

Eugene, the Land of Good Birth

by John Kilburn

Picture a small, sleepy college town on the banks of the Willamette River in western Oregon. The time is 1936. The University of Oregon campus newspaper, *The Daily Emerald*, is scratching to come up with tremendous earthshaking articles about students being dunked in the placid waters of the old millrace.

Up river, though, across the bridge into Springfield, there is *real* news happening. Not world news, not even local newspaper copy, but an event that has

far more importance: Mr. Herbert Armstrong is holding a tent meeting on Main Street!

The Work's first rented office was in the Hampton Building on the corner of 6th and Willamette Street — this was the windowless office with the smoke-filled union-meeting hall next door. In 1941 the Work moved to the Odd Fellows building on Broadway and Oak.

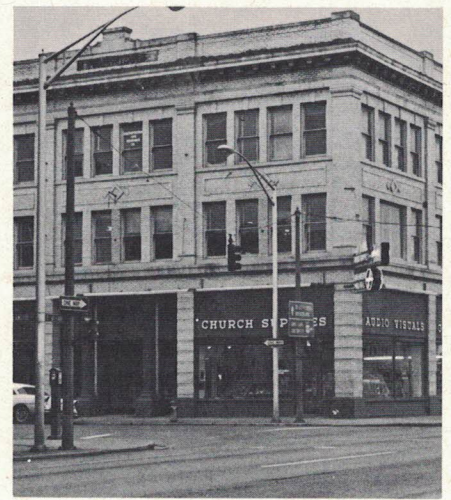
Today the sleepy little college town has a population of over 75,000 people. The tiny university has almost as many students, 13,050, as the *city* did in 1936. The cool, quiet millrace is now a stagnant ditch, and stories of dunkings have given way to syndicated editorials on student use of marijuana.

The old homesite of Mr. Armstrong on West 6th is a lot full of junked autos — the Odd Fellows building has been replaced with a modern First National Bank. This stark edifice typifies the manifold changes that have taken place. Quiet tree-lined streets have given way to hi-rise apartments and traffic-laden avenues

In the words of a Eugene businessman, "Instead of green grass, horse-shoe players, and a bandstand, the city now has concrete, asphalt, sitters and spitters, and the only courthouse in the state with railroad tracks to the moon."

"Progress" has changed Eugene into what Frank Lloyd aptly called "sanitary slums."

Soon Eugene will see a beacon of splendid architecture rise out of this hodgepodge. On the tree-studded slope



The old PLAIN TRUTH offices at 6th and Willamette. Baal has taken over the ground floor.

of a property purchased years ago by Mr. Armstrong will rise a beautiful new Church of God building.

What a site! Acres of trees, a spring-fed stream, flowers, squirrels — a living paradise right on the edge of the City of Good Birth, Eugene, Oregon.

Circular File

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and ink bottles!!! (This would be funnier if it weren't true!)

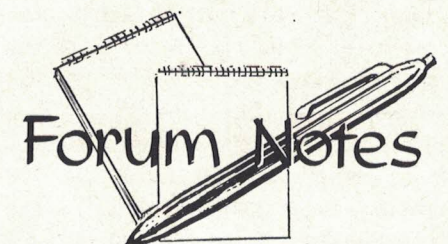
Dining Hall

The question of the week — Why an all male breakfast prep crew? Well, it's a chance for service, it makes for a change of pace, and besides, there's the principle of the thing — MONEY!!!

Astronomy

The world is flat and that's that!!! Copernicus was reprimanded for teaching that the earth revolved around the Sun. The church "searching the scriptures" discovered Psa. 93:1 — "He hath established the world WHICH SHALL NOT BE MOVED" — Therefore the earth couldn't revolve around the sun. (See *Romanism and Truth*, G. G. Coulton p. 134.) Some proof... SOME TRUTH!!!

The average height of an adult male in the United States is 5' 8.9". The senior team averages only a shade over that.



Forums, February 6 and 13

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong delivered the first two installments of a thrilling serial on *how this college was founded*. The first forum brought us up to 1927 in Eugene (see above), and the beginning of his conversion. The second Monday centered around the *need* for Ambassador College and the many obstacles and problems of forming a new college.

The next installment should pick up around 1949, the third year of college.

Assembly, February 9

Mr. Dibar Apatian rehearsed the amazing miracles surrounding the beginning of the French Work and the opening of the office in Geneva. He appealed to us as students to *see* God's miraculous hand in this Work, and in our personal lives. The miracles are there if we will open our eyes to see them.

