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## Ray Wright appointed financial vice president

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Vancouver signs with ad agency

By John R. Elliott

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

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

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

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



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

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

by John Robinson

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

Mr. Armstrong told the ministers

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

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

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

### Midday arrival

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Churches see GTA in East, West

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

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

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

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

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

### 400 co-workers

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



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

Area coordinator Steve Martin.

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

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

Armstrong was in good spirits.

He said he is scheduling visits to U.S. congregations at the rate of about one a month during the rest of 1978. Because of that and other responsibilities, he had not been able to speak to many of the churches in Southern California. So, when he was approached by the area coordinator, Mr. Martin, with the suggestion for (See 7,800 HEAR, page 3)

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

By Randall Brelsford

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

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

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

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

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

"It didn't work out well," the director, who is the oldest son of Garner Ted Armstrong, says. "See 3,000, page 6)



# 7,800 hear GTA in Pasadena, Hershey

(Continued from page 1) the special services, he gave the go-ahead.

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

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

Santa Barbara.

### Visit to Chocolate Town

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

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

That night the basketball competi-

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

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

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

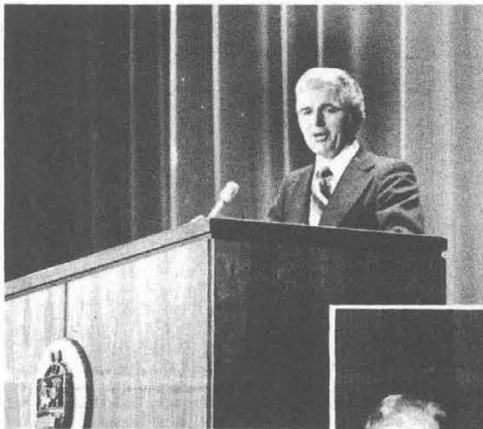
bar. (The city is known as "Chocolate Town, U.S.A.," because of its main industry.)

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

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

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

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



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



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



# British ship pirates Texas executive

By John Robinson

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

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

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

Mrs. Wright calls Tanya "our miracle baby."

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

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

'Faaantastic'

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

A vice president of Ambassador



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

## WNIterview



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

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

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

### Modest home

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and has a good personal relationship with his employees."

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

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

### Texas Instruments days

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### English soap opera

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

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

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

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

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

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

(See BRITISH, page 7)



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



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

# Never look gift goat in mouth

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

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

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

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

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

With a large number of does plus

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

To cull the herd further, Carol took

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

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

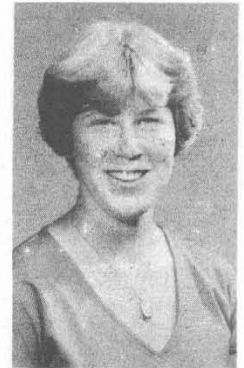
Carol said, "It's fantastic; I can hardly believe it."

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

## Youths receive honors

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

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



JUDITH LANEY

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

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



MARY ANN ARLDT

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

Mary Ann was named third-high-point competitor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



JOHN WEAVER

## Member honored

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

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

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

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

# THE MISSING FOOD

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS  
 By Amy Teh

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

"Mummy, Mummy,"

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

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

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

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

# 3,000 members active in 'PT' distribution

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

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

## Australian system

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

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

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

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

## Pilot U.S. programs

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Once we got it set up, we left the



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

## Representative seminars

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 'Quest' helps

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Minister riled

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Anniversary celebrated

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

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

Their son Stanley is a deacon at Thunder Bay.

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

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

## Our awesome literature

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

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

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

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





# Mr. Armstrong sees sa

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

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

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

He is convinced that God's Church

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

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

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

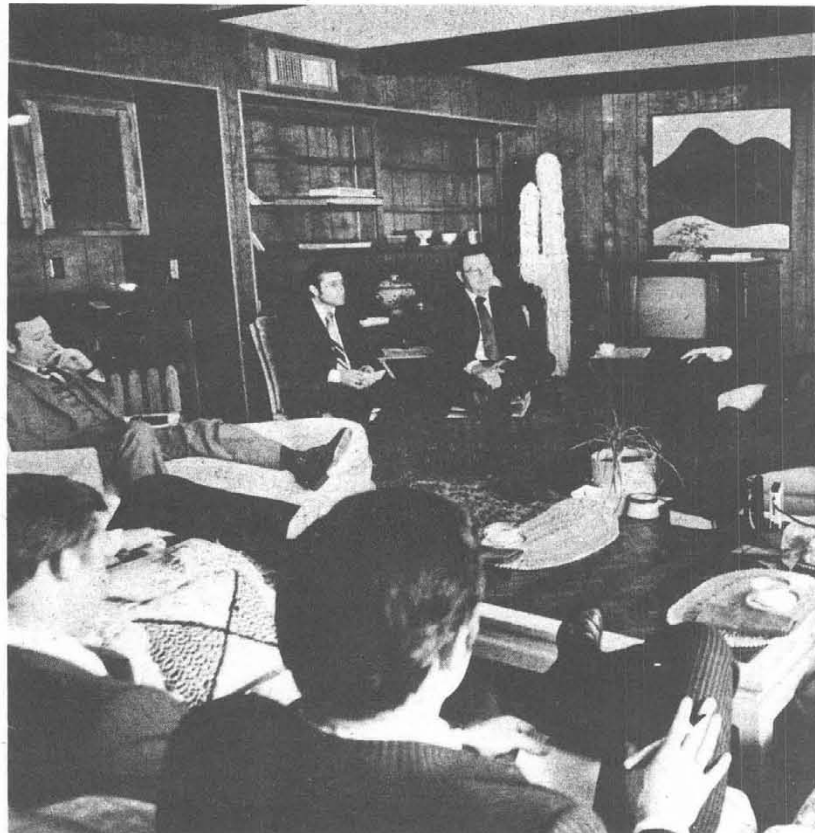
in such a way that I could not profit from it legally . . .

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

### Ministers impressed

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

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





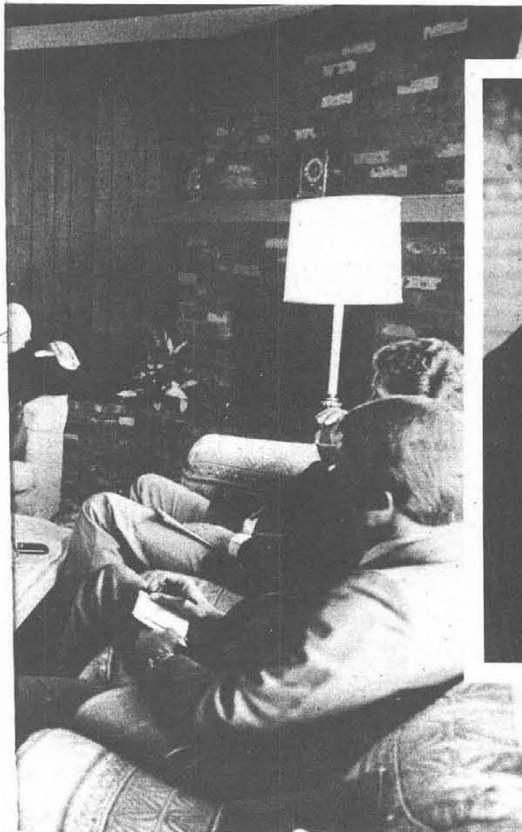


## Sabbatical elders

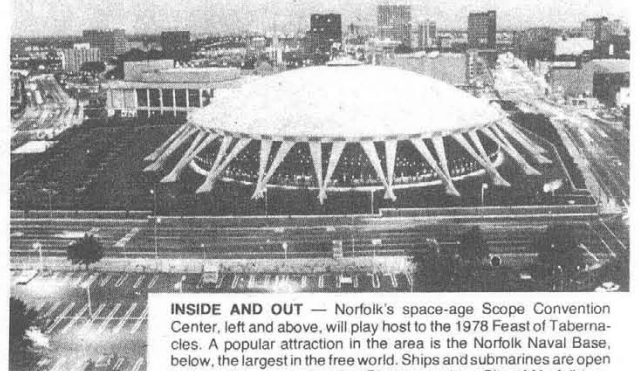
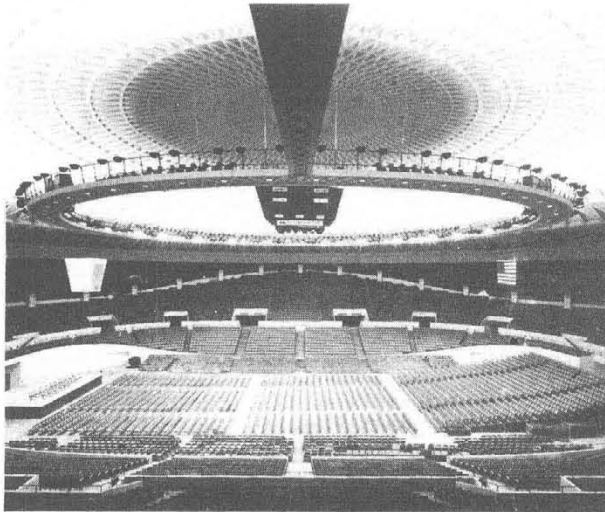
as a "privilege and an honor to be here."  
 Mr. Davis had the opportunity to express his appreciation to Mr. Armstrong for the invitation as he was saying, "I mentioned to him that everyone today seems to be searching for his roots. I said to him that that was what he had done for us, taken us back to our roots."  
 For Mr. Holladay the visit was "encouraging" and provided him with a "renewed enthusiasm" for the work. He said that, though he has

been in the ministry since 1964 and has been around Mr. Armstrong on a number of occasions, this meeting was the longest time he'd spent with him.  
 "Being there helps us relate better," Mr. Holladay said. "It makes us more effective ministers with the people we come in contact with to have had direct, personal contact with him. It also really helped to see his home and meet his wife. It makes your prayers for him that much more meaningful."

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



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



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

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

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

By Terry D. Warren

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

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

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

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

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

### Largest base

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

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

The MacArthur Memorial is a log-

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

### The Norfolk Tour

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

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

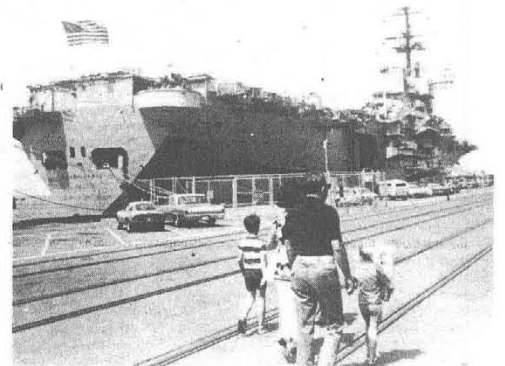
- The Gardens-by-the-Sea, featuring 175 acres of verdant gardens that bloom year round, shaded paths and quiet waterways.
- The Hermitage Foundation Museum, an English Tudor country house containing an extensive oriental-art collection.
- The Norfolk Naval Base.

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

### Scope Convention Center

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

Within easy access of the Scope



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

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

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

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

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



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



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

## 90-year-old keeps busy

By Roger Griffiths

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bill Bradford baptized Mrs. Cun-

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Member fits in scheme

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# POSTMARK

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

### 'The Love of a People'

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

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

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

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

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

I then grasped the plenary es-  
sence  
Of the sounding love and all:  
A farm without a loving people  
is like a horse without a stall.

Cathy Taylor  
Petat, Miss.

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### Raw energy

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

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

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### Month of psalms

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

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

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

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

The designated sections number 30, with 82 verses each

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

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

Christopher Cotter  
Columbus, Ohio

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### BB demo: How to planet

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

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

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

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

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

Susan Karoska  
San Diego, Calif.

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### Polysorbate 60 on the rise

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

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

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

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

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

Eileen Booth  
Medford, Wis.

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### The years go by

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

If hope can no longer look ahead,

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

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

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

You are not old.  
Walter W. Capps  
Big Sandy, Tex.

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### Forgotten city

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

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

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

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

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

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

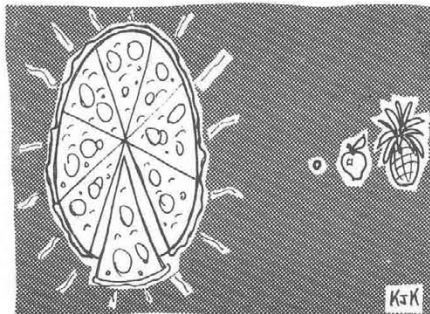
- Various religious concepts of the time.

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

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

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

Kristian Kristiansen  
Odense, Denmark



# Local church news wrap-up

## Snow-line party

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

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

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

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

## Chili supper

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

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

## Grasshopper pie

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

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

## Decorated dessert

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

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

## 'The Great Composers'

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

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

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

## Third and last?

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

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

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

of Quest 178 and the AICF in Britain. A special presentation of a donated bottle of whiskey was made to Denis Clapp for his wife, who has been seriously ill for several years.

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

of snow covered a 150-yard hill.

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

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

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

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

## Box social

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

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

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

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

## 'The Outer You'

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

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

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

## Soap operas

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

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

## Family camp

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

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR 'WRAP-UP' WRITERS

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

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

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

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

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was "The College They Couldn't Sell."

Special guests were Dr. Kenneth Abbott, former college music director, and his wife, Ruby, former domestic-science lecturer, who were asked to oversee the drawing by master of ceremonies Brian Smith. First prize of a 100-pound photo-portrait was won by Sue Ann Henderson.

A Burns Supper, a traditional Scottish event in honor of Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, was held Jan. 25 in the college dining hall. Chief caterers were Ron and Shirley Hume. The guests, about 100, included Frank Brown, director of the British Work, and Mr. Suckling and their wives.

The haggis was piped in by a piper in full Highland regalia. Bill Wilson delivered the Address to the Haggis; chairman George Campbell, a native of Ayrshire (Burns Country), gave the Loyal Toast; and Spokesman Club President Douglas MacDonald gave the Selkirk Grace. Then the guests tucked away the traditional three-course meal.

Toasts were made to Burns' immortal memory, the Work, the lassies and absent friends.

An entertainment session featured a display of Scottish dancing by Janice Battison, Angela Beattie and Merissa Campbell. Recitations were given by Jessie Battison and James Henderson. Janice and Merissa later gave a comedy skit, "How Many Legs Has a Haggis?"

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

## Weekly bulletin

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

## Body sledding

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



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

often eroding at the edges.

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

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

## Two-week absence

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** — Brethren here met Jan. 28 for Sabbath services after a two-week absence because of snow and bad weather. Pastor Roy Demarest spoke about the headquarters ministerial conference.

After services, the movie *Animals, Animals* was shown by Robert Feasler and refreshments and cookies were served by the 50-Plus Club. *Mrs. Vernon E. Hurley.*

## From pop to hula

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

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

Adults sang, danced, acted and (See WRAP-UP, page 13)



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







# THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

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

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

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

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

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

Five who were ordained local elders are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MR. AND MRS. RONALD DART

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Sabbath of Feb. 19 Mr. Rader addressed 600 members at a combined-church service in South Africa.

After several more meetings, Mr. Rader returned to the United States Feb. 22.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## New agency to represent Canadian Work

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

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

"This represents the opening of a giant door for the local viability of our programs. We are being handled by a national agency with offices across the country staffed by 250 localized people who understand every aspect of the differing local responses and needs."

Mr. Cole stressed the diversity to be found in Canada, noting differences in

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

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

"Already we have attractive sta-

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

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



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

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