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# Worldwide Church history traced to Bible

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**MOUNT POCONO** — The history of the Worldwide Church of God dates back to early New Testament times, according to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. However, the present phase of the church began in the northwestern part of the United States in the early 1930's.

Herbert W. Armstrong was ordained in June, 1931, by the Oregon Conference of the Church of God.

In the summer and autumn of 1933, Armstrong gave a series of lectures near Eugene, Ore., on what he terms "the way of life that produces peace, true success and real happiness." Armstrong defines that way of life as a "way of give vs. get."

"The world's problems of today can be traced to the fact people don't realize that it is better to give than to get," he says. "Our work has always been based on that premise."

Because of a sizeable response to this early lecture series, an invitation followed to speak on radio KORE, then Eugene's only radio outlet.


According to Armstrong, "From a small beginning this work has grown to be purchaser of the largest radio wattage of any program worldwide. On Feb. 1, 1934, "The Plain Truth" magazine made its humble bow. Volume 1, No. 1 had a circulation of approximately 250 copies.

"The Plain Truth" was of-

ferred to radio listeners gratis, but subscriptions were only entered on personal request. It has never been the policy to put a price on the magazine, nor to request financial support in its columns or on the air." Today "The Plain Truth" is a full-color, 52-page magazine

containing no advertising. It is published simultaneously at Pasadena, Calif.; Radiett, England; and North Sydney, Australia. **Continued on page 18**

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