HOW THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD CAME INTO BEING

By Herbert W. Armstrong

We are really in the third generation of the present era of the WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD. Few are still living who remember how God started it. HERE IS EYE-OPENING NEWS to most members of God’s Church TODAY. And it corrects a false rumor concerning Herbert W. Armstrong and the “Sardis” era of the Church. Mr. ARMSTRONG DID NOT “LEAVE” THE CHURCH OF GOD (Sardis era) TO START THE PRESENT WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD. Nor did he ever seek to draw away any of their members after him! He was never a member of either of the two factions of that church—though he fellowshipped and gave help to each of them. Mr. Armstrong’s relation with “Sardis” was one of “GIVING” not “GETTING.”

God was founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ. It was a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM—not a worldly organization—yet well organized on GOD’S PATTERN. It was headed by Jesus Christ, who already had ascended to God’s throne in heaven. It was founded on a SOLID FOUNDATION—a spiritual foundation—the apostles (New Testament) and prophets (Old Testament) with Christ the actual HEAD. Under the apostles and the very few prophets after A.D. 31 were evangelists, pastors, other elders and teachers, deacons and deaconesses. It was truly the “. . . household of God . . . in whom all the building firmly framed together . . . unto an holy temple in the Lord” (Ephesians 2:19-21), “. . . the whole body fittingly joined together and compacted by that which every joint suppieth . . .” (Ephesians 4:16). But after A.D. 33 violent persecution set in (Acts 8:1). But about A.D. 53 to 59 another gospel was taking over the churches and before A.D. 70 the Gospel Christ had preached was SUPPRESSED! The Church was forced virtually to go underground, holding meetings secretly. The apostle Polycarp (a disciple of the apostle John) and a later apostle, Polycrates, had heated controversies with the Roman bishops in the false “Babylonian Mystery” religion (Revelation 17:5), which, under Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8), had adopted the name “Christianity.”

In Revelation 2 and 3 are the messages inspired by Christ from God’s throne.

The seven churches

The apostle John relates, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day . . .” (Revelation 1:10). In other words, John was taken in vision by the Spirit of God into the far future DAY OF THE LORD. From the time of Adam to now—approximately 6,000 years—we have been in the day of man, deceived and led by Satan. The period forecast in more than 30 prophecies called the “Day of the Lord” is the time when God supernaturally intervenes and begins taking over the world—starting very shortly, perhaps one to three years, before the second coming of Christ to RULE ALL NATIONS.

The apostle John, in vision, (See HOW, page 3)

GOOD NEWS’ TO CHANGE FORMAT, ‘WORLDWIDE NEWS’ TO RESUME PUBLICATION

As announced by Herbert W. Armstrong in a co-worker letter dated Oct. 16, The Good News will soon be changed into a full four-color magazine and the tabloid paper will continue publication under the name The Worldwide News. Work has already begun on the first two issues of The Good News magazine, and it should begin regular publication within the next few months.

As explained by Mr. Armstrong, the new Good News will be devoted to biblical and spiritual food for members. The Worldwide News will resume emphasis on news of the Work and its leaders throughout the world and continue its coverage of local church activities, announcements of personal news, features on members and additional articles of a spiritual nature.

We welcome your comments and look forward to serving you with continued news and encouragement through the pages of The Good News and The Worldwide News.

Dexter Faulkner
Managing Editor

PASADENA — Worldwide Church of God brethren gathered at 75 sites this year from Anchorage, Alaska, to Suva, Fiji, for eight days (Oct. 16 to 23) of spiritual food, fellowship and fun.

The first time in the history of the Feast, members of God’s worldwide family had the opportunity to see and hear Herbert W. Armstrong speak at the Feast. As the Festival got under way the evening of Oct. 19 it was Mr. Armstrong who greeted Feastgoers, whether they were meeting in coconut-palm huts or Church-owned tabernacles such as the ones at the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., and Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Films that Mr. Armstrong had made before the Feast for this purpose were shipped to all points of the globe. For German, French and Spanish-speaking brethren the film was translated.

Some attending the Feast in African sites had never seen Mr. Armstrong before. Festival coordinators reported delight at being able to have the films, with many calling the presentations the highlight of the Festival.

Mr. Armstrong himself made personal appearances at three U.S. sites. Accompanied by his assistant, Stanley Rader, he spoke before a combined total of 24,000 brethren in St. Petersburg, Fla., Big Sandy, Texas, and finally Tucson, Ariz. Mr. Rader also gave talks at the three sites.

Mr. Armstrong hailed the Feast as a high point of the Festival (See FEAST ’78, page 8).

FESTIVAL SERVICES — Members watch Herbert W. Armstrong’s opening night film at the Sierra de la Ventana, Argentina, site, above, and listen during services at Fresno, Calif., right. (Photos by Tom Williams and Dave Knight)

78 Feast is ‘spiritual revival’
**Treasury details campus sales**

By Stanley R. Rader

PASADENA — Now that we are completing the negotiations for the sale of the two campuses, Brickett Wood, England, and Big Sandy, Tex., I would like to share some of the details with you.

As early as 1973, Mr. Howard Armstrong had determined that both the Big Sandy and Brickett College campuses should be sold. This is a task that could not be accomplished overnight, as there were a number of personal and financial considerations to be handled. The rest of the story has already been told.

In 1974 we closed the Brickett College, and approached the firm of Cluttons London to assist us in the sale of the campus. We had a number of interested parties, both from England and foreign countries, but we were unable to come to a equitable agreement until the middle of this year. We finally agreed on a price of $2 million (approximately $4 million) for the sale of the campus. This is more than our investment, in property.

The Big Sandy campus, closed in 1977 when all college operations were consolidated in Pasadena, has now received one offer of purchase that is being considered by the executive committee. The offer is $1,000,000. Other than our original asking price and about 25 percent higher than the estimated market value we had obtained in July. We have been carrying the campus’ value on our books at approximately $8.4 million.

We feel that we have been good stewards in these transactions. We have not lost money on these transactions, nor have we obtained uneconomically high returns. It is our intention to utilize the funds received from these sales as an investment that will provide job-creating opportunities for our working capital, and at the same time provide interest, which can be added to our income in the years ahead.

**Feast over, but challenge remains—what do we do with what we learned?**

By Val J. Aspenns

With the Feast short of a final hymn and a closing prayer, another Feast of Tabernacles becomes history. We can easily recall the inspiring, messiahtic messages given from the pulpit and our hearts. We walked like, abundant, joyful living experienced during the eight days or more. Probably we all feel encouraged, uplifted and spiritually rejuvenated. And then, at the conclusion of the Feast, we’ve come away with a greater sense of commitment, dedication and resolve towards God, His work, and life in general.

But will this resolve and increased enthusiasm last? Or will it be as short-lived as the proverbial New Year’s resolution, which lasts about as long as the hangover? Will this year’s Feast give us an added spiritual boost that will raise us to a higher spiritual plane of existence, whereby we will personally reflect the image and character of Jesus Christ more profoundly than ever before?

**Knowledge got to use**

The answer lies in what we’ve done as individual believers and what we’ve done as part of the body of believers. It is now our responsibility to meditate upon the words which we’ve heard, to assimilate the analogy comparing our calling to running, and put it into practice.

**A long-distance run**

The race Paul alludes to is not a short 60- or 100-yard dash, but rather a practically perfect human running test encompassed by stands filled with adoring, cheering fans. It is more like a long-distance cross-country run winding over untamed gravel or gravel roads as well as hard concrete, with changes of level going up and down, going to the bottom and the top.

Because of the long distance, the field of runners extends out quickly and you may feel you’re running alone. At other times, you may see runners pass you and you’re tempted to drop out in discouragement. And others, who would know (or care)?

In the long run, the answer is this: have faith that the end is near and that you’re running on a road which will lead you to a heavenly reward. Grow in this word, grow in this walk, grow in this faith.

**Knowledge got to use**

Remember what you’ve viewed. Remember what you’ve heard. Remember what you’ve said, knowledge is of no real value unless it is put to use. This is especially true in respect to spiritual knowledge. What will we do with our Feast experience? Will we use it? Will we ponder over it and build upon it, or will we let it lie dormant and die a slow death?

It’s quite clear that unless we use the knowledge and apply it to our life and circumstances, it will be lost, perhaps never to be regained. There is an old motto, “use it or lose it.” It’s simple, yet profound. When viewed in this light, it seems that our options are somewhat limited. It is hoped we all will make the right choice and with God’s help we will use the spiritual moments of the Feast to successfully project us through another year, no matter what obstacles or trials this life may bring, individually or as a work.

**Film of the way**

In another time, in another setting, a man named Paul trod this same Christian road before us. He was not running on the trial of our lives, however, you’ve viewed. Few can match his record of “labors, sufferings, imprisonments, of perils, of distresses...” (II Corinthians 11:24). His life is a glowing example of how to be...
The Church did become scattered! Never again after the first century was it ONE WELL-ORGANIZED, COMPACTED BODY!

But God's Church, though continuous through all generations from A.D. 31, LOST much or all of its original organizational pattern established by Christ...
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all three, were neglected as Moses was inspired to write.

Next, I happened to read where Jesus said, "And no man had ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man." (John 3:13). I researched the heaven and hell teaching further. I saw where the inspired Peter, on the day he received the Holy Spirit said, "For David is not ascended into the heavens..." (Acts 2:34).

Taught opposite of Bible

I was, in utter astonishment, coming to realize that what I had been taught growing up in church was the precise opposite of what the Bible says in clear language. He that calleth on the name of the Lord shall escape..." (Acts 2:21). But my intensive study had revealed that in stark plainness the Holy Bible says in clear language, that "all these churches can't be of God's Church only..." (Acts 20:29). Jesus had said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it..." (Matthew 16:18). But my intensive study had revealed, that "The church that Jesus established was this almost unknown little Church of God whose headquarters were at Stanberry, Mo..."

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wrong, for their teachings came from the Bible. The essential point is the simple fact that I did find irrefutable proof of the divine inspiration and supreme AUTHORITY of the Holy Bible as the revealed Word of God as contrasted to the earth's written religions. Even all the so-called contradictions evaporated upon unbiased study.

Yet, to my utter dismay and chagrin, I was forced to "eat crow" in regard to my wife's supposed "theological education." It was not what I wanted to believe, then! But by now I had taken aриm. My proof of truth contrasted to the standard I wanted to believe.

Let me pause here to add a point to what I wrote above, saying that people believe what they have repeatedly heard or read or been taught. There are two other psychological reasons in regard to why people believe what they do. One is, people carelessly accept what those around them believe. Most Thais are Buddhists because those around them in Thailand are Buddhists. There is the psychological tendency to go along with one's peers.

One other reason for people's beliefs is that human nature tends to cause one to believe what he wants to believe and refuse, regardless of proof, what he does not want to believe. There is the old saying, "One convinced against his will is of the same opinion." It was a psychological reason, no doubt.

God's Word alone is truth

That is why I have said the conscientious student should be subject to in this six-month intensive study was unique in human life and conduct. I know what I once hated I now love. I found the greatest and most absorbing joy of my life in continuing to dig out those gold nuggets of truth from God's Word.

Now came a new enthusiasm in biblical study and receiving the revealed knowledge of God. I began to ask, "Where, then, is the true Church which Christ founded?"

The true GOSPEL

My shocking, disappointing, eye-opening discovery, upon looking into the Bible for myself, had revealed in stark plainness that the teachings of traditional Christianity were, in most basic points, the very opposite of the teachings of Christ, of Paul and of the original true Church!

Could the original and only true Church have disappeared and disappeared? Could it have ceased to exist? No, for I read where Jesus said the gates of the grave would never prevail against it. Also He had said to His disciples who formed His Church, "Lo, I am with you at all times..." (Matt. 28:20).

Then I saw that the very purpose of the Church was to "preach Christ's GOSPEL! It is his word - His instrument by which He directed us in life! (See GOSPEL WORK)

I looked carefully at that Gospel as Christ Himself preached and taught it to His first ministers. It is recorded in the four books of the New Testament, Matthew and John. At almost every point of teaching that Jesus emincated, the last few generations of present-day Christians today are just the opposite.

They were not preaching the same GOSPEL at all, but a totally opposite message! This was shocking - incredible - unbelievable! Yet I was compelled to see it was true.

Jesus began the work of preaching the very Gospel that He had said He had come to bring to mankind through Him. He commissioned His disciples - His apostles - to carry on in His stead and go to all the world. And He has said He would never leave the world. He had begun! But where was it going on today?

Seeking an obedient Church

I knew now that when I found the one and only true Church, I would find a Church obedient to God - keeping His commandments and following the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the truth of the Scriptures.

I was immediately impressed by a description of the true Church, as it is to be found in our time - just before the second coming of Christ: "It is founded on Revelation 11. It is the time when Satan is filled with wrath against God's Church, 'because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.' (Revelation 12:11). Satan is making war with 'the remnant of her seed.' The remnant has much of the last great instruction in this age. The Church is definitely described. It is the Church which "keeps the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 17, 18).

My intensive study had revealed one thing plainly: 'The commandments of God' mean 'Sabbath keeping' to most traditional denominations. They say, 'The commandments are done away.' They reject 'the commandments of God.'

That automatically ruled out all churches observing Sunday. So far as I could learn, it reduced the search to three small groups, the Seventh-Day Adventists, the Seventh-Day Baptists, and a little, almost unheard-of church called the Church of God, which maintained a small publishing house at Stanberry, Mo.

So I examined Seventh-Day Adventist teachings - just as I did those of the other denominations. I obtained their magazines, their booklets and pamphlets, their large book of Bible readings or Bible "home instructor." This true Church is the one that lives by every word of God - the words of the Bible!

Never an Adventist

It seems necessary to add here that I have never been a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination. False statements have appeared in various church or religious magazines, pamphlets or tracts that I am an Seventh-Day Adventist. I do not make much of their literature to come into contact with me. But I examine and study it with an open mind, and without prejudice. I was the first of those I knew like most denominations, they do have certain points of truth. None is 100 percent in error.

But my familiarity with Adventist doctrine came on easy.

For here was an established literature. I have never attended a regular Sabbath church service of that denomination that I have examined and studied with the infilling of the Holy Spirit! I knew now, that when I found the one and only true Church, I would find a Church obedience to God - keeping His commandments and following the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the truth of the Scriptures.

Next, I looked into the teaching of the Seventh-Day Baptists. I found it to be virtually identical, except for observing a different day of the week, with other Protestant denominations - especially the Baptists.

But of these three churches to which the search had been narrowed, only one had the right name for the true Church. This was the small, little-heard-of Church of God whose headquarters were at Stanberry, Mo.

Twelve times in the New Testament, I found the name of the Church that Christ said would keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 17, 18). My intensive study had revealed one thing plainly: "The commandments of God" mean 'Sabbath keeping' to most traditional denominations. They say, 'The commandments are done away.' They reject 'the commandments of God.'

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But this left me quite confused. For this was a little church, especially compared to the Roman Catholic, the Methodist, the Baptist, the Presbyterian, the Lutheran or other large churches numbering millions of members! Then I saw where Jesus called His Church the 'little flock.'

But I was not completely satisfied. I was deeply concerned. I prayed a great deal over it. For here was a new church, which, compared to the large-scale activities of the Catholic and big Protestant bodies, was ineffective. I could see that it was imperfect. It wielded no great power. Jesus had said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth." (Matthew 28:18). I read how Jesus Christ was to be His Church! He guides it! He directs!

This was the small - actually an infinitesimal start of what was destined to grow in 38 years to a major worldwide Gospel work reaching millions... every week.

If He expanded it! He said His Church would receive power (Acts 1:8).

None was a member of the true Church unless he has received and is filled by the Holy Spirit - the Spirit of power! This little church seems to be powerless - comparatively! Important! I failed to see where it was bearing much if any fruit! Could a fruitless little church be the only true Church of God on earth?

I was deeply perplexed. Here was a little church, with scattered members probably numbering less than 2,000, mostly in rural areas. Apparently, as nearly as I could learn, it had only a very limited number of local churches, none as large as 100 members. A church to come in contact with some of its leaders, they seemed to be men of little education - no college degrees - its ministry could hardly be described as an educated ministry. Their preaching had a certain fire, yet seemed totally to lack the power that attracts sizable audiences, that moves people, stirs hearts, and changes lives. I could see no visible results.

Could this be God's one and only true Church on earth? The very question seemed preposterous!... But, where else?

And yet - Yes, and yet, small, powerless, restless, impotent though it appeared to be, here was a church with the right name, "keeping the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ," and at the same time bore the name of the original true Church, was this almost unknown little Church of God with its small publishing house in Stanberry, Mo.

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"This initial stage of my research rudely shook my faith in the existence of God. It brought me to realization that I had assumed the reality of God, because from childhood I had heard - and therefore assumed - it. For while my head was literally swimming, was all I had ever believed mere myth and error after all?"
"Jesus said we should KNOW 'by their fruits.' And now they were split right down the middle. A house divided cannot stand, and their two houses—Stanberry and Salem—did not stand!"

The Oregon campaigns

The campaign was held in Eugene, in a tiny tent set up by some people. R.L. Taylor there turned out to be Pentecostal. No results came from the six-weeks-six-nights-a-week meetings, except one night when it was too stormy to hold a service.

One lone couple came that night—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fisher. They came to the room I had rented, and that night Mrs. Fisher accepted the Saviour. He already believed in it.

After this, employed by the Oregon Conference, I teamed up with a young minister of the Stanberry church, Roy Daily. We held meetings at St. Helens, Ore., and Umpire, Ore., near Walla Walla, Wash.

The only results came after Mr. Daily left Umpine, on finding the conference treasury was about gone, and saying, "I'm going back there to protect my own interests." I said I would serve one's interests, and after that I had a small church raised up. But, as others raised up by my preaching, there was no local minister and the church evaporated after a few weeks.

In March, 1933, we planned a six-weeks-a-week campaign in a small empty store building in the Hollywood residence section of Salem, Ore.

New appeared on the scene two more Seventh-Day Adventist ministers, A.J. Ray, and Sves A. Oberg. Oberg swept in the brethren off their feet with his preachings more than had R.L. Taylor. He was a man so perfect we wondered if he was not one of those who knew Jesus. He was in disguise all right! He, too, turned out to be Pentecostal.

Soon the Pentecostal people had a meeting and Mr. Oberg's help was taking over the meetings.

Results? None! The shouts drove away others who had not been interested. After the meetings, Mr. Oberg went to the home of a man where a church building was leased, to hold a campaign of his own.

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I had been invited to hold a six-weeks campaign in a country schoolhouse, eight miles west of Eugene, Ore. First, however, Mrs. Armstrong and I visited privately in their homes some of the people who had attended the meeting in Salem. Results? A new church of close to 50 members organized. I had asked A.J. Ray to pastor it. Under his "leadership" it lasted six weeks.

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then 20 signed their desire to establish a new Sabbath-keeping Church of God. Then, in September, the living Christ opened the doors of his temple for the first time in Eugene, Ore. First, however, Mrs. Armstrong and I visited privately in their homes some of the people who had attended the meeting in Salem. Results? A new church of close to 50 members organized. I had asked A.J. Ray to pastor it. Under his "leadership" it lasted six weeks.

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Sunday night, July 9. The Fishers and I decided to attend at the Fitbitous school the same night. I arrived at the Fisher farm, leaving my wife and children at our home in Salem about July 5 or 6.

Small start of Independence

This was the small — actually infinitesimal — start of what destined to grow in 38 years to a major worldwide Gospel Worker reaching millions of people every week.

But if small, it started with a burst of energy and inspiration. First, it started with intensive and earnest private prayer. To the rear of the Fisher farm home was a fair-sized hill. Running over this hilltop for exercise I discovered a rock about 14 inches high. It was a sacred spot. It came to mind how Jesus had dismissed the multitude and gone up into a mountain apart to pray — away alone with God. I dropped to my knees before this rock, which seemed just the right height to kneel before, and began praying earnestly for the success of the meetings. It became sort of a daily pilgrimage, during my stay at Fishers', to this, which became my prayer rock. I'm sure that I drank in much energy, spiritual strength and inspiration at the prayer rock.

Preparing for the meetings, I borrowed a typewriter. I think the meetings through one of their relatives. With carbon paper, I typed out some 30 sermons, announcing the meetings, and the topics of the sermons for the first week or 10 days.

The first broadcast

The six-weeks meetings in the one-room Fitbitous schoolhouse began outdoors, Aug. 20, 1933. A total of more than 20 had come with us. Only 10 percent of the 10 members of the Fisher and Ellis families, members of the church before meetings started.

The Oct. 1, 1933, Bulletin carries the report that "with the Fisher and Ellis families, more


Meanwhile, their urging, a few of these articles had been mailed to The Bible Advocate in Stanberry, but nothing came

The near baptism at a meeting

Along in November of 1930 the Runcorns, neighbors of my parents, asked me to go with them to a baptismal service of brethren of the Church of God, being held in the house of Mrs. Ira Curtis, near Jefferson, Ore.

Although I was a guest — I had never been to a baptismal service before, whose headquarters were at Stanberry, Mo. — they asked me to act as party and take down the minutes of the meeting. I learned that the meeting was called the Oregon Conference, a result of the meeting in connection with these Oregon members into an Oregon Conference.

I learned instantly there was a feeling of division among them. Elder A.N. Digger was the leader of this Oregon Conference, who were standing at Stanberry, Mo., who. headquarters.
WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD
BALANCE SHEET

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AMBASSADOR COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET
November 30, 1977

Assets

Total 12/31/77 Percentages
Current assets:
Cash and certificates of deposit $1,397,400 2.8
Short-term investments 197,300 0.2
Receivables, current 704,200 1.0
Inventories and prepayments 1,654,800 2.9
Total current assets $4,747,700 7.9
Plant assets, net (Note 1)
Capital leases 61,713,000 10.0
Plant assets held for sale (Note 1) 4,400,000 0.7
Ambassador College, United Kingdom (Note 2) 3,970,300 0.7
Noncurrent receivables 1,582,500 0.3
Deposits 1,000
Total assets $93,025,300 100.0

Liabilities and fund balances

Current liabilities:
Accounts payable 1,652,200 1.8
Accrued liabilities 600,000 0.6
Current portion of long-term debt 2,973,500 3.2
Current portion of obligations under capital leases 1,000 0.0
Deferred amounts 375,000 0.4
Other current liabilities 2,950,000 3.2
Total current liabilities $11,720,700 12.6
Long-term debt (Note 3)
Obligations under capital leases 2,819,700 3.1
Deposits due to students and others 35,100 0.0
Total liabilities $14,575,500 15.9
Fund balances:
Available for current use 5,809,500 6.6
Invested in AC US and plant assets of discontinued operations held for sale 12,570,100 13.9
Net investment in plant 44,850,000 48.9
Total fund balances $83,920,100 90.5
Total liabilities and fund balances $93,025,300 100.0

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1
PLANT ASSETS
At Dec. 31, 1977, the book value of plant assets other than those held for sale as a result of the discontinuance of operations at the campus in Big Sandy, Tex., are as follows:
Land and improvements, net $9,996,100
Buildings and improvements, net 39,278,000
Business aircraft, net 2,915,900
(G-6 and Cesna Citation)
Equipment and furnishings, net 6,790,000
Libray books 1,227,700
Vehicles, net 1,407,200
Construction in progress 349,500
Leasehold improvements, net 241,200
Total $61,713,000
Plant assets located at the campus in Big Sandy are presented below:
Land and improvements 1,092,100
Buildings and improvements 6,044,100
Equipment and furnishings, net 910,500
Library books 263,300
Vehicles 66,700
Aircraft 23,500
Total $8,400,000

Note 2
AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, UNITED KINGDOM
The Ambassador College real property in the United Kingdom has been sold for an amount in excess of $4 million.

Note 3
LONG-TERM DEBT AND CREDIT AGREEMENTS
Long-term debt, excluding the portion due within one year, outstanding at Dec. 31, 1977, is as follows:
Mortgages payable:
Ambassador Auditorium $5,807,600
Student center, parking structure 1,178,200
Press and transportation buildings 1,683,900
Hall of Administration 630,500
Grove Terrace - student dorm 431,300
Other buildings 2,188,100
Total mortgages payable $11,400,500
Loans payable 1,776,200
Total mortgages and loans payable $13,176,700

CREDIT AGREEMENT
The Church's principal bank line of credit agreement provides for loans up to $4.3 million as follows: $1 million unsecured line of credit to support cash flow, interest at prime; $2 million unsecured construction line of credit, interest rate at prime plus one-half percent, repayable at $75,000 per month plus interest; $1.2 million secured motor-vehicle-fleet line of credit, interest at prime plus three-fourths percent.

In the Sept. 25 edition of The Good News, a Statement of Income and Expenditures with accompanying charts was published. Since it is customary that a Balance Sheet accompany the foregoing statement, the following combined balance sheet of the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College for the year ended Dec. 31, 1977, is presented. This statement, however, includes only our United States operations.

The combined Balance Sheet was derived by combining financial information contained in the certified individual Balance Sheets of the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College.

On behalf of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, we want to express our deep and sincere appreciation for your continued support of God's Work.

[Signature]
Treasurer

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD
BALANCE SHEET

Monday, Nov. 6, 1978
I would like to announce something that gives me great pleasure. I had the chance of announcing it at the end of my sermon last Sunday, and the news is that Mr. Armstrong is alive. Just to be sure, he is alive and well, and the news is that he is alive and well.

The Pasadena area, she will be baptized to be one with God. Immediately upon our return to school, I realized that much of what Mr. Armstrong stated, not only by Mr. Armstrong's recovery suffered so much pain and anguish. He has intervened to restore recovery, and I am certain that we can ask God to return. And little did we know that he could very well outlive all of us. I feel that very, very strongly, and we all hope that Mr. Armstrong will be able to complete the Work that God would have been done, that God's work would be preserved, and that he should be given the honor of high rank and that Mr. Armstrong will be able to complete it in his lifetime.

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the finest in years in a letter of gratitude to the worldwide ministry. "It was a spiritual revival," he said. "After our living Head of God's Church moved to set His Church back on the track, since His college, now He set His Festivals back on the track. It seemed all members were up for this Festival," Mr. Armstrong said as he praised the leadership of God's ministers for making it so.

Attendance up

U.S. Festival director Sherwin McMichael said attendance was up significantly at several sites from what the Big Sandy-based Festival Office had expected. According to Mr. McMichael Big Sandy was expecting 8,700 brethren but ended up with 8,800. The same seemed to be true at the Lord's Feast in the Ozarks site among others, he said. At press time Mr. McMichael's office did not have final attendance figures. An unofficial tally by The Good News based on reports gathered from sites around the world shows 90,200 brethren kept the Feast. (One figures are derived from registration, high attendance and estimated figures 1.)

In addition to the 75 sites around the world, The Good News is also reporting on the 1,383-strong Pasadena and Jerusalem (177) Feast, which were not set official sites as designated by Mr. McMichael's office.

Better atmosphere

Mr. McMichael, who this year spoke at four new U.S. Feast sites (Fresno, Calif.; Seattle, Wash.; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; and Norfolk, Va.), said the notion he got from the Festival coordinators and the audiences he spoke to was that, "This year the atmosphere was better, more enthusiastic, more responsive. That I'd see it in years and years. It was noticeable everywhere I went, and it's what the other coordinators said as well," he said.

According to Mr. McMichael, Mr. Armstrong emphasized the forward thrust of the Church and the headship of Christ, also later addressing the ministers attending the Festival in Big Sandy. C. Wayne Cole delivered a much-appreciated sermon on the importance of remaining in the Body of Christ, where Christ is working.

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Ralph Robinson

Earl Roemer and what the world tomorrow will be like (Phil Shields). The Feast and those attending it received a full-page article in the main Anchorage newspaper. Earl Roemer.

BIG SANDY, Tex.—A visit by Herbert W. Armstrong in midweek was high point for the 6,630 brethren registered for the Feast here. In his sermon Mr. Armstrong emphasized the forward thrust of the Church and the headship of Christ, also later addressing the ministers attending the Festival in Big Sandy. C. Wayne Cole delivered a much-appreciated sermon on the importance of remaining in the Body of Christ, where Christ is working.

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Dennis Pyle

According to Mr. McMichael, Mr. Armstrong expanded the number of ministers with whom he spoke, making for a greater variety of speakers.

"More people at various sites saw their church pastor speak than they had in recent years," he said.

Influence felt

Mr. McMichael pointed to the purpose of the Feast as the dominant theme this year and said, "Mr. Armstrong's influence was felt wide and worldwide this year than ever before with his keynote address and full address on the first Holy Day. Every Festival site around the world had the opportunity to hear Mr. Armstrong, which has never been the case."

Mr. McMichael summed up his feelings on the Feast by saying, "Considering the many difficulties the Church has faced over the past year, to be able to experience such a wonderful Festival with enthusiasm, sincerity and purpose is deeply gratifying."

Following are individual reports as of press time from 73 of the 75 Feast sites around the world.

These reports were written from information supplied The Good News by Festival coordinators whose names appear at the end of each report (except in a small number of cases where a non-English-speaking English-speaking coordinator had someone else file an account).

UNITED STATES

ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- A relaxed and warm atmosphere in which the world tomorrow would be like the theme was enjoyed by 365 brethren here.

Most of the brethren stayed in the same hotel in which services were conducted. Speakers spoke on the contrast between today's world and the world tomorrow (John Robinson, God's government on earth)

LAHAINA, Hawaii -- One thousand six hundred brethren registered for the Feast held at the Lahaina Civic Center on the island of Maui. Sermons were delivered by Gary Anton on spiritual aspects of how to a make a better Feast. Dennis Pyle on an overview of the world today and looking to Christ, and Richard Rice on God's Spirit in us.

Almost all of the brethren attended the scheduled crusades, and most took advantage of the fabulous weather to make short side trips in the islands. The relaxing and rejuvenating Feast was the best in years. John O'Connor.

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo. -- A total of 9,041 brethren registered for the Feast at the Church of God Convention Center in the Ozarks, where the Feast ran very smoothly and the members enjoyed clear skies and bright sunshine every day.

Key speakers were Robert Fabeck, discussing the meaning of the Festival, Ray Engler, speaking on Jesus Christ as the central figure in our lives, Don Blackwell, emphasizing the world tomorrow, Raymond McMichael, discussing loyalty, and David Anton, winding up on the Last Great Day. A high point for all brethren was being able to see Herbert W. Armstrong on 16-mm. film.

Excellent attendance prevailed throughout the Feast, and God's people were well received by the local residents and businessmen.

NORFOLK, Va. -- A total of 8,415 Feastgoers registered at the Norfolk Scope, one of several new Feast sites in the United States this year.

The ability to see and hear Herbert W. Armstrong on film, the traveling speakers, the numerous recreational activities, the dances and the talent show contributed to a full Feast.

Main speakers addressed dedicating your life to God and the Work (Steve Martin), walking with God (Dr. Roderick Meroch), and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and the meaning of the Last Great Day (Sherwin McMichael).

The enthusiastic and inspiring Feast had a sense of seriousness about it. The importance of being active in God's Work, recreation and the preparation we have to make to become part of God's Kingdom was emphasized. Dick Thompson.

PASADENA, Calif. -- The official Pasadena Festival ran smoothly, with attendance on the Holy Days reaching 1,294 and 1,383 respectively. The weather was delightful and helped to create an enthusiastic summertime atmosphere.

In addition to sermons by Dr. Herman Hoeh, Ben Chapman and Fred Coulter, Leon Walker flew in from Tucson, Ariz., to add spice to the Festival and Bob Fabeck presented the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation skills show and a sermon on the Last Great Day.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The opening sermon by Herbert W. Armstrong set the stage for a fine Feast here. Feastgoers registering to attend services at the Bayfront Center Arena numbered 10,500.

Principal speakers were Mr. Armstrong, whose sermon on the hope we have in the future was videotaped for later use, and Rod Meredith, David Antion and Wayne Cole, who discussed the reality of what the Feast Days picture and how to weather the trials ahead.

The weather was beautiful and warm enough for members to go to the beach. The only discomfort was the somewhat crowded conditions. At services the people were genuinely happy. "A much needed Feast," "an 'up' Feast," and "a shot in the arm" were some comments heard. Jim Chapman

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Brethren here made the best of record cold temperatures at the beginning of the Feast as they huddled in the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, a semienclosed auditorium.

Despite the cold the 4,800 brethren had feeling of being at one as they heard Roderick Meredith speak on the need for the coming Kingdom, Steve Martin on marriage and the family, Sherwin McMichael on reports from other Feast sites and Leslie McCullough on the need to be prepared for the difficult days ahead.

The weather warmed up mid-Feast making for a very successful Feast overall. The brethren here also made a real impact on the community. David Brewer

SAVANNAH, Ga. — This southern city proved to be a historical as well as entertaining city for some 5,290 brethren observing the Feast here for the first time.

The example of Jesus Christ was preached (David Antion) as was walking with God (Roderick Meredith) and the Last Great Day (C. Wayne Cole).

God has poured out His Holy Spirit on his people this year as the attitudes of the brethren were exemplary of real Christianity. Ray Wooten

SEATTLE, Wash. — A larger number of Festivalgoers than expected gathered in the Seattle Center Arena for the Feast this year. The highest attendance recorded was 5,413, which topped the official registration figures.

Everyone seemed to be on a "spiritual high" from day one to day eight. Attendance was larger than expected — offerings very good — very few problems. Our Church members are really hanging in there.

Main speakers were Leslie McCullough, speaking on the meaning of the Feast in general; Sherwin McMichael on the world in which we live and the importance of the Work; Art Mokarow on human potential; Bob Bortner on rewards of the saved; Ronald Kelly, what it will be like to be spirit; Dale Schueter, we are perishable in the Kingdom; and Joel Lillegren on what we are promised in the Kingdom.

The 74 acres of the Seattle Center offered recreational and educational opportunities for young and old alike. Dale Schueter

TUCSON, Ariz. — A positive approach on the part of the ministry and brethren here marked a fine Feast for 6,391 brethren.

Herbert W. Armstrong made Tucson his last Festival stop and ad-

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dropped the brethren on the Last Great Day
as he spoke on the great day of judgment.

Other subjects covered were God's presence in the Work (C.
Wayne Cole), why do we suffer (Leon Walker) and God's wrath
(Clint Zimmerman).

Services along with active participation in activities such as a widows
and widower luncheon and YOU day added up to make the Feast a
strengthening experience. Walter Dickison.

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. - Registered Feasters numbered
6,875 at this Church-owned site.

Weather varied from cold to warm, from wet to dry, always with a back­
ground of autumn colors, and brethren were more excited, unified and
happy about the Feast than ever before.

Visiting minister Raymond McNair spoke about the purpose of
the Feast and loyalty. Robert Fahey discussed the Ambassador Interna­
tional Cultural Foundation and our international commission and Dean
Blackwell covered the meaning of the Last Great Day.

The choir provided outstanding music throughout the eight days.
Leroy Neff.

CANADA

CALGARY, Alta. — Main speakers were Leslie McCullough,
Ron Kelly, John Halford, Charles Bryce and George Parickson at this
Canadian site in the Calgary Convention Center, with 1,565 Feasters
registered.

Brethren were up for the Feast, concluding with a record offering for
the site of $30 per person. An 8-foot Church seal set the tone for the stage

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. — A highly family-oriented Feast with
maximum participation was enjoyed here by 526 brethren who rep­
resented 10 Canadian provinces.

Sermon topics included the mission of the Church is the same today
as for the original apostles, feeding the spiritually hungry with food that
satisfies (Colin Wilkins), marriage should reflect the relationship be­
tween Christ and the Church (Ken Kneebone) and compassion for
others (Bill Rabey). Ken Kneebone.

PENTICTON, B.C. — Record attendance (1,825 registered) and rec­
ord offerings set a positive note to the Feast held in the Peachbowl Conven­
tion Center.

Special speakers Leslie McCul­

kough and John Halford gave extensive

interviews to the local press, which treated the Church's Festival in an evenhanded manner.

Sermons ranged from God's plan
for our personal lives as seen in the Holy Days (Leslie McCullough) to
the misery of the third world and how we can qualify to change it (John
Halford) to learning to be a savior,
delivered by evangelist Norman
Smith:

The sermons were positive and up­

lifting and extremely applicable to a
person's life. The attitude of the peo­
ple encouraged the speakers and the
two worked together to build a spirit of enthusiasm and appreciation that
lasted throughout the Feast. Bob
Millman.

REGINA, Sask. — Tremendous
weather, record offerings and strong
sermons made for a great Feast here.

Record high temperatures spelled a

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ABOUT OUR PHOTOS — Each picture included in our eight-page Feast coverage seems to speak for itself so we have added only the name of the site it was taken at. The Good News thanks the photographers for their overwhelming response: Philip Stevens in Brean Sands, England; Scott Moss in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; Rick Skaake in Tucson, Ariz.; Torsten Heitang in Tonga; Ron Peco in St. Petersburg; Mark Stepy in Big Sandy, Tex., and Tucson; Harold Van Orsley in the Netherlands; Peter Muoi in New Zealand; Tom Williams in Argentina; Tom Hanson in Fresno, Calif.; Ken Toluta'u Ha'angana in Tonga; Ron Prociw in Petersburg; Big Sandy, Tex., and Tucson; Peter Mui in New Zealand; Tom Wiliams in Argentina; Tom Hanson in Fresno, Calif.; Dave Knight in Wisconsin Dells; Rick Stodola in Tucson, Ariz.; U. Colas from Haiti; Irene Wennerblom from Sweden; David Shutz from New Zealand; Jun Rustia and Joe Bluya from Philippines; Rodney Larson in Jerusalem; Phill Halford in Brean Sands, England; Rodney Larson in Jerusalem; Phil Halford in Brean Sands; Stephen O'Brien at the University of Sherbrooke to hear Festival coordinator Colin Wilkins speak on the law of God, making it a smooth-running Feast here. Henry Sturck.

TORONTO, Ont. — A smooth-running Feast that saw more volunteers than were needed summarizes this Feast for 2,200 brethren, who met at the Etobicoke Olympium. The city of Toronto offered much to Feastgoers as did speakers John Halford, Leslie McCullough, Richard Pinelli and George Lee among others. Reaction to Herbert W. Armstrong's film was excellent and many comments were made on Stanley Rader's film from members who wanted to know more about him. An interesting item, a five-ounce bar of gold, turned up in the offering.

EUROPE

BONNDORF, West Germany — An estimated 550 brethren attended the Festival here in the Black Forest, gathering for services, meals and activities in the modern Bonndorf meeting hall. Activities were planned around the motto, "Promote Interpersonal Relationships," ranging from a cocktail reception after the opening service to a hike for all ages in the picturesque Black Forest. Main speaker was Frank Schnee, speaking about developing godly love and news of the Work. Also speaking was Victor Root, who discussed how to combat spiritual stress situations. Herbert Armstrong's film was shown with simultaneous translation.

About 50 prominent citizens of Bonndorf, including the mayor, attended the Festival formal dance. Activities were organized by the area churches, giving many the opportunity to help and pitch in. Klaus Obermeier.

BREAN SANDS, England — Herbert Armstrong's sermons on film were well received and appreciated by 2,050 brethren meeting in this seaside village in Somerset. Fresh and bright weather accompanied sermons by Brian Knowles on the family, Frank Brown on Church unity and overcoming discouragement and Reg Plant on facing crises. The overall theme was facing the future optimistically with anticipation for growth personally and collectively to fulfill the commission. David Bedford.

CARLSBAD, Czechoslovakia — Gathering in the Florentine Room of the Feast.
First-time Feastgoers find Feast time fine

WADE MALWITZ

South African Church member. The main theme for the Feast was preparing for the world tomorrow through our relationship with God, family and fellow man.

One highlight of the Festival was Mr. Hulme's Plain Truth lecture in French, attended by 133, of which 114 were nonmembers. David Hulme.

DURBAN, Natal—Ministers and members unanimously agreed that Herbert Armstrong's two films set the pace and theme at the South African site. Here 1,100 brethren were encouraged by the inspired messages and the strength of Mr. Armstrong's presentations.

Other Festival messages were on the importance of loyalty (Dr. Roy McCarthy) and the importance of enduring loyalty to God and His government through His physical leader, Mr. Armstrong (Gerald W. Hulme). Activities included a family day and an ox-braai (Two bullocks roasted whole). Overall, offerings were up by 6 percent, attendance up 4 percent. Andre van Billiam.

GEORGE, South Africa—Back up Herbert W. Armstrong and completing the commission Christ gave to the Church summarized the theme for 220 brethren gathered at this picturesque site.

Sermons were delivered by Gerald Warehouse, Dr. Roy McCarthy, Dan Botha and Bill Whitaker. Andre van Billiam.

KUMASI, Ghana—Sermons on practical, positive and inspiring subjects such as the meaning of the Feast, God's promise of the Kingdom, the role of prophets in God's plan, and marriage and tribal customs in relation to God's law were the focal point for 85 brethren as they for the first time observed the Feast for eight days.

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and fellowship.

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Speakers were Elbert Atlas, Melvin Rhodes and Peter Nathan. Members, most of whom were able to be together in a newly opened hotel, agreed the Feast gave them lots to think about. Melvin Rhodes.

LUSAKA, Zambia — Brethren in Zambia celebrated half of the Feast in the capital city of this central African nation. With 38 people attending, the highlight of the Feast was the showing of Herbert Armstrong's films. It was the first time the membership had the opportunity to see Mr. Armstrong on film.

Other activities included a dinner-dance, a barbecue and an evening of entertainment.

Owen Willis.

NARO MORU, Kenya — Four days of the Feast were held here for the first time as 71 people enjoyed a forefront of the world tomorrow in beautiful surroundings on the banks of a clear trout stream flowing off majestic Mt. Kenya towering above.

Brethren saw films, sang, ate an abundance of food and when not in services had plenty of time for fun and fellowship.

Owen Willis.

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — A total of 230 brethren attended the Festival in the Courtyard Hall of Music here, a 30 percent increase in attendance.

The Feast was set off on a good beginning with messages by Gerald Waterhouse on the Day of Atonement and Herbert W. Armstrong (on film) on the first Holy Day. Other speakers were Ron Stoddart on the animal creation and the plan of God, Frank Niehe on the plan of God shown in the minor prophets and Adrian Botha on the plan of God as revealed in the book of Romans.

Mashonaland defeated Mashabela in a soccer match, 8-3. Ron Stoddart.

SONESTA, South Africa — The Sonesta holiday resort, about 72 miles from Cape Town on the western seaboard of South Africa, was the site for 217 brethren observing the Feast.

Herbert Armstrong's films provided a most auspicious start and this high note was maintained throughout the Feast. Sermons delivered by speakers such as Dr. Roy McCarthy, Bill Whitaker and Sydney Hall focused constantly on the theme of this Festival: the Kingdom of God.

A spirit of unity and love as well as the presence of God was strongly felt here. Sydney Hall.

UMGBABA, South Africa — Two-hundred happy black and Indian brethren kept the first and last Holy Days in nearby Durban (just 20 miles north), but spent the rest of the Feast enjoying services at the beachfront facilities at the Umgbaba Holiday Resort.

Visiting special speaker Gerald Waterhouse encouraged the brethren with the understanding of how black nations will fit in with Israel in God's plan. Other sermons were given by Gordon Terblanche, John White, John Bartholomew and Dr. Roy McCarthy, Andre van Belkum.

VICTORIA ISLAND, Nigeria — A change in the Festival site this year brought the entire membership of the Church of God in Nigeria and visitors from neighboring West African countries together in the luxurious environment of the Eko Holiday Inn here, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, for the last four days of the Festival.

Attendance on the Last Great Day was 125, and all the brethren enjoyed the sermons and company of Elbert Atlas, coordinator for the New York area, and his wife after they had spent the first half of the Feast in Kumasi, Ghana.

The Feastgoers also witnessed the ordinations of Latest Edalere as local elder and Filijish Chuwaford and Lazaros Ekelehe as deacons. The Feast was rounded off with a banquet for all the members and their families. Latest A. Edalere.

AUSTRALIA, OCEANIA

ADELAIDE, South Australia — Feast messages here brought out the importance of man's relationship with God and his need for unity, concern and affection for his neighbor.

Speakers addressing the 478 registered brethren spoke on how man may enjoy this physical life within the bounds of God's law (Ted Tupper), understanding and applying God's law (Bob Mitchell), the need to overcome and grow using God's Spirit (John McLean), and the meaning of the Last Great Day (Rod Dean).

Brethren also enjoyed a river cabinet cruise, a dinner-dance, a visit to the zoo along with a host of activities. Beautiful weather accompanied the Feast. Ted Tupper.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Teilo's Convention Center in downtown Auckland was one of two New Zealand Festival sites this year. A total of 698 registered brethren enjoyed the spiritual food served by the main speakers: Bob Morton on overcoming and child rearing, Jack Couch with an overview of the Holy Days and Jerusalem, and Karl Karleov on "Why Did God Call You?"

The Festival, coordinated by Richard Lynch, included a dinner-dance, a barbecue at the thermal pools and a YOU Gang Show. Jack Coucher.

BLACKHEATH, New South Wales — A most positive attitude registered among 812 brethren attending the Feast located in the picturesque Blue Mountains.

Brethren gathered at the site, which is owned by the Church, held in site Hope Hugby speaks on today's nations in prophecy, Keith Couch on the language of the Bible and what it predicts, John Lack on the world tomorrow will be like and Colin Saulnits on liberalism, Satan's weapon.

A family day, teenage disco, classical evening and formal ball rounded out the Festival. Rod Couch.

CAIRNS, Queensland — A close family atmosphere, warmth and friendliness were experienced by the 243 registered brethren attending the Feast here, who also enjoyed a scenic mountain train trip, a day on tropical Green Island, a Festival ball and a family day at Lake Barrine, an extinct volcano.

Main speakers were John Comino and Rod Matthews, who spoke about the return of Christ, putting effort into keeping the Feast and the "better resurrection." Bill White, a former deacon in the Cairns church, was ordained a local elder on the East Holy Day of the Feast. Bill White.

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — The worst floods in 90 years just south of the Festival site here did not stop anyone from attending the Feast, and the 260 registered enjoyed their best atmosphere ever.

Bob Morton spoke on repentance and child rearing, Gary Harvey discussed the meaning of the Last Great Day, Colin Riebrorough addressed the new covenant and faith in God's promises and Colin Kelly spoke about the central figure of the Holy Days and a nation of priests.

Highlights for the brethren were a family evening, a sports afternoon and a visit from Gene Hugby of Passadena, Calif. Kelly.

EMU POINT, Western Australia — The Festival here at the marquee in the Emu Beach Caravan Park, near the city of Albany, was opened by Dean Wilson, the director of the Annual Work, for the first time. Other speakers were Bill Dixon on building spiritual self-esteem, Colin Jackson on building the mind of Christ and Peter Whitting on our relationship with God.

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Asia

Baguio, Philippines - The largest invited site in the Philippines was in Baguio, where 1,075 brethren registered for the Feast. Weather was beautiful, with only some afternoon rain on these days. Church scattered throughout premises before the Feast and during it.

Meetings were held at the Bethel High School Hall’s Camp, where the brethren heard sermons from regional director Colin Adair, who spoke on the mystery of God, for growth in the Church of God and the Last Great Day. Pacific Micro, who spoke on the human family, prophecy and faith; Festival coordinator Boc Macarile, who discussed “for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

MANILA, Philippines - This year marked the first time a Feast of Tabernacles has been held in Manila, and all the brethren were most enthusiastic. Manuel Mercado, who directed the Feast through stress, spoke on prophecy and Christian living, and visiting speaker Pacific Micro discussed Revelation 2 and 3. Colin Adair.

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Nukualofa, Tonga - Forty-five brethren registered for the Feast here in Tonga, the Friendly Islands, and along with beautiful Taumoepeau, who spoke on procrastination and building, there was a strong emphasis on film and heard their messages.

The group took an interest in the large castle and had an enjoyable island picnic and a ride into nostalgia.

A family sock hop. The new Festival site held in Nu’ku’oua, Tonga - Forty-five brethren attended by 807 members, who enjoyed the inspiring messages and the beautiful weather and a rest from the extreme inflation and economic difficulties in Peru.

Ranveli Beach, Sri Lanka - The Feast here steadied off with the ordination of the first dozen for the Sri Lanka church, Thila Peris. Another first happened a few days later as the church held its first family meeting.

Five Feasters spent the Feast in structures made of coconut branches. Ken Lewis and Moshah Jazecky conducted services as they spoke on the profile of the president of the world church, Church government and preparing to be a king or priest.

Four baptisms during the Feast caused the church to grow by 12 percent. Moho Jazexczyk.

Latin America

El Tabito, Chile - One hundred brethren gathered for the Festival here, enjoying the beautiful ocean side and the inspiring messages in unity and love.

Main speakers were Robert Flores Jr. and Victor Bleda, discussing the meaning of the Feast, the world tomorrow and being a son of God. Robert Bleda

LA PAZ, Bolivia - Ninety-five brethren attended the Feast in the Tucano Club House, enjoying a wedding on the second half of the Festival, where 98 brethren enjoyed the fine weather and inspiring messages.

Speaking at the site were Herbert Clemons on the kingdom of God, Jose Manuel Ibarz on being a soldier of Christ, Rene Lopez on the proof of the Church and Jose Izaico Cabana Club here, enjoying a wedding, one baptism and a talent show.

The Feast here started off with the “Tabernacles Feast and family life.”

The Government Convention Center on St. Lawrence Gap was the site for the Festival, where 98 brethren attended the Feast at the Hotel Provincial, all enjoying a most inspiring Feast and a wedding on the second half of the Festival for all involved.

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FASADENA — This year The Good News decided to ask some children (12 and under) what their impressions of the Feast were. We hoped for and were rewarded with their candid comments complete with humor and the usual surprises. We'd like to share their analysis of the Feast here as we present a look at the Festival through the eyes of a child.

Responses were taken from various sites and unfortunately do not include complete identification on all those kind enough to share their thoughts with all of us. Sorry, but because of limited space we could not include every photograph and comment received.

"I like the Feast because of the fun and the Church. Because it’s fun. I like the Feast... it’s fun."  
Sherena Spangler, Yakima, Wash.

"This is my favorite Feast ever. But I like seeing my friends and getting Feast presents. And just want to say that I feel very lucky having a Feast site like Hawaii."  
Daniel Knight, Lahaina, Hawaii

"I like the Feast because... I meet new friends."  
Heather Spangler, Yakima, Wash.

"I like the Feast because I get a vacation from school. And if we go on a trip I can go swimming with my brother. My dad lets me take pictures with his new camera."  
Michelle Herman, Pasadena, Calif.

"I like the food you get. It is the best food you get in the year. On the whole I think the eight days of the Feast are the best and most exciting ones in the year."  
Lorren MacDonald, Bushey, England

"I like the idea of children entertainment because it gives the parents a chance to get out and around. I like the nursery as well, because while services are on the mothers don’t have to look after their babies. I want to be a nurse because I like helping people."  
Suuna Bokari, Radlett, England

"I like it when mum and dad give me a present."  
Andrew, England

"I think that God has planned all of the Holy Days well. Some of the sermons have bits for us children, like what we will be doing in the world tomorrow. There is no doubt about it. F.O.T. is great."  
Cheryl Donchect, Colchester, England

"I don’t like it when we have to go home because it has been so nice."  
Marie, England

"The thing I like best about the Feast is the donkey derby and the sand-castle competition. The donkey stood on my mummy’s foot."  
Gordon Wilson, England

"I like church the best, but everything is fun at the Feast."  
Janice Bates, Bakersfield, Calif.

"I think traveling and I hope I can go to more Feast sites than just here (Hawaii)."  
Victoria Wood, Lahaina, Hawaii

"I think the Feast is a great time. Because everybody can get away from their problems. You can relax and not really worry about anything. And all the people are friendly."  
Scott, England

"I think it’s wonderful to have a mum and dad in the Church, and I enjoy all the Feasts."  
Owenheth Saltair, England.

"Going on a big trip."  
Ronnie McKinney, Denver, Colo.

"I like the Feast because you get to see so many places. You also get to do different things. So that’s why I like the Feast of Tabernacles."  
Jamie Antion, Pasadena, Calif.

"The Feast is a time to be with your family and different people from different places."  
Susan Antion, Pasadena, Calif.

"I like being with my father and mother and grandma and grandpa. I love the Feast and all the other things."  
Rachel Stocker, Pasadena, Calif.

"I come to the Feast to enjoy myself. Go to church, obey my elders and obey mom and dad. I also come to learn and to eat of the Holy Spirit."  
Scott Bost

"I like the Feast very much best of all when we hear Mr. Armstrong speaking and you [Brian Knowles] speaking so I’m writing this letter for you and I hope you will have a lovely time."  
Kailane Shank, United Kingdom

"I think the Feast of Tabernacles is brilliant. I like especially everyone meeting everyone we have not seen for a whole year. The singing is very loud and we have a band accompanying the hymns. But most of all I like the spirit of the Feast. The only thing wrong with the Feast is I wish it would last longer."  
Ruth, Great Britain
I was not at all convinced this was the one and only true Church. Yet, if it was not, which one was? This one came closer to the Bible qualifications than any other.

"These people at Stanberry and Salem, originally, had been truly the Church of God—of the Sardis era. But Dugger IS OVER, and by the fruits, looking at them, I came to realize God was raising up the Philadelphia era of His Church."
This year in Jerusalem

By Mark Robinson

JERUSALEM — For the 177 Church members who participated in the Ambassador International Foundation's fall tour of Israel, it wasn't like any Feast they had ever been to. It was one of the most moving and spiritually rewarding times of their lives.

"It wasn't my first Feast, but certainly came closer," said Charles Dorothy, minister and one of three tour guides. "The Feast in Israel had an extra depth of meaning since the millennial peace pictured by Tabernacles will begin in Jerusalem soon after it.

The tour included visits to Samaria, Galilee, Caesarea, Beth-shemesh, the Dead Sea, Beer-sheba, and the fortress of Masada, in addition to scores of sites in Jerusalem.

For Cyndi Colburn, Fort Worth, Texas, Church member, the trip was unforgettable. She now has seen many of the places mentioned in the Scriptures and recommends, "at least one Feast in Israel for everyone-to help make the Bible live.""Liberty Bell Park on tour

One site of particular interest for the tour was Liberty Bell Park, a new recreational facility in Jerusalem partially sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation. A Jerusalem physician told former Jerusalem office manager and one of the three tour leaders, Richard Frankel, to "Tell Mr. [Herbert] Kastrog the park has brought tremendous joy to thousands of people.

During a special presentation after the first Holy Day, held at the International Cultural Center for Youth, Israeli minister of tourism Moshe Kol praised Mr. Armstrong's humanitarian efforts in Israel and spoke of "very near" bonds between Passover and Israel.

For the Frankel family the tour was their first chance to see Israel after leaving three years ago. Joyce Frankel voiced amazement at how much the Old City had been cleaned up. Mr. Frankel's expectations and contacts were of immense benefit to the tour leaders. Bob Smith, pastor of the Riverside and Banning, Calif., churches, served as the third tour guide.

AICF-organized tour

The trip, organized by Human Potential employee Bob Ellsworth, had a base price of just under $1,000 per person. Mr. Ellsworth commented that the trip was organized to fulfill the obligations made by the Ambassador Foundation to provide group travel benefits, "adding, "What better place than Israel to build it with its rich history and deep theological roots."

The tour to the United States was delayed for one day because of a cracked windshield on the charter Trans World Airline 707. However, all of the tour innovations were lodged at TWA's expense in a luxury beachfront hotel overlooking the Mediterranean in Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Israel.

IN JERUSALEM — Brothers who traveled to Jerusalem to observe this year's Feast make a sizable group at the Dome of the Rock. The trip, which included a tour of Israel, was organized by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

Members keep Feast in the Holy Land

By Bob Smith

JERUSALEM — The people of God, 177 strong, were moved with excitement as they sat in the area of the Mount of Olives and chanted with words to "Come Thou Almighty King."

God's people were keeping the Feast of Tabernacles in the very city to which Jesus Christ will introduce the reality of what this Festival depicts — universal peace.

At the first Holy Day service, Athlone, Texas, pastor Mark Robinson spoke of the balanced spiritual-physical approach needed in order to justify observing the Feast. I followed with a sermon excerpt:

"...and if it were possible they shall deceive even the elect — but which will suffer in the only true and lasting millennial peace."

At the close of services on the first Holy Day, Simha ("Joy") in English) Gombo of Jerusalem was baptized by Charles Dorothy. Wayne Lampkin and myself in the pool of the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Gombo (a native of Morocco now resides north of Haifa, Israel) has been interested in baptism for several years and was last visited months ago by Great Britain minister, Paul Starling.

Since Mrs. Gombo speaks Hebrew and French fluently but only a few words of English, preparation counseling was aided by the expert translation of Yehosh, a young Jewish girl from Canada. And, thus, Simha Gombo became only the second person to be baptized in Jerusalem in this modern era of God's Church.

An exciting tour

After traversing tiny Israel — from the on-the-spot excitement of the Garden Tomb, the Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, the Western (Wailing) Wall and Dome of the Rock (all in Jerusalem), to the Sea of Galilee and Capernaum, Nazareth, Cana and Caesarea, and down to Masada and the Dead Sea — the tour group assembled on the weekly Sabbaths and heard Gerald Weston, pastor of the Midland and Gaylord, Mich., churches, minister Herbert Armstrong's very familiar "Why are we here?" — and then answered it from Deuteronomy 14:21: "...that you may fear the Lord thy God always!"

Richard Frankel, former manager of the Church's offices in Jerusalem and now pastor of the Woodside, N.Y., church, pointed a word picture of the transition from today's downward realm to the excitement, beauty and peace of the wonderful world tomorrow.

At the conclusion of this hallmark tour, a grateful segment of the Body of Christ entered final services on the Last Great Day with a new sense of fervency, a new sense of urgency. Mr. Dunlap, La Mirada, Calif., pastor, pictured Jerusalem as the home of the future for all mankind, as the world awaits Christ's return to the Holy City in great power.

Dr. Dorothy — Following the Feast of Tabernacles theme established in earlier messages — reminded us of the magnitude of the great God in heaven, who desires so greatly that all peoples should become part of His awesome Family that He allowed the literal sacrifice of the One responsible for the creation of these very peoples.

Feast Post baptisms

Following services on that Last Great Day, the brethren from many areas around the world who were observing the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem gathered around the same pool and rejoiced as Dr. Dorothy and I immersed, Seat, Mollie Martin, from the San Diego, Calif., church, and then Richard Shire, a 1978 graduate of Ambassador College in Pasadena.

Mr. Frankel and Mr. Dunlap joined in the laying on of hands as Mrs. Gombo of the Feast of Tabernacles, 1978, ended on a note enriched by the final adding to the Church daily by Jesus Christ — as it pleases Him.

Church

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I mentioned earlier that I was searching for the one true Church of God. TheseStanberry-based brethren, as I have stated above, seemed weak and impotent. They were bearing no fruit.

When one of their ministers held a small "evangelistic effort," it was always fruitless. There were no congregations, and it had continued to bewilder me.

Jesus said we should know "by their fruits." And now they were split right down the middle. A house divided cannot stand, and their two-ouces — Stanberry and Salem — did not stand! As of roxvay, 1978, each of those two has been split and re-split into so many fragments that no one could possibly discern just how many branches they have split off into.

Yet everywhere I went, fruit was borne — except when I tried to hold a campaign with one of their men, elders Taylor, Daily, Oberg and Ray. But whenever I present the same truths, there were conversions. I did not realize then, as I do now, that it is God who "assists to the Church." God was adding wherever I went.

Then I discovered that they are described by Christ Himself in Revelation 3:1—6 and verses 7-11. I finally came to realize why God's true Church was to be found with its members as it was before my time, a Church of more vitality and larger membership. But they had dwindled to the state of Revelation 3:1 — still having the name of the true Church but spiritually dead. Apparently a generation or two before my time, they had not been so spiritually dead.

Truly God's Work

But now, I know that what God did lead me into was, truly, God's work! It had vitality. It was bearing rich fruit. And, after finding the identification in Revelation 3:6 and verses 7-11, I finally came to realize why God's true Church was to be found with its members as it was before my time, a Church of more vitality and larger membership. But they had dwindled to the state of Revelation 3:1 — still having the name of the true Church but spiritually dead.

Meanwhile, I was holding services three times weekly at Jeans schoolhouse, 12 miles west of Eugene and four nights weekly in downtown Eugene.

In due time the brethren of the Oregon Conference decided to go in with the new Duggar group. That dissolved the Oregon Conference as a corporate church body. However, they continued to attend at Eugene as often as possible.

After the 5½ months of meetings in downtown Eugene, adding more members to the Church, we began holding services in my home (rent $5 per month) in Eugene, as well as at Jeans schoolhouse. Then, it must have been about March, 1935, I began holding services in my home. And, as we grew, God was showing me His Bible form of church organization.

SCOOLHOUSE WITH two class­rooms downstairs and a hall the size of both classrooms upstairs. For six weeks I held meetings there, with, as I remember, about 15 new members added. For a while I held meetings Sabbath mornings alternately every other Sabbath at Alvadore, and every other at Jeans with a service every Sabbath afternoon at my home in Eugene.

But this was too scattered, and soon we purchased the small church building in Eugene.

After a conference with one of the Duggars "12" we had decided that I would cooperate with the Salem, W. Va., faction, but not alone. I would work in cooperation with my ministers, but completely independent, and re­main a separate group. None of the Eugene church became members of the Duggar

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Forty-nine members of the new church in CUMBERLAND, Md., had their first Bible study Sept. 16, as pastor Tony Mattei led the group in a study of the book of Revelation. On Sept. 17, the brethren held their first picnic, meeting at Lime's Community Park in nearby Pomeroy, where the ladies soundly defeated the men in bocce ball. Games were directed for the children by Pat Blackball and Bruce Metz. Another first, on Sept. 20, was a bake sale that netted $80 at the home of Joan Graupel, who was having a garage sale at the same time. Exodus 9.

The 10th anniversary of the church in MOUNT POCONO, Pa., was celebrated on Sept. 17 with a family picnic at Tobyhanna Army Depot State Park. A meal of turkey franks and barbecued chicken was prepared and served by the NCD Club. Followed by games for all and fireboarding on Banana Lake. Jane Walker won the handmade quilt donated by Ann Kovaleski to help raise money for paddleboating on Barney's Lake. Jane and Mrs. Henn, who is an alto in the chorale, sang with the social.

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The BRENNWOOD BIBLE STUDY group in CUMBERLAND, Md., had a home meeting on Sept. 13, as pastor Terry Armin, secretary, Bruce Kieviet, treasurer; and Mrs. Carl Haas, executive capacity.

FORTY-FIVE members of the church in EVANSVILLE, Ind., met for their first activity, a camp-out, Sept. 23 and 24 at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Reedy and his wife Sept. 24 for a family picnic. The four members traveled through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, West Germany and the Netherlands before returning Aug. 26 to Bricket Wood.

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY — Larry and Betty Shams of the San Jose, Calif., church brotherhood held the silver coffee and tea service they received from the brethren on their 25th wedding anniversary. (See "Church Activities," on this page.) (Photo by Armin Reese)

CLUB MEETINGS

CINCINNATI (Ohio) East parlor and club director Beth Nolan appeared on the scene at the 25th meeting of the SPOKESMAN Club at the hands of Lon Weisel, the president. The concert was the first for the Cincinnati chapter of the club.

PRINCETON, N.J., brethren held their end-of-summer picnic Sept. 16, camping on top of Mount Union and playing housewives, croquet, basketball and volleyball while the younger set made the most of it and passed some Play-Doh. Wendy King.

THIRTY-EIGHT people and two dogs gathered for the third annual car rally of the PLYMOUTH, England, church in MONTROEVILLE, Pa., Sept. 16, the participants to see 12 cars, part with twenty-year-old Argus Robertson on the Plymouth road just north of Tavistock, each driver was closely questioned about the highway code, with correct answers going toward the main score. Then each car was dis­patched with a set of questions that had to be answered correctly and in order before the next part of the route could be disclosed. Restricted to members in Devon and Cornwall was a 23-hour rally that followed about 50 miles later at the Dartmoor Inn in Bideford. Winners of the rally were Bill and Ellen Dennis of the Plymouth church.

JACKSONVILLE brethren held their first picnic, meeting at the clubhouse of the Tanglewood Country Club, located in Jax, Fla. The picnic was held on Sept. 17 with 50 guests attending a swim party. The newsletter is now a part of the weekly church bulletin distributed at the church.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Guests at the Sept. 17 meeting of the WOODRIDGE, N.J., Ladies' Club Sept. 23. Through the activities of eight officers, the club earned $161 for the treasury. A.L. Legg.

FOUR FOR THE ROAD — Julie Traylor, home of Joan Grapes, who was having a birthday party for her three days earlier, on Sept. 21, and 19 adults attending a swim party.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

The newly organized Young Adults' Club of the CHATTAMOKA, Tenn., church held its first activity, a camp-out, Sept. 23 and 24 at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Skinner. Saturday evening began with a hayride, then the group set up camp on the banks of the Tennessee River. Sunday morning, after breakfast cooked over an open fire, the young adults engaged in such activities as fishing and archery. Beverly Bozeman.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The CINCINNATI (Ohio) West YOUTH chapter started its new weekly newsletter in March of this year, with a

SPECIAL MUSIC — The DETROIT (Mich.) East congregation was treated to a dues sang by Frances Gornick and Kirsten Priese, left; at services Sept. 16. The girls were accompanied by, above, violinists Laura Priese and Julia Hester, Katrina Priese on the flute and Maiko Jones on the piano. (Photo by J.O. Smith)

REPORTS months

Reports of poll activities, articles by and about YOU' members and news of the justices YOU chapter that began in September. The newsletter is now a part of the weekly church bulletin distributed at the church.

Thirteen-year-old Tina Griffin and sister, Schonda, 12, both WOODBRIDGE, N.J., YOU members, handled the sale of items at a yard sale coordinated by the YOU chapter Sept. 24. To promote sales the girls gave away free balloons to the neighborhood children. The $100 profit was donated to the Montgomery County Parent Association, a charity the Woodbridge congregation has been working with for several months. A.L. Legg.

Thirty-one teens of the MORWELL, Australia, church packed themselves into three minibusses for a YOU-sponsored week of sight-seeing in Tasmania, the land down under, in the state known as "Tasmania is rich in history and relics of the era. Months of fund raising and planning were well worth the effort for the teens, who packed the week with numerous first-time experiences. Kerry Gubb.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS' DEADLINES

Reports for "Local Church News" must be postmarked no later than 14 days after the date of the issue to which they refer. Reports longer than 250 words may be returned if the event cannot be published.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHS**

AGAMBUR, Samuel and Christine, of LANDS END, St. Thomas, V.I., Oct. 12. 4.5 pounds, now 2 boys.

ECKEL, Rosella and Peter, of Greenwood Village, Colo., Aug. 28. 5 pounds, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

AYALA, Michael and Marilyn (Moody), of Austin, Kan., June 22, 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 girl, 1 boy.

LEWIS, Dr. Joseph E. and Karen, of Topeka, Kan., Oct. 5. 3 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 girl.

MORRIS, John C. (Dr.) and Carol, of Seattle, Wash., Sept. 21. 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 girl.

KIDD, Robert and Diane (Gibbons), of Decatur, Ill., Oct. 6. 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 girl, 1 boy.

DUMAS, Joseph and Donna (Smith), of Aurora, III., Oct. 17. 5 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 girl.

HARRIS, Randy and Carol, of Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 5. 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

STROM, George and Ann (Henderson), of Manhatten, N.Y., Oct. 6. 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

 Billboard, Dave and Carol (Wagner), of Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 3. 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GONZALEZ, Oscar and Tina (Castillo), of Pembroke Pines, Fla., Oct. 4. 6 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Mr. and Mrs. John Michael McNamara, of Westwood, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa McNamara, to Mr. Benjamin M. Schwartz, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Schwartz, of New York City. The couple will be married in November.

**WEDDINGS**

Gordon P. Hagberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hagberg, of Madison, Wis., and Miss Elizabeth M. Bayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Bayer, both of Milwaukee, were married Sept. 29 in Milwaukee. The couple reside in Milwaukee.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hedin, of New York City. The couple was married Oct. 6, 1928 in Sweden.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

We'd like to let the readers of The Good News know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Our citizen baby is the Lee Lee Miller, daughter of Robert Miller, of Pasadena, Calif.

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**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. Les Lamm

Penny Lachford and Les Lamm were married Oct. 5 in Fort Worth, Texas.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McLeod

E. Vincent McLeod and Linda McIvor were married Sept. 29 in Calgary, Alberta.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack G. McCann, of New York City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary McCann, to Mr. David O. Ely, Jr., of New York City. The couple will be married in New York City.

**WEDDINGS**

Mr. and Mrs. David McAloney

Linda and Dave McAloney were married Sept. 29 in Dallas, Texas.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Mullany

Eric and Brian Mullany were married Sept. 29 in Fort Worth, Texas.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James H. J. Kuhn, of New York City. The couple was married Oct. 6, 1953 in New York City.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. Dave P. Miller

D. V. and Carroll P. Miller were married Oct. 5 in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. M. Rinehart

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NEWS OF PEOPLE & PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Burk McNair were honored for their 25th wedding anniversary in the city of Eugene, north of Salem, Oregon. (See “Update,” this page.)

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Mr. Rader commented to Tucson, Ariz., September 28 that his daughter had experienced baptism and would be baptized shortly after he returned to Pasadena following the Feast.

Pasadena — Ray Wright, former financial director of the Work, left for England Oct. 26 for a two-to-three-week preliminary trip. He will then return to Pasadena for his family and move to England for six months.

In England Mr. Wright will study the business aspects of the Work’s foreign offices and assist Frank Brown, director of the Work’s foreign offices in Great Britain. He will also help coordinate and oversee the British Work’s printing needs and preparation for foreign-language editions of the Watchtower, including Stanley R. Rader, the Work’s treasurer.

Charlotte, N.C. — The Charlotte vehicle of the Work purchased Mr. and Mrs. Burk McNair an engraved silver tray as a wedding anniversary gift June 11 in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary July 18. Tape recordings from the McNair’s two older children in Pasadena, Kerry and Susie, were played at the surprise reception.

In August the McNairs went to Pasadena for the marriage of two children — both weddings within 24 hours. According to the McNairs the weddings were another special milestone in their lives.

Aug. 20 Kerry Burk McNair was married to Sandra Jean Wendt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wendt of Pasadena, in a double wedding with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wendt and Elmer E. Collins Jr. The ceremony was in the Julian Querterm on Ambassador College campus.

Mark McNair was his brother’s best man and Sue Wendt was maid of honor for her sister.

The following day, Aug. 21, Mark Curtis Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis Weaver of Dayton, Ohio, and Sue Wendt were married in the Ambassador College Recital Hall. Tony Morelli and John Curtis were the attendants. Mr. McNair conducted the ceremony for both his son and daughter’s weddings.

Pasadena — Herman Hoeh, co-pastor of the Pasadena Aud­itorium P.M. church, traveled to Syria during the first two weeks of October to visit the Mesopotamian excavation site at ancient Teqa, or modern Arsameia, and other archaeological sites along the upper Euphrates from the Iraqi border to the border of Turkey.

An anthropologist enthusiast, Mr. Hoeh helped excavate by dig­ging the earth at Teqa.

The Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) has been jointly sponsoring the Teqa excavation along with the Institute of Archaeology at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Johns Hopkins University and other institutions for the past three years. The AICF will discontinue its participation in the project after this year.

Teqa was on the route by which traders from Babylon and Susa left Mesopotamia and the Euphrates Valley and crossed into inner Syria, the Kings Highway to the Jordan in the second millennium B.C., according to Mr. Hoeh. The excavation is directed by Dr. Giorgio Buccellati, director of the Institute of Archaeology at UCLA, and his wife, both personal friends of the Hoehs.

Pasadena — Stanley Rader announced that Jack Bicket has been appointed to the position of assistant financial officer and will be reporting directly to Mr. Rader as a member of the financial staff. Mr. Bicket worked as business manager in Big Sandy, Texas, until 1974, when he moved to Pasadena to assume responsibilities in the Accounting and Data Processing Departments.

Church

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The former Oregon Con­ference members in the Willamette Valley now established, under my pastorate, a regular Sabbath afternoon service. They, though not joined as members with Salem, W. Va., were instructed, and after the Oregon Con­ference brethren had gone in with the Daggar faction at Salem, W. Va., shortly after, the Oregon Conference brethren had gone in with the Daggar faction, which had called about half of the Stanberry members into it. I agreed to cooperate with them but not as a member. One of the member­ship was at Eugene in the parent­ Church of the present Worldwide Church of God! We at Eugene handled our own fi­nances for the Church. Meager though they were, starting in 1933, yet they were growing at approximately 30 percent per year.

Soon after I decided to cooperate with them, they made a polit­cal move to stop the Church of God broadcast, as then it was called, and also The Plain Truth, and to take over the members who had added to His Church at Eugene. Please read that again, and get it straight as to who was trying to steal whom’s members! Quite the opposite of what departed dissidents are trying to claim today!

Mr. Haeber, one of the “12,” was sent to my office in Eugene. (God’s present Word, Monday, 29th, 24/67, was established in an office in Eugene beginning about November, 1933.)

“We have decided,” said Mr. Haeber, “to transfer you to Tacoma.”

“We should move to Tacoma,” I asked.

“Well, we think there is an interest there.”

“What do you mean, Otto, by ‘an interest?’ How many people are ‘interested’, as you say, in Tacoma?”

“Well, possibly three or four,” was the hesitating answer.

“Or seven,” I said, “as much as I agree to cooperate with the Salem church — but my only member­ship is here in the Church of Eugene and none of our Eugene members are members of the Salem church. Due to my broadcast and The Plain Truth, several hundred definitely are ‘inter­ested’ here, and this is where I intend to stay.”

He gave up and left.

A second incident

A second incident occurred prior to that. Mr. Haeber came to my office, soon after I had agreed to cooperate with them.

“We have assigned all the ter­ritory from Eugene to Salem to Eddie A. Ray,” he said, and the Eugene territory to you.”

“I interpret that to mean that all the Eugene territory, from the city of Eugene north to Salem, is assigned to me, and that is what I shall keep.”

Actually, these Daggar men wanted to cooperate with me for one reason only. They saw that God was blessing everything I did with success — many new members were added in — and they wanted to take over God’s people whom God had added to his Church, then starting a tremendous growth at Eugene, Ore.

Until I went to Hollywood, 1937, the same situation existed. I had continued to pastor, or to coop­seriate, the Sardis people near Jeffer­son.

As late as 1945 — 12 years after Christ started the present Worldwide Church of God (then called the Radio Church of God), I was still cooperating with and helping the Sardis people. One of their “12” — John Kiesz — had moved to Canvey Island, Col., because he wanted to live there due to its dry climate. He had continued to cooperate with me at the time. He had had a small church there, whose tithes kept him alive, when one pasto r had all moved elsewhere. I went to Canvey Island to help Kiesz. I conducted nightly meetings for some weeks, going into Denver every week to record the broadcast. Result? God, through me, raised up a new church there for me.

God’s present great work was getting off to a start, growing from one percent per year. By so much of the beginning! And I say that I left the Sardis people to their own device after I left. I never drew any of their members — although the Henion men were interested in their own free choice, affiliate with the Church of God starting from Eugene.

Mr. Wayne Cole, then quite small, but now in charge of Pas­adena Association in the Worldwide Church of God, will confirm this.

Parts of this account were written in The Autobiogra­phy, yet many of them have not been previously published. I have felt it is time to store my mouth.

As we read in Tins 1:11, there are deceivers whose MOUTHS MUST BE STOPPED!

But, more important, I have felt it profitable to our brethren today to read this review of the BEGINNING of the Worldwide Church God.

Here, back, is difficult for me to understand, now, why I was so mixed up in those days of early organization. I knew neither Stanberry nor Salem factions had God’s own form of Church organization. This had us all confused — even myself! And the pertinent scriptures together, it becomes crystal clear.

Organizational pattern restored

But God’s Church, though continuous through all genera­tions from A.D. 31, lost much or all of its original organiza­tional pattern established by Christ until God finally re­stored it in this end-time through His present-day apostle, Christ! The Church! The World­wide Church of God — a PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME — and His Word (God’s Church of today) is much larger.

There is only the one, true and original Church of God — and it was never organized according to the original pattern he, the Eternal, installed! Christ! The Church! The Worldwide Church of God is, start­ting to appear serially in both The Watchtower and The Plain Truth. It leaves no doubt as to the iden­tity of the one and only TRUE CHURCH!