

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

Herbert W. Armstrong

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 60 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)

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

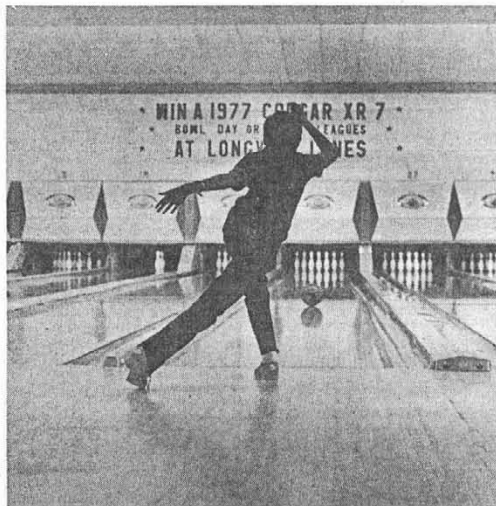
retirement and begin contracting and building houses.

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.

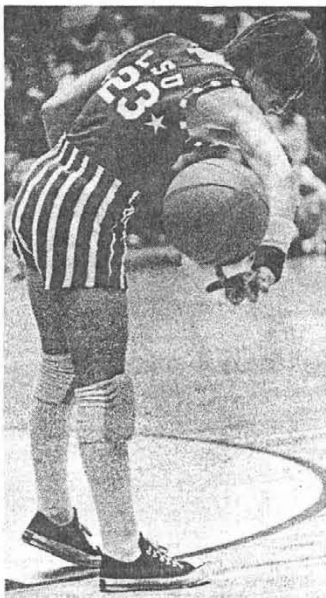
"As the car moved she fell to the pavement, her left foot and ankle moving into the way of the right rear tire, which then ran over them," he stated.

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 group 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]



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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 Apartments, 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.



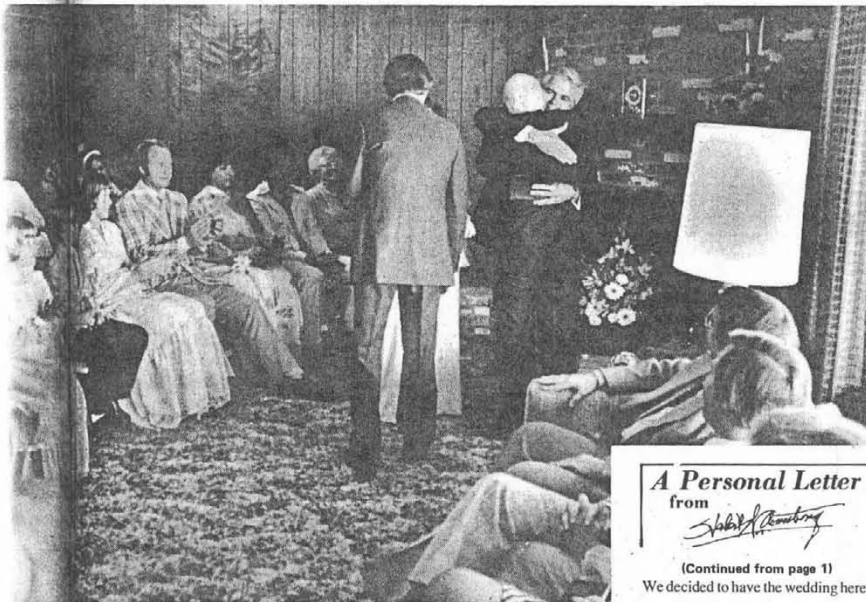
CAKE CUTTING — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong, above, cut their wedding cake. Minutes later, below, the bride and groom talk with Garner Ted Armstrong as Robert Kuhn, center, and Larry Neff look on. Mr. Armstrong, lower right, shares his exuberance with Robert Kuhn, center, and his son, Garner Ted. Mrs. 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 R. 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 providentially, 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 provide this personal need. 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 to 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 rearrangements 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 providentially 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 be 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!



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 moms 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. Dollister Gordon of Fresno, who has been instructing a new of the ladies in a sewing class, narrated one segment of the show. Pat MacDannid 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.*

Guitar 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 Pancella 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 principals 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. *J. 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 Wooton 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. *Ivon 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 Tap 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 Helne.*

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 Ivicic, Steve and Nathan Friddle and Steve Hughes. This was followed by the cheerleaders, Jeri Dau, Barbara Sitrer, Michelle Jacobo and Karen Hughes, displaying their cheering skills.

Vanessa Reeves, Linda Gomperts, Carolyn White and Anita Dvinnell 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 Austrians, Jennifer and Scott Peterson and Jim Stone winning by a hand's length.

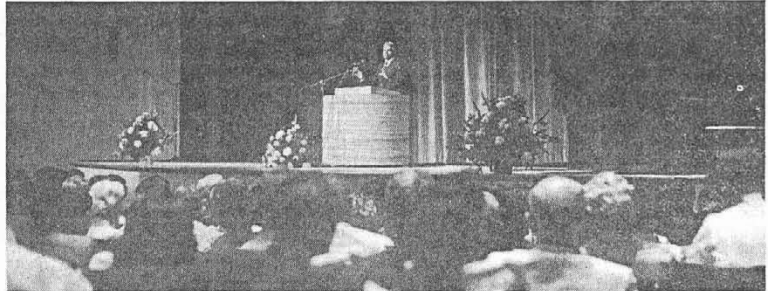
Coaches John Reedy, Steve Martin and Connie Brown established the team. *Gary Antion.*

Spinning Wheels

WHEELING, W.Va. — Teens here have been on the go during March. They presented their version of the *Gang 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) Elieazar, (6) soul, (9) test, (10) Anram, (11) Saul, (12) Tola, (14) Acts, (16) So, (17) Esther, (19) aims, (20) Egypt, (23) Lo, (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) Ramases, (13) lady, (14) Asa, (15) colt, (18) re, (21) Gob, (22) peccator, (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 Besses 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 Besses 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 Besses.

So Saturday, March 12, about 32 of the members in Guyana came to the Tower Hotel for lunch with the Besses 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 Kobarnat, 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.; Darryll 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 Gloux, 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.; Camillo 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: 8HA, 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 Sills 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 Sills 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."

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.

academic fees while the recipient is a full-time undergraduate student at Ambassador College here or at Big Sandy, subject to the maintaining of a term and cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 (B) or higher and a commendable personal record.

Recipients may renew for up to three consecutive years unless they complete the bachelor's degree before that time.

Any prospective student who believes he or she qualifies may apply by letter to the director of admissions on either campus. The letter, which may accompany the regular application for admission, should indicate the intention to work toward completing the full undergraduate-degree program at Ambassador.

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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

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

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.