbert W. Armstrong needs to help him FINISH THE STAGGERING RESPONSIBILITY THAT GOD HAS LAID ON HIM.

There is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that God provisionally chose Ramona — SENT her to me in a manner I had nothing to do with, caused us to grow in love, and now HAS MADE US ONE, and she will henceforth for the remainder of our lives be at my side as my personal HELP, companion, wife and God's servant. My wife of 50 years knew her and thought very highly of her. My daughter Beverly has traveled with us on a number of trips which included Ramona, and they are like two sisters. My whole family love her and my son, Garner Ted, performed the marriage ceremony that united us as ONE!

I thank God very deeply and sincerely. God is still on His throne and HIS WORK GOES ON — IN HIS POWER — and WITH HIS BLESSING!



Policy to minimize surprise mail

Many *Worldwide News* readers have been deluged with hate mail, religious tracts, chain letters, business offers and advertisements since placing their addresses in the personals section of the paper.

To help eliminate this abuse, Garner Ted Armstrong has asked the *WN* Circulation Department to develop an additional reader service to reduce the amount of surprise mail some readers are receiving.

Here's how it works:

Placing Personals

When you send in a personal, the Circulation Department will assign you an alphanumeric mailing code. Instead of your address appearing in the paper, the code will be printed after your name. The *WN* will forward all responses, other than commercial, proselyting, pornographic or obscene material or chain letters, or others than the *WN* feels would be offensive to its readers and not in keeping with the original spirit and intent of their personals, and the same will be disposed of. After the initial contact, of course, you will be able to write directly to your correspondents.

By requesting the publication of your personal, you thereby consent to this mail-opening-and-disposition policy.

This service will be optional, and if you wish to take advantage of it you must specifically state that you do wish your address to appear in print.

This system will not apply to personals in the "Special Requests" and "Follow-Up" sections, because of the urgent nature of many of those

personals and the delay that would result from the remailing service.

Answering Personals

To answer a personal that includes the *WN*-assigned mailing code, send your response directly to *The Worldwide News*. You must include a mailing label, because we plan to offer this forwarding service only to *WN* subscribers, and the inclusion of your label will provide us with immediate verification that you are a

subscriber. (If you run out of *WN* labels, please indicate such and enclose your subscription number from a *Plain Truth* label.)

The Circulation Department asks that your responses to personals be in the form of cards or brief letters enclosed in envelopes. This will make opening the mail, bundling it and forwarding it to you much easier.

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Gerrard, March 11, 12:11 a.m., 8 pounds.

RESEDA, Calif. — Robert John, first son, first child of Ron and Agnar Irving, March 14, 10:45 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces.

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia — Diane Rebecca, first daughter, first child of Steve and Doris Atkinson, April 7, 8:20 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces.

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. — David Gail, first daughter, first child of David and Debra (Farkington) Damron, April 7, 1:25 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Amanda Louise, first daughter, first child of Bernard and Jacquelyn Molnar, Feb. 18, 3 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Sarah Kaye, first daughter, second child of John P. and Kaye A. Wright, March 17, 9:37 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces.

SYDNEY, Australia — Paul Andrew, first child of Bob and Pauline Burman, March 17, 2:20 p.m., 7 1/2 pounds.

TORONTO, Ont. — Lisa Carrie, first daughter, first child of Paula and Jacquelyn Molnar, April 2, 7:20 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces.

WICHITA, Kan. — Jonathan David, second son, fourth child of David and Phyllis (Hammer) Atkins, April 9, 10:29 a.m., 8 pounds.

WINNIPEG, Man. — Andrea Joyce, first daughter, third child of Dennis and Joyce Hiebel, April 12, 7:04 p.m., 9 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Tracy Ann, first daughter, first child of Wayne and Paula Hanson, April 1, 3:20 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces.

YORKTON, Sask. — Shauna Janelle, second daughter, fifth child of John and Margaret Sadowski, March 1, 10:40 a.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces.

PERSONALS

Send your personal, along with a *WN* mailing label with your address on it, to "Personals," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A. Your personal must follow the guidelines given in the "Policy on Personals" box that frequently appears on this page. We cannot print your personal unless you include your mailing label.

PEN PALS

I would like to hear from other young ladies in the Church. I am 18, from England. They can be preferably 18 to 25. It doesn't matter what country. Interests: drawing, painting, pop music, people, being handy around the home (we could swap recipes, local dishes preferable). I do not like sport very much. Please, all you ladies, write me. Susan Moran, J101.

Hi, I'm 8 and would like to hear from girls or boys 9 to 11. Interested in kites and plants. Matthew Plourde, J102.

Australian would like to hear from God's people anywhere who are in the sign-writing profession and Lions International members. I am 28, single. John Jensen, J103.

Single female, 32, black or brown, would like to correspond with males 35 to 45. E. Ivy, J104.

Bill and Nancy Pealsow, have been trying to locate you since Nancy's mother died. Have new developments that have happened since then to tell you. Please write me! John M. Manos Sr., J105.

I'm almost 18 and would like to write girls and guys 18 to 23, especially those planning to attend Bermuda for the '77 Feast. Some interests: swimming, art projects, music, travel, animals, the outdoors. Jane Charsky, J106.

I am 17. Interests: reading, gardening, politics, some music (pop), stamps. Would like to hear from others with similar interests. Doug Thorsen, J107.

I would like to write anyone who's lonely and needs someone to talk to. Doug Thorsen, J107.

W. Bascomb, having lost your address, I can't correspond. Please write again. Michelle Harper, J108.

Lillian Krzywicki, where are you? Your brethren in St. Petersburg would like to hear from you. Virginia Cyphers, J109.

Attention tall boys from U.S. or Canada: If you are preferably 18 to 25, it doesn't matter what country. Interests: drawing, painting, pop music, people, being handy around the home (we could swap recipes, local dishes preferable). I do not like sport very much. Please, all you ladies, write me. Susan Moran, J101.

Nonmember, 26, from Sri Lanka would like to write members above 20 years. Interests: correspondence, stamps. Would very much like to hear from couples in their 50s who could enlighten me of Christ. Madendran Manuel, J112.

Two Australian girls, Janette, 10, and Sharyn, 8, would like pen pals from anywhere. Interested in normal school activities. Janette and Sharyn Albury, J111.

I am 8, will be 9 in October. Would like boys or girls 8 to 10 to write. I like swimming, roller skating, bike riding, art. Kim Garner, J113.

Would like to write members who have interests in saddle making, rodeoing, all types of leather craft. John Dickson, J114.

White divorced mother, 32, member, wishes pen pals. Ms. Jane Marek, J115.

While Linda Hutchins of Galun, Ark., please write. I have a tape recorder, love to record. Would gladly send tape sermons, radio messages. Miss Jan Skipper, J116.

To my friends worldwide: As of May 1 I have a new address. Maris Burton, J117.

To Brian and Mary Beth Davis of Wichita, Kan.: Saw your birth announcement. When we met you at Big Sandy Daniel was the baby. Please write, sending address. Ben and Georgia Caudill, J118.

I would like girl pen pals 9 to 11. Hobbies: art, swimming, crocheting, biking, roller skating. Lisa Garner, J119.

I am a young 44 years and would like to hear from pen pals who plan on going to the singles at Das Moines. Also would like opinions on different Feast sites. I love outdoors and camping, also ballroom dancing. Harold Johnson, J120.

Hi, I am 8. I would like everybody 7 to 11 to write. I like tap dancing and reading. Maria Edrington, J121.

Hi! Where's Mike Rice? I would like to hear from you! Do you remember me from first and second grade? Write me soon, please! Laura Lovell, J122.

Would like to hear from all Spokenword Club members in U.S.A. or worldwide to share ideas, special formats and helping with improved techniques. Also suggestions regarding AICF involvement and *PT* distribution. Nick Katovich, J123.

Greg with the watch from the Feast at Hampton, Va., and the basketball nationals at AC in Big Sandy, please write me. I still have your picture. Sorry Cleveland Express only took second. We'll get 'em next year! Write me! Florida Dute, J124.

Single guy, 27, interested in writing mature, intelligent ladies 21 to 28. Interests: camping, hiking, jogging, bicycling, volunteer work, classic music. Oscar E. Ferreira, J125.

I am 13. Would like boys and girls 13 to 15 to all over to write. I have many interests: sports, especially track, stamps, cheerleading for YOU. Will answer all. Kim Fuller, J127.

Hi! I am a girl, 15. I'd like for guys and girls 14 to 17 from all over to write. I know some Spanish, if that helps any. I like sports, writing poetry, the outdoors, especially at night, writing letters. So if you like any of the above, plus, write! Chris Hammar, J150.

My daughter, 10, would like a pen pal. She loves cats, also outdoors, flowers. She is Laura Beth Burslem, J152.

Mrs. Karen Petro, saw your birth announcement in the *WN*. Congratulations on the birth of your baby girl. Please write Mrs. Marilyn Holland, J153.

Keen farm worker, 17, wishes information about similar situation in Canada or U.S.A. from Church members. Derek Wallace, England, J154.

Hi! I am 9. Hobbies: cooking, reading, music. Any (See PERSONALS, page 11)

BABIES

AMARILLO, Tex. — Gina Michelle, first daughter, second child of Jake and Fran Rankin, April 6, 6:33 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce.

APPLETON, Wis. — Dawn Michelle, second daughter, second child of Bill and Ginny Moehting, March 4, 6:05 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces.

BASILDON, England — Jonathan Michael, second son, third child of Monya and Michael Davis, March 20, 5:30 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces.

BRISBANE, Australia — Anita Louise, first daughter, second child of Harry and Sandra Bronis, March 26, 3:30 p.m., 7 pounds.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Melody Ann, third daughter, third child of Earnest and Ella Frazier, March 19, 3:32 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces.

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Tynesha Leeann, first daughter, first child of Richard and Brigitte Crogger, March 24, 5:04 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Scott Kendon, first son, first child of Ronald and Nancy (Christopher) Kelley, April 4, 4:15 a.m., 5 pounds 3 ounces.

CONCORD, N.H. — Benjamin Ted, first son, first child of Mike and Denise Heroux, March 26, 6:24 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces.

DETROIT, Mich. — Jeffrey James, first son, second child of Jim and Peggy (Smith) Tooley, Feb. 28, 11:50 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces.

EDISON, N.J. — Robin Wroe, first son, second child of Robin and Claudia Smith, March 7, 10:10 p.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces.

GAYLORD, Mich. — Amy Sue, second daughter, fourth child of Bob and Sue Burke, March 13, 11:49 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce.

GRAND JUNCTION, Utah — David Michael, second son, third child of John and Terry Fogg, April 13, 8:55 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces.

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Baron Thomas, fourth son, fourth child of Malcolm and Gloria Gentry, April 1, 6:43 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Jacob Daniel, second son, second child of Reggie and Peggy Lee, March 23, 6:30 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces.

HINSDALE, Ill. — Michael Shane, first son, first child of Robert and Patricia Bookman, March 7, 1:44 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces.

LAKELAND, Fla. — Ben Alan, second son, third child of Thomas and Barbara Parker, March 29, 1:41 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces.

MOBILE, Ala. — Sabrina Michelle, first daughter, first child of Robert and Patricia Bookman, April 6, 10:28 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces.

MODESTO, Calif. — Michael Edward, first son, second child of Frank and Joann Dickinson, March 13, 12:35 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces.

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Don Curtis and Jon Curtis, first and second sons, second and third children of Robert and Stephanie (Carriles) Bradford, March 18, 9:15 a.m. and 9:20 p.m., 5 pounds 7 ounces and 6 pounds 19 ounces.

PASADENA, Calif. — Carrie Melissa, first daughter, second child of Huston and Zana (Griswold) Wheeler, Feb. 2, 5:35 a.m., 10 pounds.

PASADENA, Calif. — Anne Elizabeth, first daughter, first child of Richard and Linda (White)

Local church news wrap-up

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and their two children, Kathy and Kelly, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buckner, March 13. Refreshments and conversation were enjoyed by all. The YOU group had its own way of welcoming the Walkers, with the Eugene Reign cheerleaders presenting a H-E-L-L-O cheer.

Mr. Walker, the new pastor here, is replacing Dave Albert, who is taking a year's sabbatical to complete his doctorate in counseling.

Mr. Walker has been appointed the first Worldwide Church of God chaplain at Serenity Lane, a rehabilitation center for alcoholics. He will be giving lectures and counseling twice a month. The center puts emphasis on the use of reality therapy, involving spiritual as well as psychological help. *Claudia Baer.*

Hollow Legs

EXETER, England — The first social evening for the church here was March 12.

Music was provided by the Rowles family, Dave Marshall and Cedric Johnson. A bee drive (there being a shortage of bees, seemingly, in the area), encouraged by David Evans, was won by 12-year-old Mary Cann. Next came food and drinks, prepared by the ever-busy cooks, mostly mums and daughters.

Hollow legs were soon filled, and musical chairs and other games began under the direction of Dennis Rowles. The make-your-opponent-smile game was a draw between Jack Penney and David Batten.

About 10 p.m. minister John Jewell and his family departed for Dobwalls, having traveled from there to Exeter for the 10 a.m. Sabbath service, then on to Taunton for the service at 2:30 p.m. and back for the social evening. *Francis Cann.*

Interview With Bing

FAIRMONT, Minn. — Members here helped to air a personal taped interview with Bing Crosby March 20.

Mrs. Ken Churchill, who attends the church here, had won a free trip to the West Coast through her place of employment. Her husband was able to accompany her, and, on a side trip, visited the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena and met Mr. Crosby.

A taped interview was later aired on radio station KICD in Spencer, Iowa, where Mr. Churchill works as an announcer. Mrs. John Cox received a copy of the interview and her daughter, Jean Walding, who works as an announcer for station KSUM, aired the 20-minute interview on her program Sunday afternoon prior to Mr. Crosby's television special that evening. *John Cox.*

Makes and Models

FRESNO, Calif. — "Fashions With a Flair" was the theme of the

fashion show arranged by the ladies of the Fresno and Visalia churches March 20. Programs were designed by Bobbie Hubbard.

The colorful affair, directed by Shenora Addishian, began with a brunch at the Ramada Inn here. Dofister Gordan of Fresno, who has been instructing a few of the ladies in a sewing class, narrated one segment of the show. Pat MacDannald of Visalia and Debbie Tenty of Fresno, who have been working with YOU here, narrated for other groups of models.

The floral decorations chosen by Roberta Wolf accented the Ramada Room, which had been selected by Marcella Barron and Frances Sandoval. Bertie Box of Visalia and Montez Myers of Fresno worked with the reservations and tickets.

The 30 models were of all ages, with the youngest being 2½-year-old Jason Tenty.

Sylvia Moran directed the entertainment portion of the showing, with recitations by Brian Van Wert, Barbara Van Wert and Toye Hubbard. Jeannie Billingsley and Jennifer Hayward sang.

The background music was supplied by Greg Stainthorpe of Fresno on the piano and Ron Woods of Visalia on the guitar. *Montez Myers.*

Elbow Room

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — The congregation here has found a larger building for a meeting place and are busy renovating it. The much-needed building is owned by Dr. Abraham, a dentist in the church here.

The brethren are remodeling and decorating the interior and cleaning up the exterior. The first Sabbath service in it is planned for May. About 25 brethren painted the interior March 27, while another volunteer crew cleaned up trash and pruned and trimmed the shrubbery. Passover services were held in the building April 1.

The building has ample room for club and social activities, as well as a kitchen. Pastor Vincent Panella has even found room for an office. *Don W. Ellsworth.*

Champions of the Carolinas

LENOIR, N.C. — The women's basketball team here traveled to Concord, N.C., for the final game of the season, played against the Columbia, S.C., women's team. The determined Lenoir ladies smartly smacked their opponents with a 33-29 win.

The Lenoir ladies have previously defeated all the other teams in North and South Carolina and parts of Tennessee, thus earning the title of Champions of the Carolinas. They attribute their success to hard work, determination and the coaching of Ken Smiley. *Alene Medford.*

Preschoolers Cook Lunch

MEDFORD, Ore. — The Preschool



NEW HALL — Las Cruces members will soon meet in this hall. (See "Elbow Room," this page.)

Activity Group met March 29 at the home of Mrs. Neal Canady.

The theme was about the meaning of the spring Holy Days. The story of the Israelites coming out of Egypt was portrayed with a flannel-graph board. Then all participated in finding leavening and putting it out of the house.

After the instruction period, the preschoolers cooked and served lunch to their mothers.

The purpose of the group is to instruct the children in biblical principles and prepare them to better cope with the situations that they will face when they enter school. All of the mothers of the members attend each meeting and take turns in planning and teaching the session. *I. Schreiber.*

Helping Hands

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The winter months have not kept the Southern Homemakers' Extension Club (SHE) of the church here from being involved. A beauty consultant, a bank official and a homemaker have been speakers, with their topics ranging from beauty tips to wills and estate planning to flower arrangements.

Hostesses for the events were Yvonne Baker and Debra Bridges in January, Betty Minton and Millie Gustafson in February and Celia Wootton and Becky Hallmark in March. Refreshments were served after each meeting.

Another function of SHE is exemplified by the Helping-Hands Committee. This committee, with Ruby Gober as coordinator, keeps in touch with members of the Church who are in need and aids and assists them in any way possible. *Von Clark.*

Unbeatable Prices

NORFOLK, Va. — Sixty members here enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship at Shakey's Pizza Parlor in nearby Hampton March 19. Unlimited pizza and drinks were at the unbeatable price of \$2 per adult and \$1 per child. *Sonia Lofthus.*

Gluttons for Punishment

PASCO, Wash. — Gluttons for punishment, 20 adults and 13 young people from the church here took on the new Teal Apartments overlooking the Columbia River to clean them for first-time occupancy in early March. The effort was to restock the church treasury.

Adults and teens wound up with caloused knees, scraped knuckles, broken fingernails, aching backs, blisters, admiration for each other and appreciation for the tasks faced daily by homemakers. Minister Gerald Flurry had the misfortune of pushing down the button on a spray can that was pointed in the wrong direction.

Cleaning the 12 apartments netted \$260, which wasn't too bad for a five-day effort sandwiched in between a two-day campaign by David Jon Hill, income-tax returns, the Holy Day season and seminars by Art Mokarow planned for April 10. *Jan Helme.*

Odd Bat or Two

PLYMOUTH, England — A group of hardy "troglydites" from the church here gathered at Kitley Caves for an underground visit to see the beauty of rocks, depths, heights, stalagmites and stalactites, the odd bat or two, and proof of vandalism even underground.

The spelunkers were led by Steve Harris, an experienced cave explorer. Because of a shortage of motorcycle crash helmets necessary for the safety of the spelunkers, half the group waited until the others had their fill of breathtaking sights, narrow ledges and slipping feet.

All returned home safe and reasonably sound. *Francis Cann.*

Home Entertaining

ROCKFORD, Ill. — The Women's Alliance of the AICF was to have met here April 6, with the theme of "Home Entertaining." The men were invited and many kinds of cheeses and wines were to have been displayed. *Mary M. Dyer.*

True Womanhood

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — A seminar on "True Womanhood" was given by Beverly (Pease) Butler at a combined meeting of the San Diego Women's clubs March 27 in El Cajon, Calif.

The marriage-oriented seminar consisted of a shortened course of advocated behavior designed to improve marital relationships and promote happier marriages. The five-lesson course authored by Mrs. Butler culled the best material from three books on the subject: *Fascinating Womanhood* by Helen Andelin, *Total Woman* by Marabel Morgan and *The Fulfilled*

Woman by Beardsley and Spry.

Topics covered by the speaker were about understanding one's husband, acceptance of self as a prelude to acceptance of one's mate, the woman's role as homemaker, communication, the key to a happy marriage and true femininity.

Young and old enjoyed a dance and show presented by YOU members here April 9. Steve Friddle, president of San Diego YOU South, stated, "It provided a chance for the Church members to get to know the young people better."

The opening act was a dance number by Tom Ivicevic, Steve and Nathan Friddle and Steve Hughes. This was followed by the cheerleaders, Jeri Dau, Barbara Siner, Michelle Jacobi and Karen Hughes, displaying their cheering skills.

Vanessa Reeves, Linda Gomperts, Carolyn White and Anita Dinwiddell entertained with a song and dance. The concluding number was a song and dance routine by brother and sister Brent and Lisa Davis.

Music for both modern and classic dances was provided by a local combo called Music Machine. *Susan Karoska.*

Bowling Finale

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — The finale of the Ambassadors, a mixed-four bowling league composed of brethren here, was March 20.

Trophies and awards were presented. Taking first place in the league were the Happy Four, starring Bonnie and Gerald Bellamy and Mary and Ken Leach, with second place going to the Country Green Landscape team of Marie Nunnelee, David Foote and Jim and Beverly Bogart. Individual awards were also given for high scratch series and game and high handicap series and game.

The league became a reality in June, 1976, when the bowlers met with a representative of the Women's International Bowling Congress and American Bowling Congress to set up the rules and regulations. All 24 members get together in nearby Oxnard Sunday afternoons to bowl. Pastor Les McColl also bowls regularly. *Beverly Bogart.*

First Aid

SMITHS FALLS, Ont. — The women's meeting here was March 13, with 14 ladies present. Mrs. Marion Pattemore was hostess and a luncheon was served.

The subject was "First Aid," with Eileen Waters, a member here and trained in first aid by St. John Ambulance, as instructor. Part of the instruction was through a film entitled *Help Is*, which was made available through a government health agency. Free literature was distributed and a question-and-answer session followed.

The Spokesman Club held a ladies' afternoon March 20 at the home of Harold Pattemore. The meeting began with vocal exercises conducted by Terry Johnson. After the table topics (See WRAP-UP, page 13)



SOUTHEAST CHAMPS — Gainesville Junior College played host again this year for the YOU Southeast Region basketball tournament. Four A-league teams, four B-league and 15 cheerleading squads from 10 states arrived during the weekend of March 5 to determine who would represent the Southeast Region in the national competition for 1977. First-place cheerleading honors went to Greensboro, N.C., above. The Bluefield and Roanoke, Va., team won the B-league championship, and Moultrie, Ga., left, last year's champions, won the A-league title for the third year in a row.





WINNERS — The No. 1 Santa Barbara mixed-four-bowling-league champs display their award. Calling themselves the Happy Four, they are, from left, Gerald and Bonnie Bellamy and Mary and Ken Leach. (See "Bowling Finale," page 12.) (Photo by Beverly Bogart)

Wrap-up

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session by Al Houghton, the group was entertained with several speeches: "Why I Haven't Got Married," "Bullfighting" and "Dating 200 Years Ago."

Wine and cheese topped off the afternoon. *Joan McCaw and Dan Patterson.*

United Effort

SPOKANE, Wash. — A united effort by members here provided an entertaining evening March 26, sponsored by the Women's Club. Singing, dancing, musical numbers and comedy skits were provided by talented members of the congregation.

With a backdrop of the world, the choir presented a 1½-hour program. A social time with finger foods and juices provided by the members followed the talent show.

A surprise appreciation gift was given to Betty Jordan for providing the piano music for the choir, which is directed by Dwain Sanders.

Norman Smith, Northwest Area coordinator, and his wife and newly appointed minister Paul Shumway and his wife were among the guests. *Verne Enos.*

Maple-Leaf Swim Team

TORONTO, Ont. — Several weeks of intensive swimming practice paid off as the Toronto swim team won the Buffalo, N.Y., invitational swim meet March 26. The Typhoons, clad in swimsuits with the Canadian maple-leaf design, won every race they entered except two.

The Lettingham twins, Clark and Grant, were named the most-valuable performers, placing first in all three events they entered. The most-exciting race was the age-group med-

ley, with Toronto's team of Troy Aurtins, Jennifer and Scott Peterson and Jim Stone winning by a hand's length.

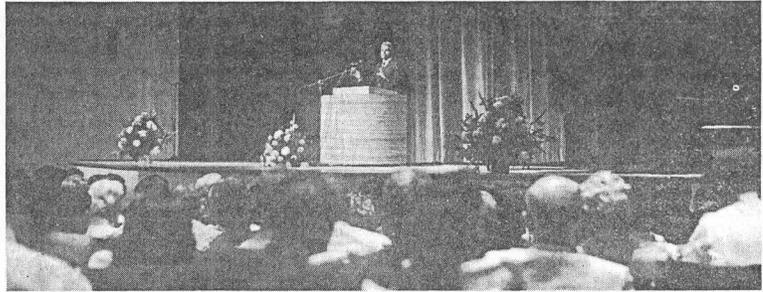
Coaches John Reedy, Steve Martin and Connie Brown established the team. *Gary Antion.*

Spinning Wheels

WHEELING, W. Va. — Teens here have been on the go during March. They presented their version of the *Gong Show* March 12.

The group sponsored a dance at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Washington, Pa., March 19. Teens from the Akron, Ohio; Parkersburg and Charleston, W. Va.; and Washington, D.C., churches attended.

The basketball team here challenged Akron and Charleston, two of its regional opponents, March 20, defeating them both. *Melody A. Gable.*



SOUTH FOR THE SABBATH — Garner Ted Armstrong addresses nine churches in Lakeland, Fla., the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 9. The Florida brethren used the occasion to have a church social that featured musical entertainment by Mr. Armstrong. (Photo by Joel John)



CANADIAN CHAMPS — Buffalo minister Dan Bierer, left in above photo, presents a Toronto swimmer and Toronto coach John Reedy with the Buffalo-swim-meet trophy. Below: The Toronto swim team poses. (See "Maple-Leaf Swim Team," this page.) (Photos by Robert Rodkey)



'Plain Truth' goes south

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The *Plain Truth* magazine is now distributed at airports in Trinidad and Barbados, announced Gerry Russell, coordinator of *Plain Truth* distribution for the southeastern United States. And the English and Spanish editions of the magazine may go on newsstands at the airport in Caracas, Venezuela, "which is one of South America's busiest airports, used by large numbers of businessmen from both South America and Europe," Mr. Russell said.

The coordinator said the *PT's* Pasadena-based Circulation Department "believes that airport displays like these and others at Atlanta [Ga.], etc., which we already have, will be our most effective means of distribution as it disseminates the magazine over a much wider area.

"We have received subscription-request cards that were inserted in the newsstand copies from all over the U.S.A., probably from magazines picked up in airports by travelers.

"With this in mind we are presently contacting the two major companies that control the newsstand and gift-shop concessions at virtually all of the major airports in the U.S.A., and the prospects look good that these doors will open too.

"The big problem is that we lack the finances to be able to go through these doors until the income picks up."

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 4
 Across: (1) Boaz, (4) Eleazar, (8) soul, (9) test, (10) Anram, (11) Saul, (12) Toia, (14) Acts, (16) So, (17) Esther, (19) aims, (20) Egypt, (25) To, (27) Abel, (28) joy, (30) woe, (33) manna, (34) Michal, (35) Nile, (36) Cornelius. Down: (1) Bathsheba, (2) assault, (3) boast, (4) Eli, (5) Esau, (6) Zur, (7) Ramesses, (13) lady, (14) Asa, (15) colic, (18) re, (21) Gob, (22) pelican, (23) Zion, (24) Cyprus, (26) own, (29) amen, (31) ear, (32) Paul.



NORTHWEST CHAMPS — The Tacoma A cheerleading squad, above, and the Tacoma A basketball team, right, both won first places in the Northwest Region YOU tournament in Seattle, Wash., March 19 and 20. In tournament action Portland defeated Seattle 55-49, Tacoma B defeated Salem 79-65, and Tacoma A defeated Portland 47-37. In the third-place game Salem defeated Portland 72-60. Tacoma A defeated Tacoma B 65-48 in the championship game. The sportsmanship trophy was given to the Salem team. In the cheerleading competition Tacoma A placed first, Medford, Ore., second and Seattle third.



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'PTs' cruise the Caribbean on 707s

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Clarence Bass, regional director for the Work in the Caribbean, returned last month from visiting people interested in God's Work in Trinidad and Guyana.

Mr. Bass, whose main purpose was to visit Guyana, had a "pleasant surprise," he said, in Trinidad. A member of the St. Augustine, Trinidad, church, Charles Bhagan, had succeeded in placing *The Plain Truth* magazine aboard the 707 jet liners of British West Indian Airways (BWIA).

"It all came about," Mr. Bass said, "when Mr. Bhagan, who himself had worked for an airline catering company at Piarco International Airport, Trinidad, asked the catering manager of BWIA if he would like copies of *The Plain Truth* on board all BWIA flights."

Liked the Idea

The manager took a copy to show his boss. Mr. Bhagan, who also coordinates newsstand distribution of the magazine at the airport, was pleasantly surprised when the catering manager's boss liked the idea.

The airline makes about 20 flights a week to London, Toronto, New York, Miami and Georgetown, Guyana. Mr. Bhagan supplies the airline with about 200 magazines each week, which are displayed, along with *Time*, *U.S. News & World Report* and others, in the airline's in-flight libraries.

The Bases March 3 to 7 were in Georgetown, where Mr. Bass baptized six people. March 7 they went to New Amsterdam, a town 70 miles from Georgetown, on the Berbice River. Five persons were baptized

there, and the Bases returned to Georgetown the next evening.

Church member Paul Krautman joined Mr. Bass March 10; together they flew into the interior to the small village of Matthew's Ridge, where they spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Joaquim. Mr. Joaquim and his brother-in-law, Joseph Correia, are gold miners. They showed the two visitors facets of the mining of the metal.

While in Matthew's Ridge Mr. Bass and Mr. Krautman visited a Carib Indian village.

"In that section of Guyana there are a number of Indian villages," Mr. Bass said. "The Indians of Guyana, mostly Carib and Amerindian, generally do not amalgamate into the Afro-East Indian culture of Guyana."

Rising early the next morning they baptized Mr. and Mrs. Joaquim and Mrs. Correia. These three baptisms brought the total for the trip to 14.

"In the seven years that our ministers have been visiting Guyana, this is the largest number to be baptized on one visit," commented Mr. Bass. "The total number of members in Guyana is now 46."

"Certain difficulties make it impossible to hold regular weekly Sabbath services there. However, God has not left His people in Guyana destitute. Paul Krautman, who is English and a graduate of Ambassador College, visits and studies with the brethren. He makes arrangements for social activities and last year conducted the Passover in his home with the approval of headquarters."

English Volunteer

Mr. Bass told how Mr. Krautman

came to be in Guyana.

"In the late '60s and early '70s he was an English Volunteer — similar to the American Peace Corps — to Guyana," Mr. Bass said. "His job was working in the National Library."

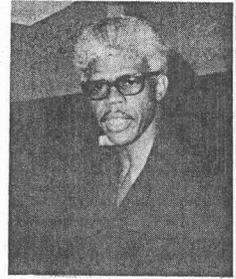
"In 1971 he entered Ambassador College. Upon graduation in 1975, he applied for a job with the National Library and got it. So now, at a sacrifice in salary, he is again in Guyana. This time he is able to help many of his brethren who are citizens of the country he has grown to love. It is indeed interesting how God provides for His children."

Because Mr. Bass by law is not

allowed to speak to the church in a formal service, Mr. Krautman suggested the brethren be invited to have lunch with the Bases.

So Saturday, March 12, about 32 of the members in Guyana came to the Tower Hotel for lunch with the Bases and Mr. Krautman. Mr. Bass gave them information on the growth of the Work in other parts of the Caribbean and answered many questions, "biblical and secular," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass returned to San Juan, feeling the visit was the "most fruitful" they had had in Guyana.



LUNCHEON — Clarence Bass addresses members in the Tower Hotel in Georgetown March 12. [Photo by Paul Krautman]



MEMBERS IN GUYANA —

Members of the Georgetown, Guyana, church, top, gather at member Paul Krautman's apartment March 5. Right: Charles Bhagan of the St. Augustine, Trinidad, church stocks the PT stand at Piarco International Airport. Far right: Members from Matthew's Ridge, in Guyana's interior, are, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Joaquim and daughter Denise, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Correia and their daughter, and Paul Krautman. [Photos by Clarence Bass]



"PLAIN TRUTH" IN FLIGHT — *The Plain Truth* is now placed on 707 jet liners of British West Indian Airways such as this one, above, at Isla Verde International Airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Left: Members of the Georgetown congregation eat lunch with Clarence Bass and Paul Krautman. [Photos by Clarence Bass]



SIGNING THE LICENSE — Garner Ted Armstrong signs the marriage license in the study of his father's Tucson home. (Photo by John Robinson)

A Personal Letter
from
Garner Ted Armstrong

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was a burst of applause from all there.

It was a very short, simple and private ceremony, with my father wearing a plain business suit and Ramona wearing a nice dinner dress, standing up in the family room before the fireplace to recite their wedding vows.

My father wanted it this way, and I very much approved and appreciated his choice in the matter. I felt it was not only a most tasteful ceremony, but, believe it or not, it turned out to be one of the most moving.

There was not an individual there who was not very deeply happy for Mr. Armstrong at his obvious joy, and most especially I believe they were all moved when I mentioned in my prayer that after 10 years of living alone my father could at last know an end to the hundreds of nights of terrible loneliness.

Deep Bond

The deep bond between my father and me I believe was even strengthened more than ever before

by the events of last Sunday, and I know that, as I told him so many years ago, so long as he and I are closely bonded together in love, mutual respect and harmony, with me continually aiding, assisting, upholding and supporting my father in his most important new phase of the Work, and his continual confidence and support in me in the day-to-day executive and administrative duties which are such a giant load on my shoulders, that we do make quite a team after all. I once had occasion to tell my father that even if God saw fit to leave us with only a briefcase, a battered, used, mechanical typewriter and the clothes on our backs, and if it took a thumb in the air to hail a passing car to get to the next place where we should preach the Gospel of Christ, that he would find me standing at his side, carrying that briefcase and typewriter, and we would be doing God's Work together.

I think I will, because of the nature of the material contained in this issue, refrain from going through a number of other items at this time and save them for the next issue, except to comment briefly on a new "personals procedure."

New Service

As I mentioned last time, we have

been studying methods whereby we can eliminate some of the abuses of the personals section, and I am happy to be able at this time to announce a new service to users of the section of the paper. Though it will mean additional time and expense for our staff, it will thwart a lot of people who have exploited the good faith and integrity of many, many of God's people around the world.

The new procedures are outlined on page 10, and I won't duplicate all the details here, since it concerns principally the users of the personals and not the majority of the Church. Though it is experimental and we may need to refine the procedures, I trust it will be a help to all those concerned with the problem.

I will be very busy in the next few days with our accreditation visit on the Big Sandy campus and rushing to completion of the last materials for my book, which is scheduled to be in the hands of the publishers by May 1.

God bless all of you loyal and faithful brethren. I hope you know how much my father and I love you and depend upon you for your continued loyalty and support. I can honestly and fervently tell you it is needed more than ever.

Your brother in Christ,
Garner Ted Armstrong

62 ministers to change church areas

PASADENA — Sixty-two ministers of the Church will soon pull up roots and change responsibilities, announced Ronald Dart, director of pastoral administration, April 21. Mr. Dart said 31 U.S. pastors will transfer to other congregations, 15 associate pastors will change churches, and 16 men will travel here to begin a year's sabbatical of study at Ambassador College.

Deciding who will transfer and where "is not an easy task," Mr. Dart said. "Dozens of different considerations have to be made. We tried to take into account each individual minister's desires — where he wanted to serve — but our main consideration was whether his talents would fit the church area where an opening was."

Mr. Dart's office had released a "partial list" of transfers in March (*The Worldwide News*, March 28); the new information includes and updates the earlier list.

Mr. Dart and his staff have been working on the transfer list since Jan. 15. "We've worked intensively on the ministerial transfers for the past two months," he said, "and they have dominated my time for the last six weeks."

Mr. Dart said Garner Ted Armstrong plans to write a letter of introduction to each area involved, introducing the congregation's new pastor or associate pastor.

Mr. Dart expects these transfer decisions to be final. "But," he said, "it's possible that in a matter as complex as this there will be some changes prior to implementation."

The target date for all transfers is July 15, but the director said "there may be some requests for variances" in the changeover dates from the men themselves.

Pastors Transferring

The 31 pastors transferring, with their present and new assignments, are as follows:

Roger Abels, from Chicago (Ill.) Southeast to Abilene and San Angelo, Tex.; George Affeldt, from Elkhart and Michigan City, Ind., to Sioux Falls and Watertown, S.D.; Bruce Anderson, from Columbus (Ohio) A.M. and P.M. to Bridgeport and Hartford, Conn.; Kelly Barfield, from sabbatical to Liberal, Kan.; Al Barr, from sabbatical to Chicago (Ill.) Southside; Charles Crain, from

San Luis Obispo, Calif., to Bluefield, W. Va.; Dave Fiedler, from Liberal, Kan., to Appleton and Wausau, Wis.; Roger Foster, from Lakeland, Fla., to Spokane, Wash.

Wayne Freeman, from St. Louis (Mo.) North and South to Longview and Lufkin, Tex.; Reinhold Fuessel, from Detroit (Mich.) East to Cincinnati (Ohio) East; Ken Giese, from Minneapolis, Minn., to Richmond and Norfolk, Va.; Bruce Gore, from sabbatical to Raleigh and Fayetteville, N.C.; Nelson Haas, from sabbatical to Flint, Mich.; Arnold Hampton, from Baltimore, Md., to Altoona and Indiana, Pa.; Tom Harrison, from Akron (Ohio) A.M. and P.M. to Louisville, Ky.; Fred Kellers, from Miami and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to Little Rock, Ark.

Randy Kobernat, from sabbatical to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Ron Lohr, from Cincinnati (Ohio) East to Tampa, Fla.; Dennis Luker, from

sabbatical to Phoenix (Ariz.) A.M. and P.M.; Herbert Magoon, from sabbatical to Blackfoot and Twin Falls, Idaho; Rand Millich, from sabbatical to Elkhart and Michigan City, Ind.; Dave Pack, from Nanuet, N.Y., to Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y.; Randy Schreiber, from Denver, Colo., to Kalispell, Mont.; Mike Swagerty, from sabbatical to Akron (Ohio) A.M. and P.M.

Britt Taylor, from Hagerstown, Md., to Binghamton and Painted Post, N.Y.; Gerald Waterhouse, from Abilene and San Angelo, Tex., to Miami, Fla.; Darryl Watson, from sabbatical to Davenport and Iowa City, Iowa; Jim Wells, from sabbatical to Topeka, Kan., Earl Williams, from Detroit (Mich.) West to Detroit East; Ray Wooten, from Little Rock, Ark., to Dallas (Tex.) North and South; Chuck Zimmerman, from Altoona and Indiana, Pa., to Greeley, Colo.

39 accepted for field

PASADENA — Thirty-nine senior Ambassador College students, representing both campuses, have been accepted as part of the ministerial-candidate program, announced Ted Herlofson of the Ministerial Services Department April 21.

"These men will locate in church areas of their choice and begin a training program of service as they are able after they have established themselves in occupations," Mr. Herlofson said. "Pastors who feel they would like to have a candidate locate in their area may interest a graduate by providing help in locating a job and home, etc."

The men, who will end their college careers at graduation less than two months from now, will receive no financial support from the Work but will have the opportunity to assist church pastors in ministerial duties. "Where the men locate will depend upon their own personal needs and desires as well as manpower needs certain pastors might indicate," Mr. Herlofson said. "The men should be a real help to local churches. They have many talents and varied backgrounds to enrich church areas."

Mr. Herlofson said the ministerial-candidate program is

open to other college graduates and other men in church areas who "meet the qualifications."

Anyone interested in the program, he said, "should apply to his pastor, who then will make recommendation to the area coordinator. Candidacy status will be granted after a successful interview with the area coordinator, senior pastor and local pastor."

The following 24 men are Pasadena seniors who will be added to the program:

Geoffrey Berg, Joe Brown, Nicolas Butler, Trevor Cherry, David Depra, Todd Derstine, Tony Garside, Carlos Gutierrez, Steve Hart, Ray Jansen, Keith Jones, Reginald Killingley, George Kovanis, Stan Martin, Warren Newman, Ralph Patten, Gary Reimer, Jim Roberts, Dennis Robertson, Bill Sidney, Warren Stacy, John Stryker, Brady Veller and Ron Wroblewski.

The 15 men from Big Sandy: William Box, John Dobritch, Rick Eckert, Charles Fredrikson, Lloyd Garrett, Louis Gouge, Gordon Graham, Michael Greider, Raymond Hall, Mohandas Jayasekera, Robert Kendall, Steve Schantz, Wynn Skelton, David Smith and Ray Willingham.

New Pastors

The following three ministers are not transfers but are being assigned the pastorate of the churches in which they serve:

Richard Frankel, Edison, N.J.; Ron Jameson, Walterboro, S.C.; George Panteleeff, Fayetteville, Ark.

Sabbatical Assignments

The 16 men in the following list will move from their present assignments to Pasadena to begin a year's sabbatical at Ambassador. Their names and pretransfer assignments:

Fred Davis, Phoenix, Ariz.; Jess Ernest, Appleton and Wausau, Wis.; Roy Holladay, Richmond and Norfolk, Va.; George Kackos, Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; Al Kersha, Raleigh and Fayetteville, N.C.; Jim Kunz, Dallas (Tex.) North and South; Ray Meyer, Akron (Ohio) A.M. and P.M.; Bill Moore, Bluefield, W. Va. Carlos Perkins, Chicago (Ill.) Southside; Bill Roberts, Louisville, Ky.; Jim Rosenthal, Bridgeport and Hartford, Conn.; Don Samples, Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y.; Charles Scott, Sioux Falls and Watertown, S.D.; Doug Taylor, Flint, Mich.; Tom Tullis, Davenport and Iowa City, Iowa; Hugh Wilson, New Orleans (La.) West.

Associate Pastors

The 14 transferring associate pastors, with their present and future assignments, are as follows:

Wilbur Berg, from Pasadena Imperial A.M. to Long Beach, Calif.; Art Dyer, from Watertown, S.D., to Chicago (Ill.) Southeast; John Foster, from Concord, N.H., to Akron (Ohio) A.M. and P.M.; Dave Havir, from Wausau, Wis., to Pittsburgh (Pa.) A.M. and P.M.; Maceo Hampton, from sabbatical to Detroit (Mich.) West; Darryl Henson, from Twin Falls, Idaho, to Denver, Colo.; Marc Masterson, from Phoenix (Ariz.) A.M. and P.M. to Lakeland and Orlando, Fla.

Steve Nutzman, from San Jose, Calif., to Columbus (Ohio) A.M. and P.M.; Bill Pack, from Binghamton, N.Y., to Wichita, Kan.; Camilo Reyes, from sabbatical to Phoenix (Ariz.) A.M. and P.M.; Jim Servidio, from Mount Vernon, Ill., to New Orleans (La.) East and West; Harold Smith, from Victoria, Tex., to Belleville and Mount Vernon, Ill.;

Tim Snyder, from Gainesville, Fla., to Fayetteville, N.C.; Ron Washington, from Glendale (Calif.) A.M. to St. Louis (Mo.) North and South.

The six new churches and the congregations they will be "linked with" under the same pastor are as follows, listed with their pastors:

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (linked with Spokane, Wash.), Roger Foster; Dickinson, N.D. (Bismarck, N.D.), Dan Creed; La Crosse, Wis. (Rochester, Minn.), Dick Shuta; Queens, N.Y. (Brooklyn, N.Y.), Leslie Schmedes; Sarasota, Fla. (St. Petersburg, Fla.), Bob Jones; Tyler, Tex. (Big Sandy), Selmer Hegvold.

Turnhalle

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The Turnhalle had adjourned that afternoon, having reached a point of disagreement. All South-Westerners are concerned when this happens, since their future is at stake.

'Mr. Armstrong's Understanding'

Mrs. Schoeman stated, "Mr. Armstrong has to speak to the Turnhalle."

She already had given us a list of VIPs in the area to whom we sent *The Plain Truth*, and she would contact them to support Mr. Armstrong's address to the Turnhalle.

"Mr. Armstrong's understanding of human nature is just what the Turnhalle needs," she said.

She would do her best to help the address materialize.

"Mr. Armstrong in *The Plain Truth* has made it clear that he wants to live according to the Bible," she said, "and he has a message for the Turnhalle!"

A date now had to be arranged for the address. After numerous telephone discussions, changes and prayer, Monday, March 14, was set for a special meeting of the delegates.

The speech by Mr. Armstrong, the transcript of which appeared in *The Worldwide News* of March 28, has borne fruit. Four days after Mr. Armstrong's address the Turnhalle adjourned, submitting its decisions to the South African government. A referendum is soon to follow. Everything worked out in the nick of time. As Mr. Armstrong himself said: "It was a rare, once-in-several-lifetimes experience."

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Readers of *The Plain Truth* in the Southeast Asian Region in the future will receive the magazine from New Zealand instead of the Philippines, **Roy Hickford**, PT circulation manager for Australia, announced April 21.

The change was brought about because too many copies were being lost in the mail under the old system, Mr. Hickford said.

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MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Baritone **Robert Merrill** performed here April 12 in the third concert sponsored by the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

The artist treated the near-capacity crowd to classical selections and



ROBERT MERRILL

popular numbers and at one point had the audience join him in a song.

Accompanying Mr. Merrill on the piano was his wife, **Marion**.

Russian cellist **Mstislav Rostropovich**, Feb. 8, and pianist **Vladimir Ashkenazy**, March 17, had preceded the singer in the three-artist series.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — **Garner Ted Armstrong's** five-minute radio programs are being added to eight stations in this country, announced **Dean Wilson**, director of the Australian Work, April 21.

The stations' call signs and locations and the times of broadcast are as follows: SHA, Alice Springs, "breakfast time"; 3BA, Ballarat, 1:20 p.m.; 2BS, Bathurst, 6:15 p.m.; 2DU, Dubbo, breakfast time; 7HO, Hobart, breakfast time; 2VM, Moree, time to be announced; 2MG, Mudgee, 6:15 p.m.; 2MW, Murwillumbah, between 5 and 6 p.m.

All eight stations will air the programs three times a week.

Mr. Wilson also said the **Garner Ted Armstrong** telecast will be aired in Geraldton, Western Australia, beginning in July, bringing to 45 the number of stations carrying the telecast in this country. The office here hopes eventually to have the telecast on 53 stations that will reach most of the populace.

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PASADENA — Soprano **Beverly Sils** performed twice, April 14 and 16, in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium as the highlight of the Ambassador Spring Opera Festival, which also includes the Rome Piccolo Opera in 10 presentations, which began April 19 and will run through May 4, and its accompanying orchestra, the Virtuosi di Roma,

in two instrumental concerts, April 23 and May 1.

Miss Sils sang in the San Diego Opera production of Verdi's *La Traviata*.

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PASADENA — Entertainer **Bing Crosby** in an April 15 letter to **Garner Ted Armstrong** told him "how very comfortable we all felt working in the environment and in the theatre that you provided for us" for Mr. Crosby's 50th-anniversary television special, which was videotaped in the Ambassador Auditorium March 3.

The special, in the form of a star-studded benefit performance, nearly ended in tragedy when the crooner fell 20 feet into the orchestra pit and then had to be hospitalized for a month.

The letter, which began "My dear Friend," continued:

"I've never seen a community better organized or with more poise than your students. They must be very happy there in the environment that you've created for them.

"Certainly it's a beautiful theatre. Sorry my accident had to happen there, but, of course, it could have happened any place, I suppose, but I did want you to know that both **Kathryn** and I, and of course the children, too, were very much impressed with the College, the atmosphere that prevailed and for the many kindnesses and conveniences which were provided for us."

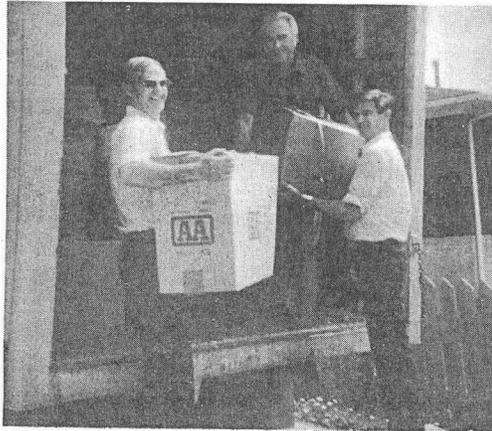
Though earlier reports stated Mr. Crosby might have to undergo surgery for a ruptured spinal disk, he was released April 5 from Peninsula Hospital at Burlingame, Calif., after successful nonsurgical therapy.

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PASADENA — In a letter sent to college applicants, President **Garner Ted Armstrong** has announced the Presidential Scholarship Program to recognize students with outstanding academic ability and personal qualities.

Each award will cover up to the full annual cost of tuition and

Members assist flood victims



HELPING HANDS — Bill Razor, left, Bob Tackett, center, and Gerry Russell, all of the Lexington, Ky., church, load a truck full of clothing, furniture and miscellaneous items donated by Church members for stricken families in flood-ravaged Kentucky.

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Most of God's people from the Pikeville and London, Ky., Charleston and Bluefield, W. Va., and Kingsport, Tenn., church areas were spared major damage from the floods that ravaged this part of the country two weeks ago, but a few members did suffer substantial losses.

Two were **Bill** and **Lydia Jones** of Harlan, Ky. **Joseph Mills**, pastor of the Kingsport church, reported water in the Joneses' house was "about up to the ceiling," with the structure and their belongings virtually a total loss, until "15 or 20" other Church members came to the rescue by repairing their house and donating furniture and other items and \$1,000.

"Now they're back in pretty good shape," Mr. Mills said.

Mel Dahlgren, minister at London, said, "God was really intervening in every circumstance" in his area.

Gerry Russell, a member of the church here and *Plain Truth* newsstand coordinator for the U.S. Southeast, said a London member, **Clarence Johnston**, was "stranded in his house for three days with water all around, but the water never got into the house.

"But the most amazing stories were told by **Bill Moore**, the minister from Bluefield, W. Va. He said one member, **Linda Taylor**, watched the river rise to her door, where it crested and started to recede, even though the rain continued to pour down for many more hours.

Church members came to the rescue, along with the Red Cross and other agencies, to help other affected people. Member **Hoyt Mullins** of Pikeville spent April 6 paddling his canoe to rescue people stranded on top of cars and houses. **Joyce Marshall** spent the week monitoring her Citizens Band radio and relaying messages in an area in which all telephone communications were out.

Mr. Russell said members from areas surrounding the stricken sites have responded by "donating furniture, clothing, bedding, food and cash."

Marlow Tackett, who owns the hall in which the Pikeville church meets, "is planning a flood-relief concert for the area May 29 and has asked if the Church and the AICF will help him with the concert. Already he has booked three country-and-western acts from Nashville who are donating their time."

day of Unleavened Bread, where he addressed many members from **Kitchener**, **London**, **Sarnia** and **Windsor**.

HAD A GOOD FAMILY NIGHT?

Where were you last Tuesday night?

Or whatever evening you've set aside as your family's special time to be together (like some had been meaning to do even before **Garner Ted Armstrong's** March 10 sermon)?

How about letting the *WN* know how you and the wife and kids have put into effect the concept of weekly family get-togethers? Your ideas may turn up in print, along with the recommendations and suggestions of other readers, as parents get reacquainted with their children and kids rediscover a world without television.

Write us at: Family Night, *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.

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KITCHENER, Ont. — Many Church members from here and other areas of southwestern Ontario met **C. Wayne Cole**, director of the Canadian Work, for the first time during Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Mr. Cole traveled to **Barrie**, conducting Passover services for the tiny congregation there April 1, came here for the Night to Be Much Remembered April 2 and then went to **London, Ont.**, April 3 for the first

Mr. Armstrong's bride in Work 15 years

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real asset to the team backing up Mr. Armstrong."

Members of Mr. Armstrong's traveling team often ate meals together when there were no formal occasions scheduled. Mr. Armstrong said it was "at these dinners I gradually got to know her, and discovered a woman of talents and abilities far superior to what I had realized."

Mr. Rader said Mrs. Martin's role with the team expanded steadily over the course of the next three years. "Mrs. Martin proved herself more and more valuable to us, and in addition to serving as my secretary she became more of an assistant and aide to me. She had a special knack for getting things done that no one else could accomplish."

As Mrs. Martin's contribution to Mr. Armstrong's team increased, she grew much better acquainted with him. Mr. Armstrong said he grew more and more impressed with her abilities and personality, realizing finally that he was in love with her.

"At banquets and social occasions, **Ramona** many times had close contacts with wives of high-ranking

officials," Mr. Armstrong said. "It was clearly evident that she fit in perfectly and was well accepted by any and all of them, as well as their husbands. She was entirely capable of meeting them on their own social level."

Mr. Armstrong came to the conviction that God was giving him "precisely the right woman for a new need I was now beginning to realize: a wife who could travel with me most of the time, a woman strong enough and young enough to withstand the grueling rigors of world travel which I must continue in order to get out Christ's Gospel message."

15 Years in Work

Mrs. Martin was first employed in the Work in 1962, a short time after she was baptized, and held various responsibilities in Pasadena over the years.

In 1973 she began to gain Mr. Rader's notice as a highly competent individual. "I became very impressed with her abilities. She could get things done. She was able to follow through and accomplish things no one else in Pasadena could."



RAMONA ARMSTRONG

In 1974, while still working for another department, she began handling special projects for Mr. Rader "such as acting as hostess for visiting VIPs, mostly those we had contacted around the world," Mr. Rader said. "As Mr. Armstrong and I spent more and more time away from Pasadena, it became necessary for us to have someone covering for us while we were away. It had to be just

the right person who could strengthen the bridges Mr. Armstrong was building with people in his travels. Whenever any of our friends would visit Pasadena while we were out of town, she would meet them at the airport, get them situated in their hotels and escort them on tours of the Pasadena campus.

"She did such a great job that it was only natural that she joined our team when she did during the Manila campaign."

Mr. Rader pointed out that for years all of her experience and training had prepared her to be the kind of person Mr. Armstrong needed.

Family Background

Mrs. Armstrong, 38, is the former **Ramona L. Crittenden** of Muskogee, Okla. Her mother, Mrs. **Richard D. Crittenden** of Pasadena, has been a member since 1962, and Mrs. Armstrong has a sister, **Mary Ellen Dahlgren** of Sierra Madre, Calif. Her father died in 1969.

She has a 15-year-old son from a brief marriage that ended during her pregnancy and was subsequently annulled.