

The Good News

International Magazine of The Church of God



This area of the Ambassador campus is a favorite of the students. To be able to rest in the warm sunshine beside a trout-filled stream is an unique Ambassador blessing.

Letters to the Editor

Minister Repents

"I was an ordained Baptist minister, preaching what I thought was truth. It turned out after listening to Garner Ted and you that I started investigating into what I had been preaching. I found it to be fundamentalism, tradition and masses of religious phrases and terms that don't mean very much. Oh, the people like it! But may God forgive me for even thinking that I was right, when in fact I was teaching and preaching just the opposite."

Man from Mississippi

● *Such an admission takes real courage—but is the beginning of real repentance.*

Antagonist Becomes Curious

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"I have read that you are false teachers especially because you teach the Sat-

urday Sabbath and the keeping of the 10 Commandments and that American and British peoples are of Israel. In fact it was because of the things I read against you that I decided to tune in and listen to you."

Lady from Texas

● *Many of our persecutors would be shocked to realize how many people, made curious over their attacks against God's Work, have been led to the truth!*

Skeptic Becomes Interested

"Recently I requested that you stop sending me issues of your magazine 'The Plain Truth.' Some of your ideas were contrary to the explanations of religion I had been taught. Yet after reading your January issue (especially the article 'There Is a Real Hell Fire,' I am beginning to realize you have scriptural authority behind your ideas. I want to

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The World Tomorrow Adds New Stations

On February 18, God's work leaped ahead as five new stations added new thunder to the WORLD TOMORROW. They are ALL important TOP QUALITY radio stations with *prime* evening spots.

KFIF, Tucson, the largest—a SUPER POWER 50,000 watt station. This clear-channel station is combining The WORLD TOMORROW with an outstanding format of network news and comment, to form a *unique* "all talk" station. They want to *stand apart* from the frenzied juke box stations.

Two important 5,000 watt outlets are WDEF in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and WCHS in Charleston, West Virginia. WDEF is an NBC affiliate and is the *top-rated* adult station with the *greatest nighttime coverage* in the Chattanooga area. Trendex rates WCHS as 206.9% ahead of its nearest competitor. Both will supplement the coverage of WLAC, Nashville. We are now using WMT, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as a Sunday-only station, but as the Katz station representative firm in New York wrote, "this is only a foot in the door." Our *prayers* are needed to swing this door fully open!

At 7:30-8:00 P.M. The WORLD TOMORROW is heard on WBRC,

Birmingham, Alabama. Concerning this station, our advertising agent wrote: "The station felt that it was a *privilege* to offer us this prime time period and turned down an offer to carry the Chicago White Sox baseball games—preferring to carry our programs. This is the *only religious program* the station has ever carried in its history."

WBRC, 5,000 watts, reaches 450,000 homes in the Birmingham area.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, now hosts The WORLD TOMORROW on its number one—Pulse rated—radio station WHP. 73% higher rated than the number two station in the twelve counties surrounding Harrisburg, WHP boasts an active listening audience of 575,000—mostly adults.

WHP is a 5,000 watt CBS affiliate with a record of continuous broadcasting since 1924—a real pioneer. Speaking well for its stability is the fact that it maintained a *full CBS line-up*—even in the early days of television, when most stations tried to *cut down* to news only.

The starting date was March 4, at the 7:30 spot—7 days a week.

The radio *door to the world* continues to swing open!

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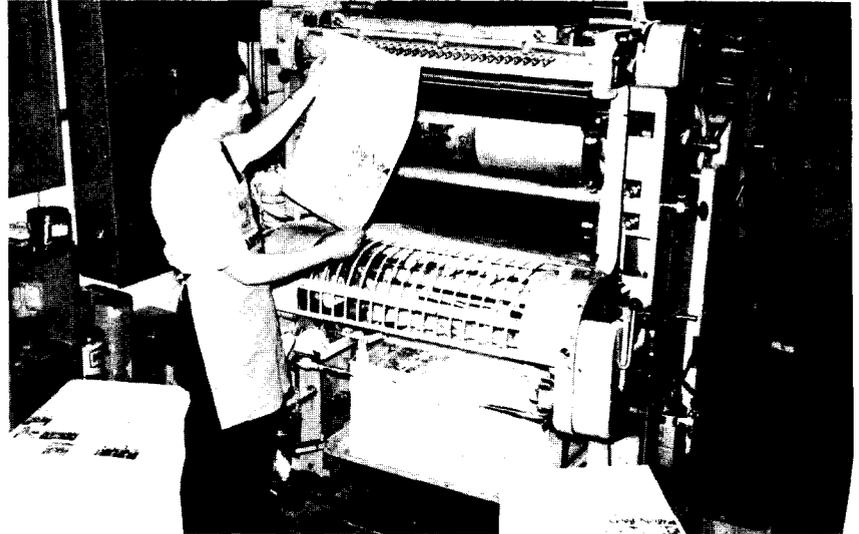
NEW GOOD NEWS

After 24 years of struggle, The GOOD NEWS at last blossoms forth as a real full-age official organ of God's Church.

by Herbert W. Armstrong



The GOOD NEWS—February, 1939, the FIRST!—with the April, 1951, and the July, 1953, editions. Read the fascinating story of how these historic issues came into being, in this article.



This is the February, 1963, issue of The GOOD NEWS being printed on our own presses here at Ambassador College in Pasadena, California. Having our own staff and facilities right on campus makes this unique picture possible, as well as producing the most (Ambassador Press is the largest printing establishment in the Pasadena area) for the least expenditure.

FEW of you members of God's true Church realize what a hectic, obstacle-strewn path *The GOOD NEWS* has trod over a 24-year period of constant struggle.

Always TWELVE-year Beginnings

It started with the issue of February, 1939. There was only that one issue. And that was TWELVE years after the beginning of my training for Christ's ministry—twelve years after my conversion and baptism.

It BEGAN anew after TWELVE YEARS—God's number of beginnings—with the issue of April, 1951.

It has limped and hobbled along for twelve years, as an 8 to 16-page paper, but never with an adequate full-time editorial staff. Always its articles were written by men whose time was filled with other responsibilities. Editing *The GOOD NEWS* was always about fourth or fifth in priority on the time of its editors and writers, overburdened with other tasks. We simply had to write an article when we could find time, which was not often.

Now—after another TWELVE YEARS—*The GOOD NEWS* COMMENCES its career as a full-fledged

magazine, with regular staff, and a Managing Editor who has been assigned this editorship as his first and number one responsibility. And David Jon Hill begins this managing editorship TWELVE years after the beginning of his training at Ambassador College!

24-Year Struggle

GOOD things never come cheaply or easily. *The GOOD NEWS* is GOOD! It is packed with GOOD things. I want you to know what it has cost, in struggle, effort, determination and perseverance.

So here is some interesting history.

Prior to February, 1939, I had been issuing a short mimeographed bulletin for the church members in Oregon. It was called "The BULLETIN of The Churches of God in Oregon." It had started during the days when I was trying to work with Oregon brethren of the Sardis era.

In February, 1939, the broadcast had been on the air five years. That month would have been the fifth anniversary of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, except that there had been about a two year period when I was unable to print it. By that time the ties with the Sardis church had been completely severed—except that I

had organized and still pastored a small church of those people at Scrael Hill, near Jefferson, Oregon.

But the only church of the Philadelphia era at that time was the parent church at Eugene, Oregon. It was attended then by between 80 and 100.

The time had come when we felt there should be a church organ, exclusively for members, in addition to *The PLAIN TRUTH*, which was edited primarily for interested radio listeners. So, in February, 1939—TWELVE years after my conversion—the first issue of *The GOOD NEWS* was printed—on a mimeograph. Of course, at that time, *The PLAIN TRUTH* was still being mimeographed, also.

The editorial in that first issue of *The GOOD NEWS* had the following:

"The GOOD NEWS makes its appearance, successor to The BULLETIN, with a definite mission and purpose. Its mission is to feed the Church of God with the spiritual manna—to minister to and edify the brethren—to help them to grow in grace and in knowledge.

"The time has come for The Church of God to AWAKE! It is time we were on fire for God! The time has come to arouse The Church of God—to reawaken a real interest and a burning,

fervent ZEAL for the closing Work of God entrusted to us to do!

"The purpose of The GOOD NEWS is summed up in these Scriptures:

"Feed my sheep! Preach the WORD! GROW in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! STUDY, to show thyself approved unto God... rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Press toward the mark of the high calling... By this shall all men know ye are my disciples: if ye have LOVE one for another. Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the Church."

But that one issue is all that came out—until TWELVE years later.

Then we started all over again—with Volume I and Number 1, dated April, 1951. The lead article was captioned "Here's GOOD NEWS!"

That article explained why The GOOD NEWS had not continued after that first issue, twelve years before. It said:

"The burden for this new publication was heavy. Under severe handicaps it was started with enthusiasm. That first issue was printed entirely on our old second-hand mimeograph.

"But the commission to 'feed my sheep' is second to that Great Commission, *This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world.* One man alone could not carry on a campaign of evangelism then expanding from local to national, and conduct a personalized ministry to so many at the same time. And so no other issues of The GOOD NEWS were published—until now, though I did come as close to it as possible by sending out a number of issues of an abbreviated 'Good News LETTER.'"

The NEW IDEA

This re-born second BEGINNING of The GOOD NEWS was the fruit of a new idea. The article in that issue said:

"An IDEA is born! The GOOD NEWS is re-born!

"When God first started Ambassador College, many brethren and co-workers lacked faith. They couldn't see God's hand in it. Some felt your pastor's sole duty was to preach the Gospel to the world—not realizing that one man alone can't do it all.

"They had forgotten that Jesus, Peter and Paul surrounded themselves with specially God-called men whom they trained to assist them in their great mission.

"Our students have been gaining experience during their college years! By their fruits we know they have been

called of God for their important parts in this Great Commission of Christ. They are trained and ready. They are consecrated and Spirit-led. Already more than one hundred and fifty, brought to repentance and conversion through this Work, have been baptized by these competent disciples (the word disciple means 'student,' or 'learner')."

THINK OF IT! Twelve years ago that one hundred fifty was a big harvest—compared to what had been accomplished by my own personal efforts, alone! But today, twelve years later, that one hundred fifty has multiplied into many thousands!

The article continued: "God made no mistake when He started Ambassador College!"

At that time, April, 1951, I was still the only ordained minister in this Church of God. At that time, we had just THREE local congregations. The parent church at Eugene, Oregon, was then reduced to some 30 in regular attendance, and, without a pastor to feed the flock, was falling into division and apostasy. The church in Portland, without an ordained minister, had shrunk to some 18 members, a union of two churches—Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. And there was then a small but fast-growing church meeting here in Pasadena in the college library—possibly some 60 or 70 attending.

THAT WAS ALL!—JUST TWELVE YEARS AGO!

But we had a few God-called students nearing readiness for ordination into the ministry of Jesus Christ. Herman L. Hoeh was then within two months of graduation. My elder son, Richard D. Armstrong, Roderick C. Meredith, Raymond C. Cole, and Raymond and Marion McNair were within one year of graduation, and Dr. C. Paul Meredith was completing his undergraduate work.

And so the article in that first re-born number of The GOOD NEWS, April, 1951, continued:

"And now, with this issue, A NEW IDEA is born. Through Ambassador College students The GOOD NEWS is re-born! With this issue, our students launch a new activity in Christ's ministry—and at the same time, a new college activity. Now, at long last, The GOOD NEWS is re-born, as one of the fruits of Ambassador College—one of the EVIDENCES that this college was NECESSARY!

"Mrs. Armstrong and I have almost worn ourselves out in constant, zealous, energetic service. We have had more than we could do. God has prospered

the work, and it has far outgrown the efforts and poor abilities of one man with only his wife as a helper. Many phases of this dynamic and constantly expanding work have of necessity been neglected. We had to have help.

"The very FACT of the resumption of this most necessary publication is proof of the imperative need of Ambassador College. For the NEW IDEA is simply that, by combining this new magazine as the organ of God's CHURCH for its members, and also as the college student paper, its regular publication is now made possible."

It seems a little absurd, today, that because of the lack of vision and understanding, and the criticism of brethren—or those who then professed to be brethren in Christ—I was called on, continually, to apologize for the founding of Ambassador College—impelled continually to justify its existence.

Many of the members, up in Eugene, Oregon, allowed themselves to criticize, and find fault with the way the living Christ was guiding His Church toward the fulfillment of its God-given mission. Those professing brethren became wrapped up in their own little local group. Their hearts were not in the WORK OF GOD in spreading His Gospel to the world. They became bitter. That parent church was split in two, and the disgruntled half left the Church! But today, as a result of the work of dedicated ministers trained at God's College, that same church has grown to a regular attendance of around 400.

Fruit of Ambassador College

That 24-year struggle, from the time of the first mimeographed issue of The GOOD NEWS, has been an uphill climb with opposition and persecution from without and from within. But GOD'S WORK has been guided and directed by the living Head of God's Church, the Lord Jesus Christ. It has been empowered by His Holy Spirit.

Not only did the college make possible the resumption of The GOOD NEWS on that limited basis, twelve years ago, it made possible the growth of GOD'S CHURCH, and the entire scope of GOD'S WORK. The work could grow only so big, through the efforts of one man.

But soon the college began to produce ordained ministers.

On December 20, 1952, five ministers were ordained—Richard D. Armstrong, Raymond C. Cole, Herman L. Hoeh, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, and Rod-

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Christ's POWER Moves His Church Forward!

This year we held the most successful Ministerial Conference ever! And Christ is INSPIRING important decisions in His Work even in the aftermath.

by Roderick C. Meredith

“AND HE is the HEAD of the body, the Church” (Col. 1:18). Tremendous GROWTH is now taking place in the body of Jesus Christ—His Church! It is the *same* Jesus Christ of whom Paul spoke who is now *directing* and *inspiring* in far-reaching decisions that are being made by God's Church. As the end of this age approaches, we sense more and more the intense NEED of this guidance and strength from the real HEAD and BOSS over God's Work today. We pray for it—and rejoice in it!

Do YOU?

Our Prayers Are Heard

Most of the ministers felt that this year's Ministerial Conference was the most successful ever. Mr. Armstrong was in vital, dynamic health—leading and guiding the Conference through the inspiration of God's Spirit. Many more clear-cut decisions involving spiritual matters and ministerial policy were reached than ever before.

Startling *new truth*—of which many of you brethren in local churches have already heard as a *result* of the conference—was brought out concerning the great conspiracy and *the very MAN* prophesied by the Bible to lead it. The revelation of this knowledge is *most significant* coming at the time just prior to the emergence of the “Great False Prophet” who will be the final antitype of this very man!

New truth and understanding was brought out regarding the policy of God's Church on healing, on child rearing, on tithing, and many important plans for *growth* in local churches and Bible studies were made and discussed. Your PRAYERS for the success of this recent Ministerial Conference were certainly answered! The servants of God now ministering to more than THIRTEEN THOUSAND people attending our local churches in the United States and around the world were certainly *encouraged, inspired* and *instructed* in these important meetings!

From the office of Mr. Meredith, Superintendent of Churches in the United States, comes this authoritative information gathered from the reports of God's ministers all over the nation—and around the world.

SEVEN Ordinations

During the Conference, on the Sabbath of January 12, seven ordinations took place in the services of the Shakespeare Club—where the Pasadena Headquarters Church regularly meets. This was an occasion of great REJOICING for everyone present!

First of all, Mr. Pedro S. Ortiguero was ordained to the rank of *Local Elder*. Mr. Ortiguero is a member of our staff in the Philippines, and was a member of the “Sardis” branch of God's Church for a number of years. Now yielding himself to let Christ use him in the LIVING branch of God's Church, he has become a very profitable servant to

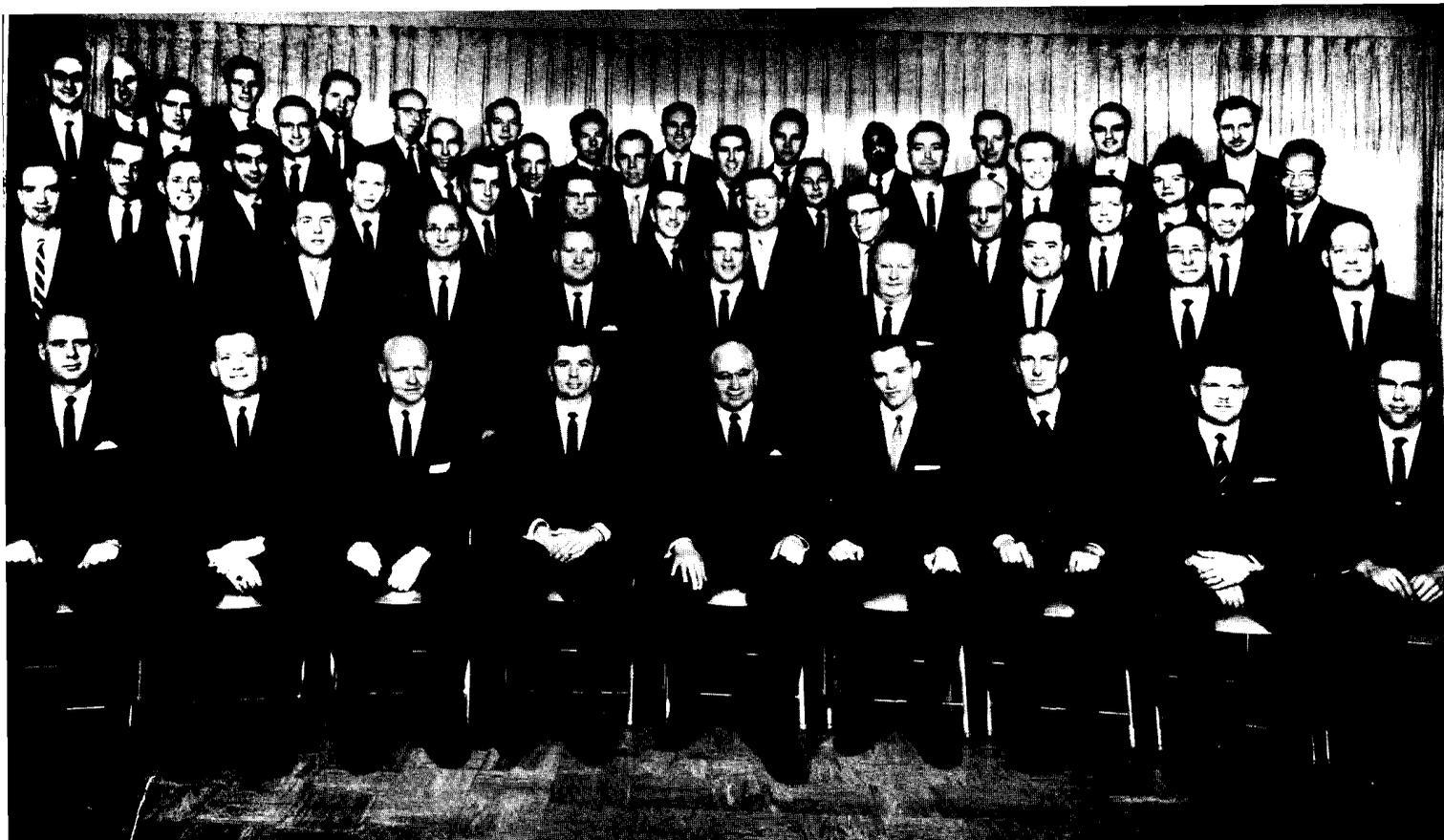
his own brethren in the Philippines and an able help and assistant in our Philippine office. Congratulations, Mr. Ortiguero!

Next, Mr. Richard Plache, a graduate of Ambassador College and now assistant to Mr. Raymond Cole in the churches in the Northwest, was ordained to the rank of *full Preaching Elder*. Mr. Plache is one of those rarities—a former minister of a worldly church who had the courage to admit he was wrong and become CONVERTED. He has grown steadily and rapidly in grace and knowledge, and is now a most valuable servant of Jesus Christ—loved by hundreds of the brethren who know him personally.

Then, two servants of Christ were *raised* in ministerial authority to the rank of Pastor in God's Church. First was Mr. David Jon Hill. Mr. Hill was one of the earliest graduates from Ambassador College and later became the minister over the Houston and Dallas Churches. Then, because of his unusual teaching and writing abilities, he was



From left to right: Mr. Pedro Ortiguero, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, Mr. Bryce G. Clark, Mr. Albert J. Portune, Mr. Richard Plache, Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Mr. David Jon Hill.



ROW ONE, left to right: Albert J. Portune, Raymond C. Cole, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, Garner Ted Armstrong, Herbert W. Armstrong, Roderrick C. Meredith, Herman L. Hoeh, Raymond McNair, Norman A. Smith. ROW TWO, left to right: Bryce Clark, Carleton Smith, Dean C. Blackwell, Gerald Waterhouse, C. Wayne Cole, David Jon Hill, Basil Wolverton, Dr. Clint C. Zimmerman, Dibar Apartian, L. Leroy Neff. ROW THREE, left to right: Carn Catherwood, David Antion, Bill McDowell, Leslie L. McCullough, J. F. Friddle, Jr., Charles Dorothy, Ernest

Martin, Robert Baraker, Hal Baird, H. Burk McNair, Roger Foster. ROW FOUR, left to right: Richard Plache, Vernon Hargrove, Allen Manteufel, Richard Prince, Kenneth Swisher, Dean Wilson, Ronald Kelly, J. D. Hammer, Dale Hampton, Arthur Craig, Carl McNair, Pedro S. Ortiguero. ROW FIVE, left to right: Frank McCrady, Bill Glover, Robert W. Hoops, Selmer Hegvold, Sidney Hegvold, James F. Kunz, Wilbur Berg, Harold L. Jackson, Keith Thomas, Arthur Mokarow, Al Dennis.

transferred into Headquarters and is now on the teaching and writing staff here at Pasadena. He has grown steadily in every way, and now has been given the additional rank and authority of a full Pastor in God's Church.

Mr. Bryce Clark, also raised to this same rank, is the Pastor over the churches in Kansas City and Springfield, Missouri. Mr. Clark was a former Student Body President in Ambassador College, and has long been recognized as one of our most effective and hard-working ministers in the field.

Three Raised to EVANGELIST Rank

Finally, with solemnity but with deep joy, three men were raised to the rank of *Evangelist* in God's Church! Not since December 2, 1955, when Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Norman Smith were ordained as Evangelists, had there been another Evangelist ordained. And now, THREE on one day!

First was Mr. Wayne Cole, early graduate of Ambassador College and former Student Body President, one who has founded and powerfully built up *many* local churches, and is now Director over all of God's Work in Australia. Next was Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, the dedi-

cated servant of Jesus Christ, who has faithfully and zealously been used in founding the Church of God and its offices in far-flung corners of this earth. Mr. Waterhouse is currently in charge of God's Work in the Philippine Islands, and is also laying the groundwork for the start of churches and offices in South Africa!

Last, but as Mr. Armstrong said, "*far from least*," was Mr. Albert Portune. Mr. Portune gave up his partnership in a successful and growing heating and air conditioning business to come to Ambassador College in 1956. He became an administrative assistant, and later Executive Assistant, to Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong during his last two years in college and also held the office of Student Body President in his senior year. Since graduation, he has proved one of the most able and effective ministers in God's Church today.

He is an associate professor in Ambassador College, an editor for both *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *GOOD NEWS* magazines, and continues as Executive Assistant to Mr. Ted Armstrong and part of the decision-making body of God's Evangelists at Headquarters in Pasadena. And now, as we will see later, Mr. Portune has been given

another most important job in God's Work.

All SEVEN of these men were chosen for these offices because of the abundant "fruits" that they have produced! Let us REJOICE, brethren, and ask God to *bless* and *empower* these ministers in their new responsibilities, and to inspire others to join their ranks as soon as it is His will.

Not until all of the ordinations were over did we realize that on the TWELFTH day of the first month, SEVEN Evangelists joined Mr. Armstrong in ordaining SEVEN men!

Important New Assignments

During and just after the Ministerial Conferences, important new assignments were given three of God's ministers. These assignments were given partly because of the full-scale AUSTERITY PROGRAM being put into effect throughout God's Work by Mr. Herbert Armstrong. Finances in God's Work have been *very tight* for years—but especially so now. Also, because several of us who are editors on *The GOOD NEWS* are loaded with other duties, this magazine has had to drag behind and come out late quite often over the years. So, Mr. Armstrong has proposed

to put new LIFE into The GOOD NEWS and also into all of the local church newspapers.

To deal with the financial situation, Mr. Armstrong has appointed Mr. Albert J. Portune—now an *Evangelist*—to be the full Business Manager for God's Work here at Headquarters! Mr. Portune—as has been mentioned—was partner in a successful heating and air conditioning business for several years before coming into God's Work. He has had business experience and training. In addition, he is already working on the inner executive "team" here at Headquarters and has had the experience of working with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong on top-level decisions for a few years already. He will certainly continue some of his ministerial duties and teaching at least one Bible class at Ambassador College, but he will have a challenging job now to get God's Work in top financial condition—as we have long wanted to do.

So remember Mr. Portune EARNESTLY in your prayers, that God would give him the *wisdom*, the *insight*

and the *strength* he needs with this new, heavy responsibility! But we should also REJOICE that God has now seen fit to place one of His own ministers in His Church in this vital responsibility in an ever-expanding work now running into the *millions of dollars* and encompassing the entire globe!

As you may have noticed in the editorial box, the new *Managing Editor* of The GOOD NEWS is Mr. David Jon Hill. Mr. Hill—recently raised to Pastor rank in the ministry—has already been an Associate Editor of The PLAIN TRUTH and GOOD NEWS. In addition, he has been the Ministerial Advisor of the local Pasadena *Church of God News* and the Faculty Advisor of the Ambassador College campus paper, *The Portfolio*.

He has an unusual flair for putting zest and interest in all of his articles. *Through your prayers* we know he will be given the inspiration and guidance to put this same zip and interest in The GOOD NEWS—coupled with the deep spiritual feeling and "meat" which God's scattered people need so much.

The third new assignment goes to

Mr. Bryce Clark—pastor of the churches in Kansas City and Springfield—recently raised to Pastor rank. Mr. Clark has now been appointed Superintendent over the churches and scattered people of God in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, as well as his own churches in Missouri. His area will be designated as the Central-Midwest District, with Mr. Dean Blackwell as Superintendent over the churches in the *Northern Midwest*.

Remember to pray for Mr. Clark in this new responsibility, and that God will add new churches in his area—which is certainly foreseen within the near future.

Two New Churches

On the Sabbath, February 2, the Negro brethren in the Chicago area met together in their *separate church* services for the *first time!* They were very enthusiastic about this opportunity, and by meeting separately were able to secure a beautiful ballroom in which to meet. The attendance for the first Sabbath was 181! So let us all REJOICE

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New Good News

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erick C. Meredith. That was the beginning.

As soon as God's Church began to have ministers, trained in God's own college, the Church began to grow.

Through those years when the Work of God was being started, in Oregon, I tried to work with the remnant of the Sardis church. But the fruitful days of the Sardis era had waned several generations before. We found their leaders resorting to politics, unwilling to correct false teachings or to accept and obey truth—such as God's annual festivals and holidays. Originally, in the days of Walter Lollard, even the Sardis church had kept these feasts. In the words of Revelation 3:2, they refused to be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that were ready to die. They did allow those things (truths) to die. They did not repent. Their church is dead.

Looking back over those days, now, it seems that God used me to bring to their attention these very things. But their leaders not only rejected them, they used these very truths as a weapon to oppose, fight, and persecute me. They indulged in deception and politics for selfish personal advantage.

Why Sardis Church Died

In searching old files for information for this article, I ran across an article by C. O. Dodd, co-founder of the Salem, West Virginia, movement of 1933, which split that church. This article was written in 1938, after Mr. Dodd had fallen out with Mr. Dugger's movement. It is captioned "My Apology." In part, Mr. Dodd wrote:

"I wish to make this apology to the members and ministers of the Salem and Stanberry and German branches of the Church of God, for certain misrepresentations in the organization work of 1933.... I went along with the leaders and continued to be used in these deceptions.... Later, when I saw mistrust, envy and strife grow rampant in the ranks, I knew that God was not blessing a work founded on rank misrepresentation.... I, therefore, in the spring of 1937, resigned from the Salem organization, but have continued to work with God's people in the three branches even until now.... First, let me say that at the time of reorganization" (the split in 1933) "I thought that the plan was to get the church on a higher plane, to have the members

live holier lives, to have an organization free from partyisms and politics, to study and grow in advancing light.... About a year afterwards, however, I concluded that we had been deceived, as I saw favoritism and respect of persons shown in the ruling clique, saw old time politics played as aforesaid, members allowed to live as before, and ministers forbidden to teach new truths, and told that, 'We have a saving message. What we have is enough.' I thought God could overrule this, and so remained silent until this time; but now I wish to apologize and ask for pardon."

I was one of the men to whom Mr. Dodd referred, forbidden to teach new truths. Of course I continued very vigorously to preach these new truths. That led to final and complete severance of cooperation between the Sardis and Philadelphia eras of God's Church.

For years I had tried working *with* ministers of this Sardis church. But they only worked *against* the true Work of God. They plotted to kill the broadcast. They resorted to lies—which they well knew to be deliberate lies—to discredit me personally.

Imperative Need of College

Wherever I went, God granted a harvest. Repeatedly and almost constantly I conducted evangelistic campaigns—not only in Eugene and surrounding towns and communities, but in Salem, Portland, Vancouver, Washington; Goble, Oregon, and other places. Always without fail there were repentant converts baptized. Always a church or Sabbath school was raised up. But, with the opposition of Sardis ministers—and without any qualified cooperating ministers to pastor those flocks, they soon disintegrated. It was as if I was on a treadmill.

There had been a church raised up at Vancouver, Washington. Then one at Portland. When I was unable to preach regularly at these churches, they diminished. I ordained Basil Wolverton a Local Elder. The two churches consolidated into one church meeting in Portland. It was then reduced to an attendance of around eighteen. Mr. Wolverton, though not a preacher, held that little flock together until Ambassador College was able to come to the rescue. We sent one of our four pioneer students, Mr. Raymond C. Cole, to help out at Portland the first of February, 1951. Mr. Cole was then winding up his third-year work at the college. The college had been able to operate only on half schedule its second year. Mr. Cole finished his third-year work, therefore, in January, 1951.

He returned to Pasadena in late

August that year, to enter his senior year in college, graduating in June, 1952.

After graduation he went immediately to pastor the parent church at Eugene. He was ordained a Local Elder at the Feast of Tabernacles at Seigler Springs, California, that September, and a fully-ordained Preaching Elder along with four others, December 20, that year.

Immediately after the Seigler Springs Festival, Mr. Roderick Meredith, who also graduated in June, 1952, went to pastor the Portland Church. Portland again had been without a minister for almost a year. Both Mr. Meredith and Mr. Cole were called to Pasadena for full ordination December 20th, 1952.

But prior to attending the Feast and going on to Portland, Mr. Meredith organized the church at San Diego, starting with seven adults, in late August or early September, 1952. He probably had spent the summer on a baptizing tour. Mr. Meredith then organized the Tacoma church on New Year's day, 1953. It started with God's BEGINNING number, twelve—not counting children.

After ministering to both Tacoma and Portland churches a few Sabbaths, Mr. Meredith was called back to Pasadena to help lighten my personal teaching load at Ambassador College. Mr. Cole thereupon began acting as Pastor to all three Pacific Northwest churches—preaching at Tacoma Friday nights, Portland Sabbath mornings, and Eugene Sabbath afternoons.

New Churches Raised Up

And so our few churches began to have God-called, educated, consecrated ministers.

Meanwhile, The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast was being heard nation-wide, and even, from January, 1953, in Europe and Britain. Students were being sent every summer on nation-wide baptizing tours. Hundreds were being added to God's Church.

But in those years most of these members were isolated. There was no organized church for them to attend—still no God-called qualified shepherds to feed the scattered but growing flock. About the only preaching most members heard, aside from the radio broadcasts, was at the Feast of Tabernacles. This re-born GOOD NEWS helped. But it was small, and partly a college paper for students.

We began to find that 40% to 50% of our newly-baptized members fell by the wayside annually. Still the Church continued its 30% annual growth. New members were being brought in faster

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SHOULD A CHRISTIAN FIGHT?

by L. Leroy Neff

WHY do religious men sanction war, and even brand war as "holy" and "noble"—the same men who teach that Jesus said, "LOVE THY ENEMY"? Why do Catholic priests bless the troops, and sprinkle "holy water" over their weapons and equipment, which is then used to kill and slaughter Catholics on the enemy side who have also had this same Catholic blessing?

Why have Catholics killed Catholics? Why have devout Protestant mothers in Germany and devout Protestant mothers in England supposedly prayed to the same God, in the same church denomination, to spare their sons who were seeking to kill one another?

Why did men, adoring and worshipping the same little "babe in a manger," fight and kill one another in World War I and World War II? Many of the troops who were mortal enemies, apparently worshipping and serving the same God, stopped their fighting on Christmas. In some cases they even crossed over the lines to wish their enemies a "merry Christmas." The next day it was war as usual with professing Christians fighting and killing other professing Christians!

Why has the cross, a symbol of peace to many, been to others a symbol of war? Vast numbers of people have reverently given their lives, without a fight, for this symbol, while others claiming to worship the same God, have believed they must, by this symbol, kill and destroy.

All of these approaches to fighting cannot be right. Jesus Christ never taught ALL of these differing doctrines!

Confusion and disagreement grips "Christianity" today. Every church has

"PRAISE THE LORD, and PASS THE AMMUNITION!" were the words spoken by the now famous chaplain during the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Yes, "PRAISE THE LORD," men say, as they engage in the practice of WAR! But IS God really "PRAISED" in this way? Does God sanction war? Is it good that young men learn to KILL in military organizations? SHOULD CHRISTIANS FIGHT?

Today, the world scoffs and ridicules—anyone who is a sincere believer in the literal teaching of Jesus Christ, and believes he should OBEY His Lord and Ruler—such a person is scorned as a "sissy," a "pacifist," or an "odd ball" of some sort! But regardless of what men think, or what men SAY—what is the real TRUTH of this vital subject?

With this issue we begin a new series of articles by Mr. L. Leroy Neff explaining the increasingly important question, "Should a CHRISTIAN Fight?" This is not only a basic and important DOCTRINE of the true Church of which CHRIST is the Head, but needs to be thoroughly understood by all young men of military age, or who will come of military age within the next ten or so years!—Editor.

differing beliefs about Christian participation in war.

With such confusion, how can an honest seeker for truth come to know what God expects him to do today?

There is only one source of eternal truth and that is the Creator God. God put mankind on this earth to learn many vital lessons. Hundreds of confusing and conflicting ideas are not His answer to life and death questions.

Most church people have never even stopped to ask themselves the question: "Should a Christian fight?" They have taken for granted what they were taught from childhood. People have accepted without question what the society around them, their church, club, or fraternity believes and practices about war and killing.

On one hand are militant and crusading "Christians" who have fought each other to the death, in mortal combat, on the field of battle. On the other hand are churches which say that any participation in war is all wrong.

One church teaches that the armies should consist wholly of Christians, while another teaches it is a sin to be

in military service. One sect teaches that a Christian can be a noncombatant in military service, while another teaches that even noncombatant service is wrong.

Frequent articles in our daily newspapers tell of people who are called "pacifists" and yet who are very militant in their protesting of war and war weapons. In their protesting, these people often disobey constituted authority. Some go on "protest cruises" in atomic bomb test areas.

Leading churchmen in this western world tell us that the DEATHS of these opposing

"Christians" was necessary. They know of no better way! A recent news release stated: "The great majority of Christians throughout history have held that war is an evil that may be justified, under certain conditions, as a tragic necessity. This doctrine is based on the ASSUMPTION that wars could be limited in scope and that they might have good results—such as the defense of freedom and justice—which would outweigh the carnage and suffering."

These church leaders know of no other way. But, is this God's way? Has God left us so helpless—with no better knowledge?

This assumption is one of the reasons for the many "religious" and "holy" wars that have scourged the earth. This ASSUMPTION has led to DISASTER on a grand scale never conceived before. The horrifying price already paid for this false assumption is beyond human imagination!

Here is just a part of the terrible price man has paid for such false assumptions: From the twelfth through the nineteenth century, about 14 million people were killed as a result of

war. In the last 50 years, about 75 million people were killed!

The direct and indirect cost of World War II *alone* was more than ONE TRILLION dollars. That much money would be enough to build and pay for a \$25,000 home for each family in the United States!

World leaders and statesmen realize the terrible danger that we face today. At the same time, many of the people in the world are avoiding the stark realities and terrible time of trouble that is staring us in the face.

"Mankind must put an end to war—or war will put an end to mankind."

This *shocking* statement was made recently in an address to the United Nations assembly by President Kennedy. He continued: "Today, every inhabitant of this planet must contemplate the day when this planet may no longer be habitable."

We are living in times of "MAXIMUM DANGER." We will continue under that maximum *world* danger for years to come. *The world is no longer a safe place in which to live!*

Have We Already Had Our Last Chance?

General MacArthur, who also recognizes the danger of our time, spoke these words before the assembled Congress of the United States:

"Men since the beginning of time have sought peace... Military alliances, balances of power, Leagues of Nations: all in turn have FAILED, leaving the only path to be by the way of the crucible of war. The utter destructiveness of war now blocks this alternative. WE HAVE HAD OUR LAST CHANCE. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, our Armageddon will be at the door..."

General MacArthur has seen firsthand the utter destructiveness of war. Few people in these United States today have seen *firsthand* the terribleness of this scourge of the human race.

Since these words of General MacArthur were spoken, *we are further from world peace, closer to world war, and threatened with human annihilation.* The United Nations does not have the answer that will bring us peace. The politicians and statesmen, the leaders of government do not know the way to peace.

Why Is There No Peace?

General MacArthur had part of the answer to world peace when he stated that the basic problem is the *"improvement of human character."*

But, has human character improved even perceptibly in the past ten years since he gave that very famous speech?

NO!

On the contrary! Anyone who reads a local newspaper, or listens to newscasts on radio or television knows that in the past decade mankind in general has grown *immeasurably worse*. Crime in the United States has almost doubled.

Peace, Peace, and There Is No Peace!

War has become such an important part of this world's way of life that it affects almost everything we say, plan and do. Former President Eisenhower said in his State of the Union Message, January 7, 1960:

"With both sides of this divided world in possession of unbelievably destructive weapons, mankind approaches a state where mutual annihilation becomes a possibility. No other fact of today's world equals this in importance—it colors everything we say, plan and do... We face what could be a turning point in history, and we must act decisively." (*Los Angeles Times*, January 8, 1960.)

Many people of note have said that such powerful weapons as science has produced would force man to peace. On the contrary it is more evident, as Mr. Eisenhower stated, that man is faced with annihilation instead of peace. This is the true condition of our world. It has gotten this way because of confusion and lack of *true* values. It has become steadily worse because of *false* assumptions about the vital issues which face mankind.

The seriousness of this time is also reflected by a statement from an address delivered at Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, by former Secretary of State Dean Acheson:

"I assure you that I know nothing which is classified, but I know enough of what is going on to assure you that, in 15 years from today, this world is going to be too dangerous to live in... We must adjust our minds to the firm belief that, whatever our predilections, whatever our hopes and dreams are, that we really get it into our heads that the first duty of a society is to survive. That is its first duty. It isn't to make the world safe for democracy, or bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. It's to survive. That's the number one necessity."

These men have evaluated the seriousness of our time. They see that *these days of trouble are not comforting* but are terrifying to those *WITHOUT God's protection*. But, they do not know the way out of this dilemma. The way

out is not to produce greater and more awesome weapons. Nor is it to be concerned only with our own personal survival or the survival of *our* society. The Bible clearly states otherwise.

With many kinds of weapons that can destroy all life on this planet staring us in the face, we are in *maximum danger*. Survival of the human race is in serious jeopardy.

Is this present terrible state of affairs and the carnage in human lives and suffering of past wars necessary? Was it really a *tragic NECESSITY* as many ministers say?

History has proved that the *assumption* that war would bring certain *beneficial results* is utterly *false*. War has not brought the peace and good results that men thought it would. We must not fall into the same error. Religious men have come to this wrong conclusion because they have *MISUNDERSTOOD the plain statements of Holy Scripture*. They have perverted, twisted and wrested the plain Bible doctrine to suit their own beliefs and desires.

The Bible Only Source of Real Truth

The Bible says what it means and means what it says. It states clearly and plainly whether or not a Christian should fight. There need not be any question.

The Bible is the *only* source of *true* knowledge. It is the inspired Word of God to man. It is God's instruction to us about *how to live!* Therefore, it will be the *basis* of this study. History and the beliefs of men will be examined in the light of this revelation of God to man. Since "Christians" take their NAME from Christ, and Christ's teachings are found IN THE BIBLE—then the *Bible* should plainly tell us *whether a Christian can WAGE WAR!* Let's seek, NOT the reasonings of men's organizations, but the very words of CHRIST. Let's investigate the plain, clear, straightforward teaching of Jesus Christ *Himself*.

We must get back to the *faith once delivered* to the early "Spirit-led Church" (Jude 3) and not follow *foolish assumptions*. Any other way that seems right to us leads to death (Prov. 14:12). The Scriptures must be examined with an open, searching, and honest mind. Previous conceptions or prejudices must be cast aside.

It is necessary to first examine the Bible teachings of Jesus Christ. He *founded* the TRUE Christian religion. What did He teach about fighting? Did

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The Work of God in Canada!

This is the beginning of a series of informative articles to bring you the interesting details, some candid pictures and a thumbnail, background sketch of the overseas offices of the world-wide WORK OF GOD!

by David Jon Hill

THE sun never sets on the offices of this great Work of the Almighty God! This Work is *fulfilling* the commission given to it by Jesus Christ—"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached IN ALL THE WORLD..." (Matt. 24:14). Five overseas offices on four continents ring the globe. This world-circling Work is being carried on by the living Head of this great Work—Jesus Christ. As Head, He *directs* this very Work.

YOU are a *part* of this world-wide organization! YOU are a *part* of the very Work, supervised by the Almighty God—a Work that is *changing lives* in every corner of the globe!

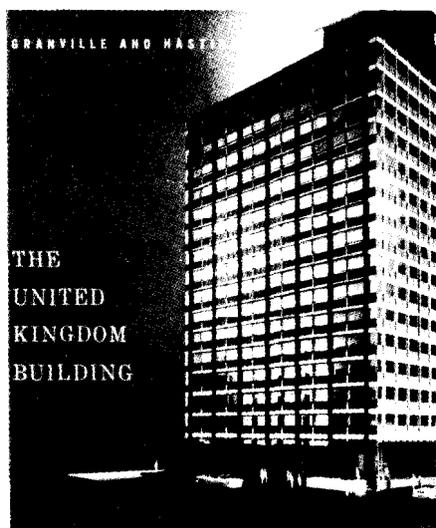
YOU should be *vitaly interested* in the Work of God. *Praying for it*, thinking about it, *thanking God* for YOUR PART IN IT!

Need For Offices Abroad

When this Work was just becoming *nation-wide*, there were some who criticized Mr. Armstrong for his interest in and service to the people *God was calling, beyond the confines of the local Oregon area*. "Don't tell us about what's happening in *Texas*," they would say. "What concern is that of ours..."

THAT'S WHERE THOSE PEOPLE CEASED TO GROW! They are no longer with us! The Work of the very *Living and Active GOD* is *still growing*—reaching out, fulfilling prophecy, carrying a warning message to a *dying* WORLD! It is not the idea of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to have overseas offices—it is the *DEMAND OF JESUS CHRIST!* HE is the One Who said that this message *must be preached* "IN ALL THE WORLD!"

In the summer of 1955, the response to Radio Luxembourg and to a previous evangelistic campaign held in the British Isles, made the need for our *first* overseas office *imperative!* Mr. Richard David Armstrong, assisted by Mr.



This beautiful building in the heart of downtown Vancouver provides our Canadian Work with fine offices.

George Meeker, established this first foreign office! For years it was a *lonely outpost* of God's Work, seemingly far away from the mainstream of activity of the Work of God in Pasadena. Now, of course, the *real need* for the establishing of that office is very apparent!

Instead of an *outpost* in England, we now have a whole new Ambassador College with *over a hundred students, five congregations* of the Church of God being ministered to (well over five hundred members attending), and an atmosphere of bustling, dynamic, active *growth!* Surely the hundreds of members and the thousands of Co-Workers in England and on the Continent would *vociferously deny* that there was no real need for the office in Britain!

Christ Demands More

By that summer of 1955, God's ministers were *beginning* to see the *vast scope* of the *international effort* that was going to be required of this Work by its Living Head, Jesus Christ! Australia was next on *His list*—then *Canada*; the

Philippines; Düsseldorf, Germany—and soon in other far-flung areas, where and when God shows the need.

Canadian Office Begins

Two years ago the burgeoning Canadian response demanded our establishing an office there. Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong winged to Vancouver, B. C., and officially began the Canadian office. Then Mr. Dennis Prather, a graduate of Ambassador College, and his wife immediately flew to Vancouver and took on the managerial responsibility of the Canadian office.

The office consisted of a *beautiful* suite of offices, located in the new and prestige-laden *United Kingdom Building*, in the *heart* of pulsating Vancouver. The location was ideal—*within ready access* of all the needed facilities to help God's Work progress efficiently and rapidly. The Vancouver office site has saved the Work days and weeks of time and work. Many are receiving literature and answers to questions *days in advance* of what they normally would be received.

The Canadian office started with only a small mailing list. But it *very rapidly* began to grow. Soon there was a demand for *more help* in order to carry on the job. Again, God provided. In June, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pinelli joined the Prathers.

More new stations were added and the work increased. The demand became greater. More people were writing in. The mailing list had *more than DOUBLED* in one year! The spring of 1962 came. We became short-handed once more. Again, God added the necessary manpower. Mr. Merle Boyes, a Canadian graduate of Ambassador College, and Mr. Wisenden, a local church member in Vancouver, were added to the office staff.

The Work in Canada has continued to grow at an *ever-increasing* rate. The



Here Mr. Dean Wilson, manager of the Canadian office and pastor of the Church of God at Vancouver, dictates an answer to one of our Canadian listeners.

are now hearing it for the first time. The result has been a flood of new listeners to The WORLD TOMORROW program.

Many of the areas now have a local station such as Edmonton, Alberta; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Toronto, Ontario—with a recent addition, the powerful 50,000 watt station at Winnipeg.

Just as this article goes to press, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong announced in a student forum that he had negotiated and confirmed an important change in time for the Windsor, Ontario, station, CKLW. Instead of 5:30 a.m., The WORLD TOMORROW will now be heard at 10:30 p.m. (C.S.T.). Station CKLW is one of the *leading* stations in listener response.

A minister was needed for the people who had been converted in the Van-

church and manager of the Canadian office. *In seven months* the membership has grown by a *third*—and new requests for visits by a minister are coming in regularly! In February of 1963, an average of **EIGHTY** people were attending each Sabbath.

In January of 1963, the demand for a minister on beautiful *Vancouver Island* became more apparent. Mr. Wilson began a Bible study in Victoria, the capital of the province of British Columbia. Now, every Friday, some **FORTY-SEVEN** people attend the Victoria Bible study!

Baptismal Requests Increase

With the tremendous upsurge in listeners and readers of The **PLAIN TRUTH** all across Canada, the interest *(Please continue on page 14)*



Mr. and Mrs. Prather, the pioneers of the Canadian office, are shown here carrying on the Work in the small quarters we began with...



BELOW: A candid photo of the congregation at Vancouver. Services had been dismissed, but as in God's Church everywhere, the brethren were engaged in the pleasant fellowship every Sabbath affords.

mailing list has once again **DOUBLED!** Two more personnel have been added to the staff of office employees.

Radio Coverage Increases

In the past two years God has been swinging the door of radio *wide open* to the Canadian people! Radio stations all across Canada have begun to open up to The **WORLD TOMORROW** program.

At present, **SEVEN** powerful Canadian radio stations blanket many of the major cities from Quebec to Vancouver! This *doesn't include* the many super-power *American* stations that penetrate Canada.

Many *thousands* who have never had the opportunity to hear the true Gospel

... quite a contrast with numbers and space involved in the current and expanding Canadian Work—twice doubled since it began!

cover area. Mr. Jimmy Friddle, pastor of the Seattle-Tacoma Churches of God, was called on to fulfill that need.

Bible Study and Church Begin

In March, 1961, Mr. Friddle started a bi-monthly Bible Study. Soon there was a need for a regular pastor—and a *Church!*

By June, 1962, the need for a regular minister to pastor a Church in Vancouver became acute. Mr. Roderick C. Meredith *officially opened* the first Church of God in Canada on Friday night, June 15, 1962—with **FIFTY-THREE** in attendance. Mr. Dean Wilson (ordained Preaching Elder) and family *officially immigrated* to Canada the following week to become pastor of the local



Is the CHURCH Responsible?

How much of the burden of your problems should the Church of God shoulder? Are YOU looking for a SPIRITUAL WELFARE STATE? What is the right balance?

by Selmer Hegvold

JESUS charged Peter, "Feed my lambs!" And again, "Feed my sheep!" And again, "FEED MY SHEEP!"

Does that then mean the great multitude of problems arising among our brethren is also the responsibility of His Church? Are *your* problems the problems of the Church?

Let's Understand

Baptism *should* have been the most serious, solemn covenant you have ever made in your life! Yet the *Church* did not bring you to repentance. Only God through the power of His Holy Spirit working *with* you—not *in* you—could make you aware of the tremendous enormity of your sins. Then your *sincere* obedience to Peter's command in Acts 2:38 determines whether or not God begets you as His own *begotten* son by impregnation of His Holy Spirit. You determine this wilfully and God recognizes your real repentance and resolve to *forever* obey and serve Him.

God recognizes and responds! Do *you*?

What Is YOUR Responsibility?

Being properly baptized is *ONLY* A BEGINNING! You need *desperately* to understand that statement! Many have not understood, in spite of the fact this has always been thoroughly explained at baptism by counselors sent out by Mr. Armstrong.

At baptism you have only begun, to commence, to initiate, to start to take the *first steps* toward the real goal of your life! To attain to the perfectness of God by overcoming yourself! Matthew 5:48 and Revelation 3:21. To be accounted worthy, Luke 20:35; 21:36.

At baptism begins the *real* battle for your life! You have *not* achieved your goal! It is *only a beginning*. Many do not today realize this most important point!

At baptism, with the begetting from the Father by His Holy Spirit, begins the responsibility that is solely *yours*! YOU *are responsible*—for seeking out every possible avenue for good, sound Christian growth. YOU *are responsible*—to shun "every appearance [form] of evil!" (1 Thes. 5:22). *This is YOUR responsibility!*

Yet many of you are failing!

Cry Aloud! Spare Not!

Sin is a growing, malignant cancer! As cancer destroys the sense of well-being, brings pain and suffering and finally agonizing death to millions in the world about us—so does sin react in the human body!

The *GREAT COMMISSION* with which Christ charged His Church was to "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew *MY people* their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins!" (Isa. 58:1).

That charge is today being fulfilled powerfully over the air to the millions scattered over the earth. Mr. Armstrong's is that thundering voice!

But Isaiah's directive from God points the finger of his ministry directly at *you*! You, too, need a warning—a *second warning*, if you please! You heeded the first one and repented, or *said* you did, after hearing The *WORLD TOMORROW*. Now you are a part of the Body of Christ! And now—*once again*—God is warning YOU! Warning you to "*earnestly CONTEND* (struggle, strive, battle) for the faith which was once delivered unto [*you!*] the saints!"

Many of you are drifting! Many of you are lethargic! Many of you are looking to *others* to fight your battles for you—looking to the Church for the target, the weapons, the ammunition and the push to carry you through! And that is not the solution! Christ commands (through Paul), "*Work out your OWN salvation with fear and trembling!*"

The cry is out! You are not being spared *in* your sins! Turn from your shiftless, lazy, lethargic ways. Do it now!

The Responsibility of the Church

You have often heard Mr. Armstrong speak this truism over the air, "You can't get into the Kingdom of God on the coat tail of another!" Also, "Any dead fish can float downstream, but it takes a good swimmer, taking strong, sure strokes to swim upstream."

Brethren! *This* is the responsibility of the Church of God. The Church, the Body of Christ, *is to FEED you* the sure Word of God. It *is to SHEPHERD*—to

guard—the flock. The ministers, ordained and placed in office by God, are to *encourage*, to *exhort*, to *admonish*, to counsel with, and to **WARN YOU!** The basis always used is the "*more sure word.*"

But God has *not* appointed them to live your lives *for* you—to shoulder all your problems and solve them *for* you. YOU must stand on your own feet.

Your fruit shows! You cannot hide your sins from God. And you cannot hide them long from His Body. The scars show through only too clearly. "By their fruits you shall know them!" (Mat. 7:20).

Lately some have had to be disfellowshipped from God's Church—from having tainting contact with you—God's flock.

This hurts and hurts deeply!

It grieves the minister whose responsibility it is to cut such a person off (Heb. 13:17). It should *shock* YOU into a realization that Christian living is a battle all the way.

It is a horrifying experience to see one plunge over the line to the toboggan-slide straight to the *Lake of Fire*—to terrifying destruction.

Examine YourSELF!

How about you? Can we get through to *YOU*, that your great *GOAL* in life is to *change* from a self-centered "infant Christian" to a God-centered, *fellow worker* with Christ? Can we exhort *you*? Can we encourage *you*? Can we warn YOU when we see the fruits of *wrong thinking* in the place where fruits of the Holy Spirit should be?

The desire of *God's* heart (and of all of us!) is to see *your face*—happy and joyous—the face of a newly-born son of God in the Kingdom, the Family of God very, very soon now. Is that truly *your* desire? Are *you* literally straining every nerve to overcome *your* faults, and to root out *your* carnal nature? Are *you* at war with your three great enemies—pressing hard against the pulls of the *self*, the *world* about you and *Satan*?

Are *you* experiencing daily the exhilarating thrill of the conqueror as battle after battle is won? The joy that *you*—not the Church—but *you, personally*, through the *inexhaustible* POWER of

Christ living in YOU, are winning the most gigantic encounter of your life?

Examine yourself!

If your answer to the above is a weary shake of the head, then—WAKE UP! Prod yourself! You have robbed yourself of joy—real happiness—long enough. If you need help, cry out to God in earnest prayer. Confess your sins to Him. Lay out your problems as Hezekiah did (II Kings 19:14) before the eyes of your King. *He will respond abundantly!*

If you need inspiration, encouragement, exhortation, contact one of God's ministers immediately—or one of His representatives in your area. Get busy and *solve* your problems quickly so you can begin to *LIVE* and, once and for all, to *work the WORK OF GOD!*

In the words of our Saviour, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my JOY might remain in you, and that your joy might be full!" (John 15:11).

This is the measure of the *Church's* responsibility. *How about doing yours?*

Christians Fight?

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the original Apostles teach the same thing that Jesus taught, or did they change? Did the true Church as it started out follow the instructions of Jesus and the Apostles?

Did the Catholic Church follow these same teachings of Jesus and the original Church? What about the Protestants; did they reform and get back to the faith once delivered, or did they just perpetuate the practices of the Catholic Church?

There are so many people who consider themselves Christian today who are in military service, that it is necessary to have a whole corps of chaplains to take care of the servicemen's religious needs. Did the early Catholic Church have people in service like this? The amazing truth of history will be shocking and eye-opening.

Christ said He would build His Church and even the grave would not prevail against it. He prayed that His disciples down through the centuries would continue to be ONE, not divided and in confusion (John 17:20, 21). The centuries intervening were not to divide His Church. Have Christ's words stood the test of time? If so, it is obvious that the confusion of today is not true Christianity, but that of a clever, diabolical, counterfeit kind of "Christianity."

The world has been in confusion too long. The truth must be exposed to

light. *Young men need to be SURE* of God's teaching so they will not continue to be deceived by today's religious confusion. They have a right to see this subject clearly and in the right perspective, and to know what to do in the trying times immediately ahead.

It is time to face this question squarely and stop avoiding it. You need to know what God expects of you—in this very end time—today.

The next installment will begin to unfold the startling but plain answer from the very Word of Almighty God. Then we shall see from history just how the present confusion came about. We shall see who started it.

We shall also see how there has been an *amazing change* in the teachings and practices of the churches. The results of this change are shocking! What will happen in the *future* as a result of this confusion of beliefs *will be made plain.*

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Canada Work

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of changing and turning to the true way of God has been ever-increasing. In recent weeks, there has been an *unusually high number* of requests for baptism all across Canada.

The baptismal tours across Canada are going to be *busy* this summer! At present, there are over ELEVEN AND A HALF THOUSAND people receiving The PLAIN TRUTH magazine in Canada! ONE THOUSAND or more are studying the Correspondence Course. Many of these people will write in—requesting baptism. *Many will be baptized!*

Already, there are over ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE *families*—members of God's Church in Canada! Many will be added this summer. The need for *ministers* to shepherd these areas is going to be great! Christ commanded us as His people and Church to pray that God would send more laborers into the harvest (Matt. 9:38). The need is certainly great in *Canada!*

Let's become really engrossed in God's Work—interested in it. Mr. Armstrong has exhorted us many times that, "We grow *spiritually* in proportion to how much we have our *hearts in the WORK!*"

Pray for these men in Canada! That God will call the laborers—that He will call others to see His truth!! Get to know the world-wide scope of the Work of Almighty God! Become *vitaly* interested in it.

Church Growth

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with our Negro brethren in this new challenge, and pray for their continued growth in God's service!

Also, soon after the Ministerial Conferences, Mr. Carn Catherwood—having first taken unto himself a new wife—raised up a *new church* in Cincinnati, Ohio! The first services were held on the Sabbath of February 23, with 190 brethren in attendance! This still leaves Mr. Catherwood with nearly 300 in attendance at the Indianapolis Church, so remember to pray for him in his new responsibilities, both with his new church and his new wife! Congratulations, Carn!

Three New Bible Studies

On this same week end, Mr. Raymond Cole started a new Bible study—leading to a church later—in Boise, Idaho! The first week's attendance was 43, but is definitely scheduled to grow rapidly as more of the brethren in outlying areas learn about it and become accustomed to meeting together each week. So *pray* for this new study, and rejoice that God's people in Idaho now have the opportunity to meet together!

On February 10, a new Bible study was begun in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with 112 in attendance! The brethren there were very enthusiastic, and hope that it may become converted to a church as soon as we have enough ministerial help. This, too, depends much upon *your prayers!*

Finally, a *special blessing* came to both the white and Negro brethren in Atlanta, Georgia, when they were able to meet *together* in a Bible study on February 10. These studies will be held at first only once a month—because of Mr. Arthur Craig's demanding schedule—but the attendance for the first meeting was 141!

Brethren, let us lift up our hearts and voices to God with great THANKS for these wonderful opportunities for so many of our scattered brethren who—after waiting for years—are finally able to meet *together* to worship Him!

Let us *work* and PRAY more earnestly that God would bless and empower His Church—*provide more ministers* for full-time service, and *rebuke* us, *chasten* us, *fashion* and *mold* us all, so that our SPIRITUAL GROWTH and *dedication* may equal the tremendous physical progress in churches, studies, and facilities which He is making possible for our use in preparing for His coming Kingdom!

UNITY--in Work and Play!

by Cecil Battles

"BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

This experience happened among your brethren in Big Sandy on an ordinary Sunday, amid the rumors of a cold "Norther" moving in to plummet temperatures below freezing.

On February 24, at four in the morning, excited men clad in work clothes began driving from Dallas, Fort Worth, Sherman and Greenville. Why? To join other men from Gladewater, Longview, Tyler and surrounding areas for a day of WORK that turned out to be a well-remembered lesson of brethren dwelling together in unity.

Men from the Dallas and Gladewater Churches of God had organized a work party to assist in clearing ground in preparation for the expansion of the tabernacle grounds. Five crews were well equipped. Around forty men volunteered from the Dallas area. In all, about seventy-five men, with axes and rakes in hand, devoured brush and trees like locusts in a corn field! Every bush, scrub and tree was chopped to the ground and stacked in piles to be burned.

The place of all this activity, sweat and muscle power was Lake Loma, fast filling up from the springs that feed it.

The hustle of the laborers caused a sense of urgency in the work being done. The goal set is to have the land to be under water, cleared and ready

when the spring rains come and provide the mammoth water supply needed to fill the lake to the spillway of the dam.

Beginning at the dam on the south of the lake, runs a wooded hillside ideal for a park-like picnic area. This is just what it's going to be used for, and two crews were sent into those woods to clear and shape it for a pleasant recreational area to be enjoyed by many of you brethren attending the feast days at the tabernacle.

These men in God's Church, working side by side with dedication, are doing a *labor of love* that will benefit thousands.

Time For Play Also

After a filling lunch of beef stew, Mrs. Hammer's style, the Gladewater Church had scheduled some *sports activities*. About fifty men lined up in the large tabernacle to count off and form six volleyball teams! The active fellowship of these ball games inspired big grins of healthful joy for God's brethren

UPPER RIGHT: The big Tabernacle has many uses! CENTER RIGHT: Mr. Battles and his crew jump back to work as they see the photographer coming! LOWER RIGHT: Part of the Dallas group clearing the debris from Lake Loma's rising edge. BELOW: The ant-sized men working on the lower side of the dam gives you an idea of its size. When the lake is filled, the water will be backed up about a half mile!



ren in *play* together on God's chosen grounds.

As four o'clock drew near, there was a semi-official basketball game between a team from Dallas and one from Gladewater, a final score of 28-26 awarding Gladewater the victory. This was followed by a Dallas-Gladewater volleyball game. Dallas once again came in as runners-up amid cheers and compliments of a good game played.

The Dallas men had been invited by Gladewater to this gala day of work and play. Mr. Buck Hammer worked them hard all morning until one o'clock, then just plain exhausted them in sports, and to top it all off, invited them to a square dance that evening that lasted until midnight.

With all the work, sports and gay square dancing, it all added up to a *whopping good time!* A day that proved that brethren *can* dwell together in UNITY!



New Good News

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than the unstable dropped out. The need of more ministers became more and more painfully apparent.

All we could do was to ask scattered isolated members to BE PATIENT until God gave us the ministers to raise up local churches.

Gradually additional ministers became ready for ordination. Slowly but surely more and more local churches were organized. Even today, there still is need for between sixty and a hundred additional churches in the United States alone. But progress is being made—at constantly accelerating pace, with churches over the United States, Britain, Australia, the Philippines, South Africa, and soon in Europe.

And what do we find, once a local church is raised up, with a qualified pastor feeding the flock? WE ARE LOSING NOT MORE THAN ABOUT 1% OF MEMBERS PER YEAR, EVEN INCLUDING DEATHS! Incidentally, it is remarkable how few deaths are occurring among the many THOUSANDS of members of God's true Church today!

GOOD NEWS Subs for PLAIN TRUTH

Not only had I been unable to edit and publish *The GOOD NEWS* during the twelve-year period from 1939 to 1951, but it had been an almost impossible task to continue issuing *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Many issues were missed during those years. There had been only four issues during 1950—and each had been reduced to only 8 pages.

From the first issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, in February, 1934, it had been a never-violated policy that no articles were printed except those written by me. The college had been started, not only for the purpose of attracting and training God-called ministers, but to train men to lighten my own personal load. But it didn't seem to work out that way. The responsibilities of administering a very small but growing college only added—and greatly—to my personal responsibilities.

There was the daily broadcast—seven days a week. There was preaching every Sabbath. In those early years I was teaching all the Bible and Theology classes, and by the third year I had added the Principles of Living Class. There was the executive function of being President of the college, as well as Pastor of the churches. There were Co-Worker letters to write, and the responsibility of raising funds and financing a fast-grow-

ing work. Much of the time, I was unable to get out a PLAIN TRUTH for the simple reason that there was no money to print or mail it.

There was no issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* during 1951. Another function served by *The GOOD NEWS*, largely edited by students, was to substitute temporarily for *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Unable to carry the whole burden and issue *The PLAIN TRUTH*, I simply discarded the entire mailing list of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, or let it lie dormant. We began sending *The GOOD NEWS* to co-workers who contributed regularly to the Work, in addition to members.

This re-born GOOD NEWS appeared in April. There was no May issue. The second issue came out in June. We omitted July, August and September. There was an October issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, written entirely by me—16 pages of it. In November and December *The GOOD NEWS* appeared again.

In 1952 we managed to get out a 16-page publication every month. The months of June and August we published *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and in each of the other months that year there was a GOOD NEWS. But for the first time, the August PLAIN TRUTH carried articles written by two students, now graduated and attending the Graduate School of Theology—Herman L. Hoeh, and Richard D. Armstrong.

The first five months of 1953 saw a GOOD NEWS published each month. Beginning June of that year, we resumed regular publication of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, with an issue every month except December. But now Mr. Hoeh, Dick Armstrong and Mr. Meredith became regular contributors. Beginning with the November issue, Mr. Hoeh became Executive Editor, and Mr. Meredith, Associate Editor. From there, *The PLAIN TRUTH* has grown to its present enlarged editorial staff, and full 52 pages.

A Second NEW Good News

Beginning with the July, 1953, number, *The GOOD NEWS* became again a NEW Good News, with a new editorial policy. Now that regular publication of *The PLAIN TRUTH* had been resumed, *The GOOD NEWS* no longer was sent to co-workers. It became exclusively a CHURCH organ for members only.

It has continued regular publication until now. But, with *The PLAIN TRUTH* being published every month, constantly increasing in size, and with multiple duties and responsibilities constantly increasing on each of its editors as the whole work expanded, the edit-

ing of *The GOOD NEWS* had to remain a sort of side-issue. All of us who have written for it have had other pressing duties that have more than filled our time.

But now, at last, we are able to assign an editorial staff to this very important church magazine, with *The GOOD NEWS* having first priority on their time.

This present issue is only a first beginning. YOU MAY EXPECT TO SEE YOUR GOOD NEWS EXPAND IN SIZE AND IMPROVE IN QUALITY FROM NOW ON!

LETTERS

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lay aside (at least temporarily) all that I have been taught and to study your teachings with an open mind. Please continue to send your magazine and would you enroll me in your Bible Study Course? Also I would like to have your article 'How To Have a Happy Marriage' and your booklet 'Divorce & Remarriage.' Thank you and God bless you. P.S. To whom should checks be made out?"

Lady from Florida

Fresh Voice Stirs Interest

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"I sure like a fresh voice speaking other than the usual pious platitudes emitted by the standard brands of religions. Don't go for your absolutely free stuff, nothing for nothing in this weary old world; so therefore the enclosed useful document (\$5.00). If you have something for a real skeptic, hardnosed salesman, engineering mind, and a person very, very weary of the stuff and silly nonsense going under the name of 'Christianity,' then send it along."

Man from Pennsylvania

Atheists No Longer Sure

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"A few of your stereotyped atheists and agnostics at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, tuned in your program over WFBM from Indianapolis. We are curious, though very skeptical, about the various claims you made tonight and would like copies of the pamphlets 'Does God Exist,' 'Proof of the Bible,' 'Why were you born?' and a copy of the 'Plain Truth' magazine. Thank you and please send them soon since we will be off campus in three weeks."

Two College students from Ohio

● Chalk up two more ex-atheists!