



NAB CONVENTION — Garner Ted Armstrong, center, talks about the Work's efforts in acquiring radio time with Ira Wechsler, left, a radio-and-TV representative, and Jayne Robins of Ed Libov Associates at the National Association of Broadcasters convention in Las Vegas April 9 to 11. (Photo by Ron Prociw)

Graduate school slated to begin classes this fall

By John Zahody
PASADENA — Ambassador Graduate School of Theology will begin operation here this autumn. The new school will offer a number of services for the entire Church and ministry in addition to its formal master's degree programs.
At an assembly for students, faculty members and employees of Ambassador College April 13, Garner Ted Armstrong stated that "Ambassador Graduate School of Theology has as its purpose to become the intellectual, spiritual and sociological heart of the Church around which would center a variety of important activities directly en-

hancing the growth and development of the Church."

Mr. Armstrong went on to praise the present Certificate of the Ministry Program, now completing its second year, saying it will be retained as one of the courses of study offered by the new graduate school.

30 ministers

"Next year approximately 30 Worldwide Church of God ministers plan to be here on sabbatical to begin the certificate program," said Dr. George Geis, Theology Department chairman.

Dr. Geis has been appointed by (See GRADUATE, page 4)

Work launches ad campaign in British Isles

By Martin Keen
RADLETT, England — The Work in Britain has launched a nationwide booklet-advertising campaign in several publications.

According to Frank Brown, director of the Work in Britain and Ireland: "Our current strategy is to build the Plain Truth subscription list. This is why we are advertising a booklet rather than making a straightforward religious statement, either about prophecy or the Gospel.

"Everyone who writes for a booklet will receive a copy of *The Plain Truth* on a six months' trial-subscription basis in the hope that they will become regular readers. Once a person becomes a regular reader he will be able to grasp more fully the message we are proclaiming and will at least develop a continuing relationship with us as well as a measure of understanding about the Work."

A secondary aim is to increase awareness of the existence and aims of the Work in the minds of the public.

Until July

The ad program, which began in late February, is scheduled to run until July. Booklets advertised will

include *The Seven Laws of Success*, *The Occult Explosion*, *The Dilemma of Drugs*, *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*, *Building a Happy Family*, *Principles of Healthful Living* and *Teach Your Children About God*.

Publications utilized include the *Daily Express*, the *Sunday Telegraph*, the *Observer*, *Faces*, *Mother & Baby*, *Parents*, *Here's Health and Prediction*.

The first three are large-circulation newspapers and the remaining five examples of quality magazines reaching a specific market.

Initial results of the campaign have been encouraging. Ads for *The Seven Laws of Success* in the *Daily Express* and *The Occult Explosion* in the *Sunday Telegraph* have pulled 825 and 555 responses respectively to date.

One feature emerging so far is that the more popular booklets are those dealing with a personal theme, such as success and the occult, rather than more altruistic booklets such as *Building a Happy Family*.

Constant monitoring

The program is continuously monitored. (See CAMPAIGN, page 3)

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN — In an effort to build the *PT* subscription list, *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing* booklet is offered in this advertisement currently appearing in British newspapers and magazine:

HWA keeps Passover at home as Church enters Spring Feast

PASADENA — Thousands of members of God's Church around the world observed the Passover April 20 as they moved into the first Holy Day season of the year.
Herbert W. Armstrong observed

GTA at NAB meet

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Representatives of 91 radio stations met Garner Ted Armstrong at the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) convention here April 9 to 11.

The Church's buyer of radio and television time, Ed Libov Associates, Inc., felt Mr. Armstrong's presence at the convention provided excellent public relations and exposure for *The World Tomorrow* broadcast.

According to Michael Cox, account executive for Ed Libov Associates, "many were impressed by him and what he was trying to do."

John Lundberg, the Church's director of electronic media, who also attended the affair in the MGM Grand Hotel, said Mr. Armstrong met with several owners and managers of radio stations that carry the program on a West Coast network.

"Mr. Armstrong conversed freely concerning the program, the Church, college, his books and most any other subject that happened to come up," Mr. Lundberg said. "This exposure will undoubtedly help our goal of covering the top 50 markets in radio."

the Passover in a private service at his home in Tucson, Ariz., while Garner Ted Armstrong traveled to Big Sandy to officiate at services for 819 Church members.

Here in Pasadena 2,600 attended the Passover, and 3,590 were present for services on the first day of Unleavened Bread.

From Big Sandy the younger Mr. Armstrong flew to Youngstown, Ohio, to keep the Night to Be Much Remembered April 21 with a small group of ministers and their families. He spoke the next day, the first day of Unleavened Bread, before the combined membership of six churches

gathered at Warren, Ohio.

Passover at home

Herbert Armstrong kept the Passover in Tucson with his wife, Ramona, and six other people. He had invited Ben Chapman, an associate pastor of one of the Pasadena churches, and his wife, Lois, who is secretary to Garner Ted Armstrong, to come to Tucson for the occasion.

Also observing the Passover with Mr. Armstrong were two members of his personal staff, Mel Olinger and Rona Martin, along with Mr.

(See CHURCH, page 5)

Newly named president reports on college move

BIG SANDY, Tex. — The process of getting ready for the undergraduate student body of Ambassador College, which will soon begin making its way from Pasadena to Big Sandy, is going "much more smoothly than I thought it would," said Dr. Donald Ward, newly named president of the Texas campus.

Dr. Ward made his remarks here April 21, a few days after consulting with Garner Ted Armstrong and other administrators of the Church and college in Pasadena on the logistics of the move.

(Dr. Ward had been named executive vice president of Ambassador, Pasadena, in March, before the deci-

sion was announced to move the undergraduates to Texas.)

Structuring the staff

The new administrator, who served as academic dean on the Texas campus in 1976 and 1977, before it closed, said he has been trying to "solidify the administration and faculty of the college who will be moving to Big Sandy. We have been able to basically put together an administrative structure: the academic dean, dean of students, business manager, dean of admissions and records. Those are your principal administrators.

"Then come the department chairmen of the various academic departments and the faculty to support those departments."

He said the administration and faculty are still being "structured," though several major recommendations have been made as to who serves where. But he declined to announce names because the college board of trustees must first meet to resolve to adopt the proposed appointments.

Dr. Ward said contracts for his new staff should be ready for signatures "within the next two or three weeks."

He announced that Mr. Armstrong expects to be on campus May 4 for a dinner to which "a cross-section of the East Texas community" will be invited to hear him outline plans for the college.

10 majors offered

The Texas campus will offer fewer majors than the California campus did, Dr. Ward said.

"At Pasadena there were 17 majors being offered, and at Big Sandy there will probably be 10. We'll probably be dropping some majors in science and mathematics because we don't have the lab space we had in Pasadena."

Faculty members are still lacking in three academic areas.
"The music area has not yet been solidified, and we also need some additional help in history and home economics. But we do have prospects in those areas."

AC, Pasadena, had achieved can- (See COLLEGE, page 4)

Is your baby a future football hooligan?



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A Personal Letter

from

Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings from Youngstown, Ohio. My wife and I are here, together with Mr. Jim Thornhill, director of YOU, and other members of our group for another of our combined special Sabbaths, this time for the first day of Unleavened Bread, and a church social to follow tonight.

It seems almost no time since we were in Oregon, where brethren from most of the Oregon churches and even southern Washington gathered in Salem for a similar special Sabbath day and singles' social.

All of you have had time by now to digest a little of the momentous news announced in the last issue of *The Worldwide News* and the excerpts of my special employees' and students' meeting on April 7.

A flurry of activity has continued ever since, with many, many meetings at various levels as those responsible seek to plan the smoothest-possible transition in the months ahead for the beginning of our full four-year undergraduate program on

our Big Sandy campus and giving over all the space on the campus in Pasadena for the activities of the Church as its worldwide headquarters and our graduate school of theology.

Tucson visit

Following intensive meetings in Pasadena, my wife and I went over to Tucson, where we stopped for a brief two-hour visit with my father before continuing to Big Sandy for the Passover.

We found Mr. Armstrong in good spirits. He came walking out of the bedroom into the living room to sit down and chat with us for a time. As usual, it was another bright and sunny Tucson day. He told us that he intended having a private Passover meeting and had invited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chapman to be with him, his wife and others of the household for a private Passover evening (see article, page 1).

I mentioned this to all the brethren in Big Sandy during the Passover service. I reminded them of the tens of thousands of brethren partaking of the Passover (the Lord's Supper) in dozens of locations all around the world and those who, like my father, (See PERSONAL, page 4)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Nutritional disasters?

After looking through many of the unleavened recipes in the March 27, 1978, issue, I was appalled. At least one half to two thirds of the recipes contained in this issue are nutritional disasters and ought to be avoided.

What am I talking about? Simple. Foods that contain refined carbohydrates — especially table sugar (including white, brown and raw).

Does that sound like health-food fanaticism? The multibillion-dollar sugar industry would like you to believe that. But the competent scientist and nutritionist would feel that avoiding sugar should be taken for granted.

For example: Dr. R.O. Brennan hopes we may see the day when sugar will be labeled: "Caution. May be dangerous to your health."

Dr. Roy Bruder states: "Anyone who is not aware of the deteriorating effects of white sugar (later he includes brown sugar, raw sugar and maple syrup in this same category) is living in a vacuum."

Sugar robs the body of important vitamins and minerals, especially B vitamins and calcium.

Dr. Robert C. Atkins is astounded by

cow in other key areas.

Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado (who nevertheless voted for the new Panama Canal treaties) said recently: "At a time when the naval power of the Soviet Union continues to increase, it would be folly to ignore our basic requirement to use the seas freely."

The Panama Canal, in American hands, is indispensable to such unimpeded use.

"Abandonment of a preeminent naval presence in the world," continued Mr. Hart, "could well prove to be the single largest strategic and political mistake the United States might make in the 1970s and 1980s."

Global retreat

The retreat from Panama must be viewed in context with other decisions being made in Washington on key defense issues. Columnist George F. Will, writing in the April 17 *Newsweek*, reviewed these other areas:

"Carter's indefinite postponement of neutron weapons is destabilizing because it strengthens Soviet doubts about U.S. readiness to use existing tactical weapons. The Soviets already knew that the Carter administration buckles under pressure, and makes unilateral and unreciprocated concessions. Now they have fresh ground for contempt.

"The Carter Administration... has [also] canceled the B-1 bomber, slowed other strategic programs (the MX missile, the submarine-launched cruise missile), refused to sustain a Minuteman 3 production capacity, retreated at a gallop from its SALT position of last spring, planned drastic shrinkage of the Navy in the face of rapid Soviet naval growth, announced an intention to withdraw ground forces from Korea, and responded to Cuba's aggression in Africa by exchanging diplomatic missions with Havana."

Matthew Conroy, foreign-affairs columnist for the *New York News World*, summed up American foreign policy this way in his column of Jan. 26:

"All these instances are indicative of a retreat from global responsibility. Like a stripper heeding the howls from the audience to 'take it off!' we're feverishly stripping ourselves of power in the hope of — what? I'm not even sure. That the Russians will follow our example — get religion, so to speak, and start contracting their empire? That's ludicrous, of course, but there are individuals in high places in Washington who actually believe that if the Russians see us unilaterally disarming, or refusing to use our power meaningfully, they will do the same."

The President's Pyrrhic victory

PASADENA — It was hailed as a major foreign-policy victory for President Carter, who said it signaled a "new era in our relations with the world."

Senate leader Alan Cranston said it finally put an end to American "colonialism."

National-security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski ecstatically proclaimed that the President "takes on hard issues... and prevails. And we're going to deal with other issues the same way."

White House aides jumped for joy and hugged each other once the outcome was known.

The cause of all this jubilation? The narrow approval by the U.S. Senate on April 18 of the last of two new Panama Canal treaties, this one providing for the gradual transfer of control of the waterway to Panama, to be completed (according to the schedule, at least) by the year 2000.

Impromptu holiday

In the streets of Panama City an all-night drunken spree erupted. The military government prohibited the sobering-up process the... day by proclaiming a national holiday. Edicts and decrees flow quick and easy in Panama.

But Panama's dictator, Omar Torrijos, was far from gracious in accepting this fabulous gift bequeathed his tiny country by the "gringos." He said on nationwide television in Panama minutes after the Senate vote that, if the treaty had been rejected, "we were going to take the route of violent liberation."

"By tomorrow," he said later at a news conference, "the canal would not have been in operation. We have the capability to destroy the canal despite all the U.S. military commands. The national guard has the capability to destroy it... We have had 10 years of preparations."

He also said Panama would destroy the canal if the United States should try to intervene in Panamanian affairs after Panama gains control of the waterway in the year 2000.

Torrijos had clamped a lid on himself during the final days of the Senate debate. (But before he did he sent letters to 115 countries around the world — not including the United States — complaining about the DeConcini amendment to the neutrality treaty intending to provide permanent U.S. defense rights.) It is certain that, had he made his inflammatory com-

ments before the final vote, the treaty would have been scuttled outright.

True to form, American officials were quick to excuse Torrijos' comments as being merely an expression of Latin bravado intended only for

would be sure to interpret it — violate Panama's "sovereign integrity."

Thus the trouble America has apparently sought to avoid in its future relations with Panama by agreeing to the new treaties is virtually assured

Worldwatch

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

home consumption.

There is, of course, serious doubt that Torrijos could have carried out his threats. But the leader of the anti-treaty forces, Sen. Paul Laxalt of Nevada, stated that Torrijos' comments represented "a hell of a start to what is a shotgun marriage at best."

Get set for trouble

The President is correct in stating that America has opened up a "new era" in its relationship with Panama. This new era is going to be full of headaches, however, once the new treaty arrangement goes into effect, probably toward the end of next year. (First the House of Representatives must enact enabling legislation; then the treaties of ratification must be exchanged between the two countries; finally the treaties are to be made effective six months later.)

There is a major contradiction built into the new arrangement that is a guarantee of future trouble. Under the treaties the United States reserves the right to use military force, even after the year 2000, to keep the canal "open, neutral, secure and accessible," while at the same time swearing any attempt to interfere with Panama's "political independence or sovereign integrity."

The problem with this semantic double-talk, and most people do not realize it, is this: The present U.S.-controlled Canal Zone ceases when the treaty goes into effect, not the year 2000. About 70 percent of the zone reverts to Panama to use as it wishes (for urban expansion, for example), and the remaining, shrunken "canal area" also becomes Panamanian property.

In other words, Panama becomes territorial sovereign of the canal at the beginning of the treaty, not the year 2000. The United States merely retains operating rights and privileges until the latter date, much in the form of a concessionaire.

Hence, if in the future the United States chooses to act unilaterally to defend the canal against any threat, it would automatically — as Panama

precisely because of them. Pandora's box has been opened.

Kicked out earlier?

There is considerable opposition to the treaties in Panama, from those who don't want to wait until 2000 for Panama to take full control. This opposition has been squelched by Torrijos up until now.

In his television address the other day, however, Torrijos announced he was opening up the full political process again. There may be national elections again this fall, 10 years after the national guard overthrew the last elected government. Torrijos may or may not run.

As Ronald Reagan has stated often, there is nothing to prevent a future Panamanian government, once the new treaties have gone into effect, from unilaterally abrogating them, demanding that the gringos pack up and leave — or come across with a lot more money, especially if ship traffic through the canal is down, resulting in less toll income. The United States will be forced to (1) leave, (2) pay up, (3) use military action that would "violate" Panama's "sovereign integrity."

While Russians expand

The Panama Canal episode must be viewed, but rarely is, against the broader backdrop of the global Soviet challenge to the free world. Never was uncontested American control of the canal needed more to insure rapid access from the Atlantic to Pacific. The Soviets are expanding their naval forces into all oceans. They have undertaken a feverish naval shipbuilding program.

Meanwhile the U.S. Navy is aging. New ships are not being built fast enough to replace the old. The Navy's five-year shipbuilding program presented last year has been cut in half: from 30 ships to 15. The United States no longer has a complete two-ocean Navy.

America is losing the mastery of the oceans to the Soviets, just as it is becoming militarily inferior to Mos-

"the evidence pointing to sugar... as being one of the major factors in high blood pressure, heart disease, fatigue and a host of chronic complaints." He also implicated sugar as causing ulcers, diseases of the colon, alcoholism, behavior disorders, diabetes, migraine headaches, schizophrenia and other mental illnesses.

Endocrinologist John W. Tintera maintains that "it is quite possible to improve your disposition, increase your efficiency and change your personality for the better. The way to do it is to avoid cane and beet sugar in all forms and guises."

"The sugar-laden American diet has led to a national epidemic of hypoglycemia, an emotional characterized by irrational behavior, emotional instability, distorted judgment and nasty personality defects." So state Drs. Cherskasin and Ringsdorf of the University of Alabama.

What then is the conclusion? Anyone who thinks that there is no harm in eating a dessert containing half sugar is kidding himself. Why? Because sugar is an anti-nutrient.

I also used to wonder why obesity was and is a problem with many in the Church of God. After looking over these recipes, I have a pretty good idea why — namely wrong eating habits!

Please don't misunderstand me. I realize that the Kingdom of God is not in food and drink. But don't overlook an obvious point — a major portion of our health depends on what we eat and drink! However, eating or not eating sugar is nothing to get self-righteous or judge each other about. What I am contending is that if you avoid sugar you will be avoiding a major contributing factor to poor health. Nothing more. Nothing less.

In closing, I challenge all of you to do a national study about sugar. You will — unless you are extremely biased — remove sugar from your diet because you will conclude that sugar is a health destroyer.

Avon H. Pfund
Lincoln, N.D.

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Leavened peanut butter? Unlikely. But the Feb. 27 edition of *Worldwide News* would lead one to believe so.

The "Postmark" column refers to sodium aluminum phosphate, sorbitan monostearate, polysorbate 60 and mono- and diglycerides as leavening agents which appear in cake and biscuit mixes. The article also attributes texture improvement and preservative qualities to these products.

On the other hand, a newspaper article based on the University of Windsor and Health and Welfare Canada information gives this story: Any mono- or diglycerides in jam (we've found them in peanut butter, Crisco-brand shortening, margarine, etc.), or sodium phosphate in cottage cheese (also found in Canadian cheddar), are emulsifiers, as are polysorbate 60 and 80. They bind oil molecules to other liquids so processed foods don't

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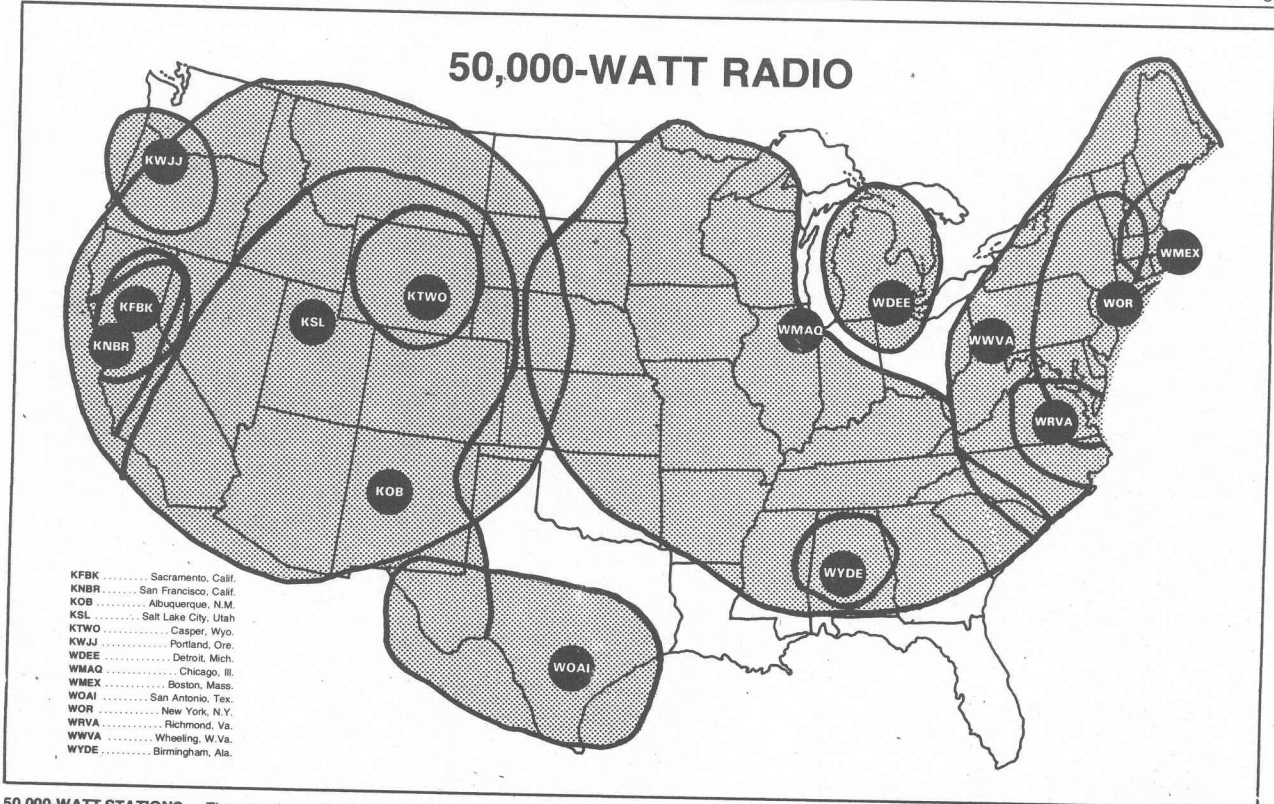
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50,000-WATT STATIONS — The map shows the 50,000-watt radio stations that now carry *The World Tomorrow* broadcast and their coverage at the time of day the program is aired. The coverage indicated for some stations is much smaller than others because at night, when AM radio signals reach the farthest, those stations decrease their wattage. Stations

with less power than 50,000 watts that carry the broadcast are not indicated on this map. Fifty thousand watts is the most power allowed by law for American AM stations. Garner Ted Armstrong recently began 30-minute programs on these stations, some of which are part of his 11-station West Coast network. [Map based on information supplied by Ed Libov Associates, Inc.]

British celebrate 21st, 25th anniversary

LONDON — Brethren gathered March 18 to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the London church and the 25th anniversary of God's Work in Europe. Frank Brown, director of the Work in the British Isles, and Robin Jones, pastor of the London churches, conducted the services.

In his address Mr. Brown commented that the church in London, raised up by Herbert W. Armstrong, was the first to be established outside of the United States. A handful of people had actually begun to observe the Sabbath in London in the autumn of 1956, but it was after campaigns by Roderick C. Meredith and Gerald Waterhouse in the early spring of 1957 that the church began to grow, resulting of the opening of the London office.

Seventeen people observed the Passover here that spring.

25 years in Europe

This spring also marks 25 years of growth for God's Work in Europe, since it was in January, 1953, that the voice of Herbert W. Armstrong and *The World Tomorrow* first went out over the air from Radio Luxembourg.

Several people who attended the first Sabbath service were present: Frank Parker, Arthur Bendon, Mr. Jones and Howard Silcox and his two sons, David, now associate pastor of the London churches, and Andrew,

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ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN — *The Seven Laws of Success* and *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing* booklets are featured in these advertisements currently appearing in newspapers and magazines in Britain.

Campaign

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Itored with the object of sharpening its effectiveness to achieve maximum impact. This will particularly affect the latter end of the campaign when the lessons learned initially will be turned to profit. A small number of ads offering *The Plain Truth* directly will be run in the later stages; copy and layouts for these are being prepared.

English-language newspaper space is also being taken in Ireland as well as Cyprus, Gibraltar, Greece, Israel, Italy, Malta and Turkey in the coming months. The ads, which will directly offer *The Plain Truth*, should have considerable impact on the relatively large and influential English-speaking communities in these areas and provide a substantial morale booster to scattered brethren.

As a result of the two campaigns — the first major advertising promotions in six years — slow but steady growth is expected in the English-speaking Work in Britain, Europe and the Middle East.

who assists Paul Suckling in directing Youth Opportunities United in the British Isles.

Candlelight dinner

In the evening, members decorated the meeting hall for a candlelight chicken dinner and a formal dance. Keith James directed a colorful cabaret, and the young people watched a film in a nearby room.

Assisting with the long hours of planning the celebration were Graeme Ogilvie, coordinating; John Murphy, catering; David Pennington, entertainment; and Martin and Liz Ryan, decorations.

Decorated with the words "21 years in London," a cake was ceremonially cut by Mr. Jones, and each of the 250 people attending enjoyed a piece.

U.S., the West forgetting God

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The problems facing America and the western world have been brought about by "the deterioration of their firm, implacable belief in their Creator God," said Robert Fahey, outgoing director of the Work in Africa, as he addressed a meeting of South African lawyers March 30.

Mr. Fahey, himself an American citizen, focused on problems of his native country and talked of similarities between the United States and South Africa.

'Down and hurting'
He said America is "down and

hurting" and needs understanding and compassion. Condemnation from its critics is not the answer, he said.

Mr. Fahey, who will soon begin a sabbatical year of studies at Church headquarters in Pasadena, got the chance to talk to the attorneys two days after giving the same speech to the Krugersdorp Rotary Club. (Krugersdorp is a Johannesburg suburb.)

About 50 lawyers were present, a cross-section from the western suburbs of Johannesburg.

Mr. Fahey, who was accompanied to the meeting by office staffer Andre

van Belkum, found that many present already knew about Herbert W. Armstrong, *The Plain Truth* and the Worldwide Church of God.

26 speeches

Over the last three years Mr. Fahey has spoken to 26 service clubs in the country. As a result of his Krugersdorp speech, he may have the chance to speak at the annual South African Rotary meeting scheduled for June in Durban.

When Mr. Fahey begins his sabbatical, he will be replaced by Dr. Roy McCarthy, the outgoing director of the Dutch Work.

A Personal Letter

from

Garner Ted Armstrong

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would be observing the Passover in private homes.

I hope all of you brethren had a deeply moving and spiritually rewarding Passover service and greeted the beginning of the Days of Unleavened Bread with awakened zeal, enthusiasm and joy!

As my father told me when I first sat down in his living room, "Ted, I believe we are entering a new era in God's Church!"

I couldn't have agreed more and again thanked him for his courage in making the momentous decision, and so informing me, concerning the much greater visibility for headquarters and the Worldwide Church of God and the complete physical and geographical separation of the two separate corporate entities of the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College.

Cloud nine

Of course, all those in Big Sandy were on cloud nine with excited anticipation at the prospect of seeing the college humming with activity once again.

There was no small stir among all

College

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didactic status from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges in its quest for accreditation. But Dr. Ward feels the prospects for beginning the school year as a candidate for accreditation are slim.

"We have written both the Western and the Southern associations about the possibility of transferring candidacy, and the Southern Association [of Schools and Colleges] did not say, 'No, you cannot,' but they did say, 'We will need to review.'"

"I do think there's a good chance of candidacy being achieved during the school year. The fact that the Western Association is working with the Southern Association greatly increases the probability that we'll receive it during the coming year."

Work program

Students in Texas won't immediately have the government-sponsored financial aids that were available to them in Pasadena. But "we will have a work-study program like we had in Big Sandy" before the two campuses merged last year. "We plan to take care of students on the work program according to a formula based on need."

Dr. Ward said he feels "there's a good chance" the college will have available the federal government's Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) program "before the school year is over," and if that happens the BEOG aid to students would be retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

"But we'll operate on the basis that we won't have government funds" in case the grants do not materialize, he said.

Financial aids to students who are veterans of military service are a possibility for the future. Such aid wasn't available in Pasadena but had been in years past in Big Sandy.

Cost for tuition, room and board will change little, if at all, he said. A student in Pasadena has typically paid about \$1,450 a semester. Dr. Ward said the figure would be "basically the same" in Texas, "maybe less."

The size of the future student body hasn't been determined yet. But the new president quoted Mr. Armstrong as saying "any student who wants to transfer" will be welcome at Big Sandy.

of those in the surrounding communities, along with very excited and favorable newspaper articles in many of the local papers. Mr. Bob Haworth, college public-relations officer, who had already arrived on the scene, told me of having gone to local restaurants and having been greeted by many, many enthusiastic individuals who came up to him, expressing their enthusiastic support and delight that Ambassador would once again open its doors in East Texas.

In the words of one prominent citizen: "You fellows have pulled the coup of the century. You consolidate and close up over here and go out to Pasadena, and, just when everyone is really beginning to feel how much they miss you, you announce you're coming back!"

Incidentally, for those of you in the surrounding areas who are within reasonable travel distance to Big Sandy, let me digress to mention that I have suggested to Mr. Sherwin McMichael, area coordinator for that region, that he ask the pastors of his churches to announce in their Sabbath services that we can certainly use an unlimited amount of volunteer labor from any of those families who would like to journey to the Big Sandy campus, camping in the pinewoods and enjoying the college setting and recreational facilities, such as swimming in Lake Loma, boating, fishing, golfing, etc., and during the days donating manual labor for the vast amount of cleanup, repair, maintenance and other work needed to prepare for the opening of college by September.

Fallen behind

Naturally, with a very reduced maintenance crew, we have fallen seriously behind on the grounds and there is almost no area of the campus where we could not use willing hands and strong backs along roadways and walkways and people to help to trim trees and shrubbery, most especially even skilled labor, if there are those who are skilled at carpentry, painting or other professions.

If any of you brethren would have the time — especially those who may be retired and may enjoy camping out and would appreciate donating a portion of your own time with your own hands in helping build God's college to what it ought to be — we would most appreciate hearing from you at Big Sandy.

You could write directly to the college, addressing your letter to the attention of Dr. Donald Ward at Ambassador College, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755. Or simply pick up the telephone and dial (214) 636-4311, letting them know of your particular qualifications and when you might plan to arrive and the duration of time you would be able to remain.

Incidentally, if any of you brethren have equipment of some sort which could prove valuable for college maintenance use (as you know, we have many acres to maintain), I'm sure college officials would be delighted to hear from you.

We were greeted in Big Sandy by the most delightful weather possible, up in the mid-70s with a light breeze blowing and all the new green of spring evident everywhere.

Usually I am able to shoot about nine holes of golf every other year or so, but I was able to get out on the morning after the Passover for nine holes of golf with Dr. Kermit Nelson, director of the Athletic Department at Ambassador, and then board the airplane at about noon for our trip up to Youngstown.

What a contrast!

Snow falling

I had packed for the South and had taken along (as had my wife, Shirley) only Southern California clothing and had to shoot an ILS approach in blowing snow, visibility down to one

or two miles, and taxied up to the airport in Youngstown with snow falling to the ground all around us and a stiff wind blowing!

However, the storm blew over within hours after our arrival, and today, on the double Sabbath, it is bright and clear.

Upon arriving here in Youngstown, we were very graciously entertained for the evening meal at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Noel. Also present were area ministers Greg Sargent and Ralph Orr, their wives and children, my copilot, Benny Sharp, and members of the musical group that accompanied me.

It was a delightful evening. The Noels had a long table with a big bowl of steaming potatoes and roast turkey and cranberry sauce. It was truly a memorable night.

Our current plans are to return to Big Sandy for some of the days of Unleavened Bread. I am scheduled for a meeting with the Texas Coordinating Board to lay before them our plans for reopening the college campus and obtain their official approval to operate the college once again. And then we are slated to be in Montgomery, Ala., on the weekly Sabbath, the day after the Holy Days.

I will have to be doing radio pro-

grams from our own radio studio in one of the former temporary classroom buildings on the Big Sandy campus in the interim and fly the tapes back to Pasadena. I will be looking into the possibility of direct telephone hookup so that I can do live radio programs from the studios in Big Sandy at 2 p.m. Texas time to be heard on our own Pacific Coast network from our studios in Pasadena.

We have mailed to the publisher a sizable portion of my new book (would you believe the title has still not been selected?). Of course, I will have my nose very much in the grindstone in the days just ahead in trying to rush the entire manuscript to completion.

This is going to be a very busy summer indeed, with the physical changes looming in the immediate future. I sincerely hope and pray it will be a time of great growth, renewed zeal and encouragement for all of you brethren worldwide!

Following our fine and enjoyable family-style meal, as we were discussing various aspects of the Work, I was informed that in the suburban areas around Youngstown *The Plain Truth's* newsstand program is dispensing 20,000 *Plain Truths* each month!

I couldn't help but exclaim surprise and gratitude over such a tremendous number and was quite surprised to find that, instead of including the big cities of Cleveland, Akron and all the others, they were speaking only of the Youngstown and surrounding area!

As I'm sure is true throughout the Church of God, there is an increasing amount of many hundreds of you brethren who are able, with your own two hands, to go out into your local areas, approaching shopkeepers, grocers and other businesses, and placing *Plain Truth* stands in your area. I can't tell you how encouraging this is to me, to my father and to all of us at headquarters, and how ideal we feel it is for all of the brethren to be so intimately involved in the first commission of God's Work!

The program is doing a tremendous job, and I believe we will see great fruits being borne in the months and years ahead, stemming from these and other similar efforts!

So keep up the good work. I will close for now and get busy on preparing my sermon for this special Holy Day!

With love, in Jesus' name,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Graduate school to open in fall

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Mr. Armstrong to coordinate the educational activities of the graduate school along with Dr. Robert Kuhn, assistant to Mr. Armstrong.

In a letter to graduating seniors of the college, Dr. Geis said that, "as the requirements of the Church and the complexities of our society have mushroomed, so has the demand for highly qualified people to serve the Church. And those needs require women as well as men!"

"Ambassador Graduate School of Theology is being designed to specifically serve these increasing needs of the Church. In addition to giving specialized programs to ministers on sabbatical, it will also focus on nonordained graduate students who already have their bachelor's degrees preparation for church service."

According to preliminary information provided by Dr. Geis, a two-year master-of-arts program in religious studies will be instituted in the fall that will offer five areas of specialization including church growth and development, marriage and family counseling, theological journalism, church-educational programs and youth ministry.

"We're hoping to have up to 30 nonordained students enter the

master's program this fall," continued Dr. Geis.

"We see the student who has specialized in one of the five areas of concentration becoming part of a major support system which would provide the field minister with a tremendous resource to help build the programs he wished to incorporate into his pastorate."

Begin in 1980

The M.A. program will also serve as a stage in ministerial education for those going on for a full professional master's degree. This three-year program is scheduled to begin in 1980 and will encompass a broad range of competencies appropriate to the work of a field pastor.

A number of additional programs are planned that will provide immediate services to the ministry at large as well as highly concentrated service to those who are coming to Pasadena on sabbatical. These include intensive two- to three-week workshops to be held on the Pasadena campus and shorter seminars in centralized field locations.

Presented at these events will be strategies for Church growth and development and in-depth discussions on Church doctrine and the System-

atic Theology Project, as well as new concepts of development, professional skills.

An immediate outgrowth of the graduate school will be a ministerial journal that will also be aimed at serving the broad needs of today's Church with articles from specialists in the primary fields of interest. Participation in the project from sabbatical ministers is anticipated.

Dr. Geis emphasized the value to the graduate school of the planned new center for marriage and the family that will also be instituted later this year.

"First of all, the center will give our students viable opportunities for practicum in marriage and family counseling. Secondly, it will provide us with opportunities to do research in this very important area."

Garner Ted Armstrong has appointed David L. Antion, who is presently director of college relations, to guide the initial development of the new center with the assistance of Robert D. Oberlander, current career-services director for the college.

Mr. Antion stated that his own post will be that of assistant director of the center when a suitable director is found.

Looking for expert

"We are looking for a person who is eminent in the field of family therapy and will screen, train and put his certification on each one of us in the center," Mr. Antion said.

"We expect that the center will provide, not only a place to obtain marriage and family counseling, but more than that it will deal with the causes of marital and family problems. This is family-life education and will include areas such as premarital counseling, enrichment for healthy families and preparing for children."

Mr. Antion said these services will be made available first of all to the Worldwide Church of God and later to the community.

"We feel we ought to start very small, as a grain of mustard seed, with very high quality and build carefully and gradually from there."

Mr. Antion expressed his hope that the center will eventually provide valuable research data that can be shared with the whole Church and nation through articles in *The Plain Truth* and other Church publications.



BIG AS BASEBALLS — A resident of Grand Island, Neb., holds two hailstones he collected after a storm hit the city April 7. The storm, which dropped chunks of ice up to seven inches in diameter, caused considerable damage to property, including that of many Church members in the area, and spawned winds as high as 70 miles an hour, heavy rains and tornadoes. One chunk of ice plunged through the roof of the house of Church members Clyde and Virginia Mottin. Some 20,000 cars in the area were reported damaged. [Photo courtesy the Grand Island Independent]

Fresno: national-park gateway

By Terry D. Warren
FRESNO, Calif. — Fresno's main attraction as a tourist center is its geographically central location. The city is in the midst of the world's richest agricultural county between San Francisco, a three-hour drive to the north, and Los Angeles, four hours to the south.

The area is surrounded by fig, orange, apricot, almond and walnut orchards, interspersed by irrigated

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

vineyards of raisin, wine and table grapes.

Fresno, whose name in Spanish means "ash," is widely known as the gateway to three national parks. A 2½-hour drive northeast along state Highway 41 takes you to the valley floor of Yosemite Park where, in season, cascades of melting snow plunge from sheer granite walls.

Upper Yosemite Falls, nine times higher than Niagara, drops 2,425 feet to the valley floor.

From the valley you can also view famous 3,000-foot-high El Capitan, the world's largest granite monolith, Cathedral Spires, North Dome and Half Dome.

In keeping with the spirit of the Feast of Tabernacles, Yosemite is an ideal place to gaze upon the majesty of creation. As naturalist John Muir said: "Yosemite is a place of rest. A refuge . . . in which one gains the advantages of both solitude and society . . . None can escape its charms. Its natural beauty cleanses and warms like fire, and you will be willing to stay forever . . ."

Fall and winter in Yosemite blend the breathtaking autumn colors of the forest with the contrasting blues of cool, pristine waters and sky. Yosemite Park spans more than 1,200 square miles of unusual mountains,



lush meadows and winding streams.

The historic and beautiful Ahwahnee Hotel is a favorite spot in the valley to stop for a late lunch or dinner. But be sure you make advance reservations; it's usually crowded.

Yosemite Village has a restaurant, general store, medical clinic and numerous rental cabins.

Hiking, bicycling and horseback riding in Yosemite Valley can take you by thundering waterfalls, majestic rock formations and green meadows, or along lakes abundant with rainbow trout, eastern brook or golden trout. You might want to plan your Yosemite trip before or after the Feast to allow plenty of time to enjoy the surrounding scenery.

Sequoia and Kings Canyon

An hour and a half from Fresno,

east on Highway 180, is Kings Canyon with its numerous hiking and riding trails along mountain meadows and rock cliffs. Sequoia and Kings Canyon parks comprise a vast 1,300 square miles of unbroken wilderness, canyons and rivers. Here you can see colorful forests of dogwood, quaking aspen and oak.

Sequoia Park, the second-oldest national park, is the preserve of the world's largest and oldest living things, the giant sequoia trees. The giant sequoias are survivors of an ancient lineage of huge trees, according to the experts. You will find their story and details of the park's geology at camp-fire programs, visitors' centers and wayside exhibits.

Moro Rock, on the edge of the Giant Forest, offers a magnificent view of the Great Western Divide. The limestone formations of nearby Crystal Cave are also a popular attraction. At the eastern park boundary, majestic Mt. Whitney climbs 14,495 feet skyward.

It's little wonder that annually Fresno funnels thousands of tourists to the mountain and canyon attractions.

Convention center

The city itself has grown to become California's most active statewide convention city. Larger cities such as San Francisco and Los Angeles cater more to regional, national and international conventions than state conventions. Fresno's central location, according to the city's convention-bureau officials, is primarily the reason for its No. 1 ranking.

The Fall Festival in Fresno will be observed in the architecturally award-winning \$10 million convention center. Encompassing four square blocks and 16 acres, it's an unusual and versatile meeting complex with numerous meeting rooms and office spaces.

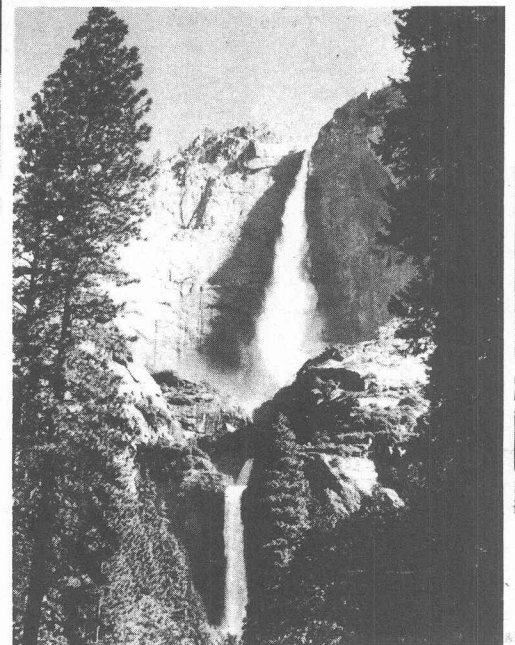
The Selland Arena, in which services will be held, accommodates more than 7,400 people.

Next to the Selland is the exhibit hall and a 2,300-seat luxurious theater in which stage plays, ballets and concerts featuring world-renowned performers are held regularly.

Fresno food

Fresno has numerous restaurants that are well known for their superb cuisine.

Charlie's Sunnyside, on South Clovis Avenue, features seafood and chateaubriand. Estrada's Spanish



FRESNO
 Festival
 below,
 70 mile



THE GENERAL — General Sherman, a sequoia tree and reputedly the oldest living thing, is found in Sequoia National Park, 55 miles from Fresno. [Photo by John Robinson]

Kitchen on Blackstone offers a complete Spanish menu, and Faretta's on Belmont Avenue specializes in steaks and Italian cuisine.

These are the three highest-rated restaurants by the editors of *Mobil Travel Guide*.

Our own underground on-staff critics recommend Pardini's Piccadilly Restaurant on West Shaw, which features a wide selection of superb continental cuisine, Nicola's on Moroa Avenue for Italian food and Los Palms Inn on West Ashlan for a Mexican menu in a country-western atmosphere.

There's also the Velvet Turtle and the Refectory, a remarkably attractive restaurant full of plants, antiques, succulent steaks and seafood.

Whether your tastes are for continental, Chinese, Armenian, Basque, French or Greek, you'll find Fresno to offer an abundant selection of restaurants.

Numerous modern hotels are also available. Some of the finer are the Piccadilly Inn, Fresno Townhouse, Smuggler's Inn, Holiday Inn Airport, Ramada Inn and Airport Marina Hotel.

Family attractions

One of the more popular family attractions is 160-acre Roeding Park. Roeding is beautifully landscaped, with lakes, rolling green lawns and huge groves of trees from arctic to tropical varieties.

Playground equipment, tennis courts and picnic facilities with barbecue grills make it an ideal place to

take the kids for an inexpensive fun-filled afternoon outing.

There are also numerous rides for the kids, a merry-go-round, boat rentals and the state's third-largest zoo, housing some 350 animals.

Fresno has 11 municipal playgrounds, 29 city courses and a campground.

Interesting and informative tours can be taken of the Roma and Cribari wineries, the latter being one of the world's largest, the Sunmaid raisin plant and Hickory Farms.

Details of these and other attractions will be published in the Fresno edition of the Festival brochure.

Train buffs will get a big thrill out of riding a narrow-gauge logging train along the tracks of the Yosemite Mountain-Sugar Pine Railroad. Weather permitting, the train will run weekends and passengers will disembark about four miles from the entrance to Yosemite on Highway 41.

Fresno County also offers some of the finest hunting and fishing in the West. Millerton, Shaver and Bass lakes and Pine Flat Reservoir are some of the popular and easily accessible fishing spots.

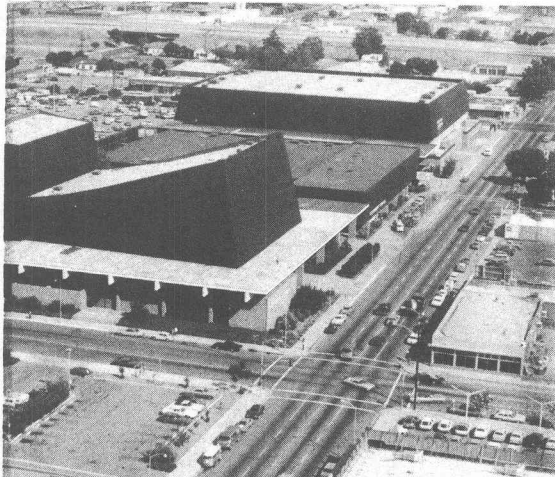
Fresno's winter temperatures range from a high of 80 degrees to a moderate low of 49 degrees. The pleasant weather combined with abundant recreational facilities and nearby scenic attractions makes Fresno a desirable spot for Youth Opportunities United and family-oriented activities.

Alaska says coffee is always on at Festival site way up north

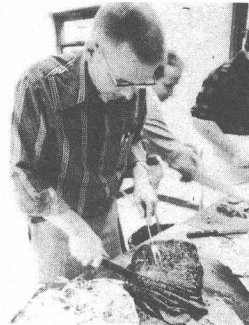
By Mike Pickett

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The northernmost Feast site in the world in 1977 was Kenai, Alaska (60 degrees 38 minutes north latitude). But the need for larger facilities means the Feast of Tabernacles for 1978 will move farther north to Anchorage (61 degrees 12 minutes), where larger facilities are available.

The Festival will be observed in the downtown part of a metropolitan area that is home for 200,000 people. Anchorage is surrounded by a wilderness whose beauty staggers the



FEAST — Fresno features a modern downtown shopping mall, extreme left. The mall will be in the architecturally award-winning convention center, above. The arena, seats 7,400. Left: Spectacular waterfalls cascade down to the Yosemite valley floor, from Fresno. [Photos courtesy the Fresno Convention Bureau and Tidyman Studios]



WAY UP NORTH — The Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel and its new tower, right, are the site of the '78 Feast in Alaska. Left: Good food and fellowship accented the '77 Feast, as they will this year's. [Photos courtesy the Anchorage Westward Hotel and John Vaught]



imagination.

The city has, thanks partially to the influx of business and the Alaska Pipeline, developed a sophisticated downtown convention area with 39 restaurants, 10 motels and hotels, service by seven major airlines and

14 car-rental agencies.

The Feast site, the Westward Hilton, has 502 rooms and is within easy walking distance of department stores and other businesses.

Nearby is beautiful Cook Inlet, scenic Matanuska Valley and Por-

tage Glacier. Not far distant, and always within sight, is Mt. McKinley, North America's highest peak.

Attractions include earthquake-damaged areas, Lake Spenard, Lake Hood, the ski resort at Alyeska (which includes one of the world's longest chair lifts) and Portage Glacier.

Feast activities planned include a formal-dress ball, a recital of classical music, a youth day (during which young people will share in the operation of services), a family movie program and more.

In years past groups of Church members have formed caravans and headed north to the Matanuska Valley and the gold-bearing mountains around the valley. The spectacular drive through the mountains to see the mines precariously perched thousands of feet above the valley floor is a treat never dreamed of by people from other states and countries.

Available will be a ride on the only government-operated train in the United States. The Alaska Railroad runs a special charter line that travels down the glacier-studded shores of Turnagain Arm, past the dazzling blue Portage Glacier, through massive mountain tunnels to the seaport of Whittier, a town inaccessible except by rail or boat.

The trip is taken at a leisurely 35 miles an hour on a train reserved just for the trip.

An unusual visit may be made to the Alaska Wildlife Museum on Ft. Richardson, an Army base five miles from Anchorage.

Feastgoers are urged to consider Alaska as a site. Transfers are most welcome. An old Alaska saying, "The coffee is always on," is religiously practiced by Alaskans in general and the brethren in particular.

For information, write Festival coordinator Al Tunseth at Box 4-1122, Anchorage, Alaska, 99509.

Applicants from the other 49 U.S. states should apply through the Festival Office in Texas. Write: Festival Office, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

Iron curtain doesn't bar Feast

BONN, West Germany — The Church will observe the Feast of Tabernacles at two locations in German-speaking Europe this year, announced John Karlson, Festival coordinator for Germany.

In addition to the major site at Bonndorf, West Germany, the Feast will also take place in the Bohemian city of Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia.

"Overseas visitors are very welcome at both sites," Mr. Karlson said.

Commenting on the Czechoslovak site, Mr. Karlson said 1978 will be the first year the Feast has "officially" been observed in an iron-curtain (though in years past brethren in East Germany have kept the Festival privately).

To freely keep

"This year God has opened the door for His Church to freely and only keep the Feast behind the iron curtain, fully authorized and approved by Cedok, the Czechoslovakian office of travel and tourism, an agency of the Czech government," he said. "The people at Cedok are bending over backward to assist us in every way."

Besides the 100 or so people expected to attend from noncommunist countries, Church members from behind the iron curtain will also be in attendance, Mr. Karlson said.

"Brethren attending from western

countries will therefore have an opportunity to keep a small, family-type Feast and increase their awareness of God's Work and God's people in an otherwise fairly inaccessible area of the world."

Feast in the Black Forest

The West German site will be at Bonndorf, in the Black Forest. Bonndorf will play host to the bulk of the German-speaking brethren, plus Festival travelers from other countries.

"The area is not only scenically beautiful," said Mr. Karlson, "It offers many opportunities for sight-seeing excursions, various outdoor sports and other types of recreation and relaxation. The excellent accommodations available also further enhance its attractiveness as a site for God's Feast of Tabernacles."

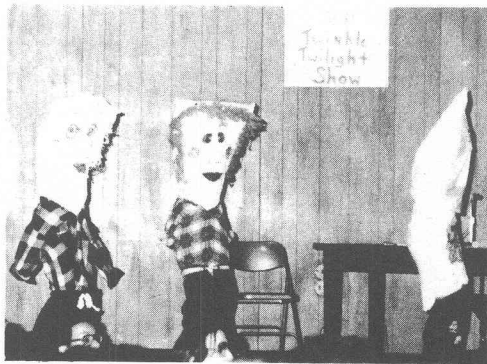
Services at Bonndorf and Carlsbad will be in German with a simultaneous translation for English-speaking guests.

Those interested in attending either site may contact the Bonn office for more information. Write: Festival Office, Ambassador College, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, 5300 Bonn, West Germany.

U.S. Feastgoers, however, must apply through the American Festival Office, which will forward their applications to Bonn. Write: Festival Office, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.



"DEUTSCHES FEST" — Brethren attending the West German Feast site at Bonndorf will meet in the Bonndorfer Stadthalle, above left, for services. Bonndorf is in the Black Forest, a region known for scenic drives, left, and quaint villages. [Photos by Klaus Rothe]



SQUATTY BODIES — At a YOU-sponsored family night in Norfolk, Va., March 18, "The Twinkle Twilight Show," a spoof of *The Tonight Show*, starred Jotty Carton, played by Anthony Chappell, and Ed Mackman, played by Bruce Arnold. Among Jotty's many guests were the Squatty Bodies, above, who performed to the music of "Short People" and moved the audience to dance in the aisles. The show was directed by Karen Chappell. (Photo by Scott Pryke)

Wrap-up

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Kari Mysels, who has been a model teenager and head of the cheerleading squad.

This was the end of the first season of junior YOU soccer in Southern California, which has seven teams representing 11 churches. *A. John Fontaine*.

10th year, Italian style

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — The church here celebrated its 10th anniversary March 19. In 1968, Las Cruces members got their own meeting place after years of driving to services in Albuquerque. Keith Walden was the first resident pastor, moving here in 1973. The second pastor, T. Vincent Panella, has been here since January, 1975.

Dean Blackwell, evangelist and pastor of the Abilene, Midland and San Angelo, Tex., churches, and his wife came for the festivities. Mr. Blackwell gave the sermon and ordained the congregation's first local elder, Mike Isaac. Brethren from nearby churches, California, Arizona and Texas also attended.

To commemorate the last 10 years, the church's Italian pastor and his wife prepared an Italian dinner. Fennel, an Italian celery served with the antipasto, was shipped from Los Angeles. The 200 people attending topped off their spaghetti and meatballs and red wine with "icea-boxa" cake, Mr. Panella's unique recipe for refrigerator cake. A talent show followed the dinner, then the floor was cleared and dancing capped off the celebration. *Toni Chavez*.

Shaping up

LAUREL, Del. — The church here is shaping up for another year, according to reporter Robert Carey. Family gym night is once a month at the high-school gymnasium, where members meet for basketball and volleyball. Competitive games between men and women and teens and adults ensue, but final scores are well-guarded secrets.

Several stout, well-rounded members bowl monthly at Wicomico Lanes in Salisbury, Md., where six lanes are reserved, four for tenpins and two for duckpins. *Elaine Walker*.

Marriage enrichment

LENOIR, N.C. — Sixteen couples here attended a marriage-enrichment retreat at Valle Crusus in the North Carolina mountains March 17 and 18. The retreat was organized by pastor Ken Smylie, who is working toward a degree in counseling at Appalachian State College in Boone.

After Sabbath services, the couples gathered for the first session in the sitting room of the mission school. A wine and cheese party polished off the evening. Everyone spent the night in a dormitory that was built in the 1800s. The Sunday session began at 9 a.m.

with questionnaires and group discussion about feelings on love and marriage. *Alene Medford*.

In the Wildcats' den

LXINGTON, Ky. — With victory celebrations everywhere because the University of Kentucky won the NCAA national basketball championship, the Lexington and Morehead churches, like all good Wildcats, painted the town blue with their annual semiformal dance March 25.

Visitors came from far and wide. Two women in Paducah filled their cars and headed for the Wildcats' den to meet with other travelers from Pikeville and London, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio, joining more than 200 brethren for the dance.

The locals were successful in keeping their own well-traveled You Band in town to provide the necessary music. Pastor Rowlen Tucker and his wife, Lana, set the pace on the dance floor for all the itchy feet.

While the band took a break, Lexington's version of the Pointer Sisters (Sonya Tapp, Connie Dailey and Debbie Baker) "Got Lost in a Dream."

Not wanting to lose their glass slippers or have their coaches turn into pumpkins, the weary Cinderellas and their princes departed for home at the night hour. *Gerry Russell*.

Who's who in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Fla. — What do Robin Hood, Peter Pan, Raggedy Ann, Darth Vader and a Munchkin have in common? All were represented at the children's masquerade party here March 11.

The hall was decorated with bright streamers and original artwork by the members. Music a la *Sesame Street* filled the room as 35 young people enjoyed carnival games, a costume-judging contest and epicurean delights in the form of popcorn and build-it-yourself sundaes.

Dimitri Sipatschew was master of ceremonies. Organizers Jim and Liama Yesemsky termed the party a great success. *John Bass*.

Fly-away pancakes

MONTEREY, Calif. — Fred Coulter, pastor of the Monterey church that meets in Santa Cruz, cooked pancakes so light they were said to fly away in the breeze if not eaten in a hurry at the weekend family camp-out March 25 and 26.

Sabbath services were outdoors at Toro Park in Salinas, where a private campsite was reserved by Al Robertson. Brethren listened to a tape by Frank Schnee on prophecy and events in Germany.

A wiener roast with beans cooked by basketball coach Pete Cruz started the evening, followed by a sing-along. Then the young people joined forces for a moonlight hike.

Sunday morning, many paddled in canoes furnished by Ray Burkhart, while others played touch football and

volleyball or went hiking. *Marie Gutierrez*.

Puzzled toddler

MUNCIE, Ind. — Twelve brave members and one puzzled toddler from the P31 Women's Club gathered at the home of Coco Bill for a slumber party March 11. The objective was to work on crafts for the Muncie Mall Bazaar this fall, but the five who stayed up until 6 a.m. also enjoyed a lesson on how to do the hustle and games.

The theme for the club meeting March 19 at the home of Mickie Mitchell was formal entertaining. A formal buffet dinner with candlelight and soft music was served to the women and their guests, mostly husbands. Sandee Greene led table topics, Linda Nicholson gave a book report on *The Real Jesus* and speeches were given by Linda Grinnel on dinner parties, Coco Bill on social graces and Pam Vermillion on table settings. *Gail Benbow*.

Saturday-night fever

NANUET, N.Y. — Beginning at 7:30 p.m. sharp on March 18, the YOU chapter here sponsored a disco dance. Teens and young adults from New Jersey, New York and Connecticut danced to their favorite records played by professional disc jockey Anthony Robinson, better known as "The Amazing Oz."

Turntables, giant speakers and strobe lights turned the Catholic Social Hall in Orangeburg, N.Y., into a disco palace. Food and soft drinks provided needed energy for the grinding pace of the dancing. *Deborah Mills and Lynn Sandland*.

Metal detectors

NORTHAMPTON, England — The Cambridge and Northampton churches gathered after Sabbath services March 18 for a social and cabaret.

Master of ceremonies Stuart Howes introduced the acts, beginning with a sing-along led by The Travelers, whose vocalist, Fiona Peacock, later entertained with solos. Acts included pianists Bob Crick and Roger Clark, impersonations by Martin Clark and poetry by Sylvia Lowe and the King children. Maggie Mitchell and David King combined forces for "There's a Hole in My Bucket." And pastor Arthur Suckling did Lonnie Donnigan's old hit, "Putting on the Style."

The children enjoyed an indoor treasure hunt using metal detectors and other games. *Pamela Kimberley*.

Costume parade

OTTAWA, Ont. — The Singles' Club here sponsored a social March 11, beginning with a potluck supper. During the costume parade, prizes were awarded for the most attractive, most original and funniest costumes in adult and children's categories. While the children were treated to cartoons, adults enjoyed games and a dance. *Gary King*.

Marmalade schottische

PALMER, Alaska — The Busy Betsys were all smiling and in step as they performed the Marmalade schottische, a folk dance, for the PTA-sponsored talent show here March 15. Dorene Eckman had worked hard with the girls and the mothers made them matching outfits.

A softball game with star pitcher Carol Roemer, cross-country skiing, tobogganing, sledding, snowmobile rides, a Swede-sawing contest, a nail-driving contest and footraces were all part of the annual snow party March 19 at Eklutna Lake for the Anchorage and Palmer congregations. Time was made for feasting on hot stew, rolls and cakes.

Young people 10 years and older were auctioned off to help with housecleaning for the Spring Holy Days. Bill and Sandy Kranick organized the festivities. *Linda Orchard*.

Classical music

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Sabbath services here March 25 featured a serenade by Gary Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Elliot, now a student

at Ambassador College, and a Passover sermon by pastor Dennis Luker.

That evening was the church's formal dance. Brethren relaxed with classical music, then music by Joe Cavarro and his band, while dining on steak. Dance instructor Robert Hart and a student demonstrated ballroom dancing before the brethren moved out onto the dance floor.

During a break, Marion Davis announced the door prizes. Janice Killman won first prize. Dennis Smith announced several wedding anniversaries. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Peasley celebrated their 30th and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Killman their 25th. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Speed organized the evening. *Benjamin Myers*.

Standing ovation

PORTLAND, Ore. — More than 200 souls stood in ovation as one of the Ambassador College Chorale concluded a concert here March 15.

Ray Howard's music makers answered the compliment with an encore selection of gospel numbers, an apt choice, as several gospel numbers in the program had gained strong response from the crowd.

The Ambassador voices blended

the Waterloo (N.Y.) Holiday Inn March 18 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Rochester church.

Local elder Doug Del Barto delivered the sermon. Then pastor Dave Pack read the qualifications of a deacon and commented on Jack Belstein's 16 years of service, calling him forward to be ordained. Afterwards, Mr. Pack gave the sermon.

Before attending the evening's formal dance, members dined on steak dinners at the Holiday Inn. Memories were made more vivid by a collection of photographs from past picnics, dances and sporting events.

The New Sounds, a dance band from the Buffalo church made up of Dennis, Steve and Gary Hussak and Ron Krawczk, provided dancing music. They dedicated one number to a former band member, the late Jerry Webb of Rochester.

During the dinner for adults, more than 100 children were served their meal in an adjoining room and afterwards entertained with cartoons and a Walt Disney movie. The baby-sitting corps was headed by Eric Lasch and was a service project of the Rochester and Syracuse YOU chapters. *Jake Hannold and Marilyn A. Denny*.



TIME AND EFFORT — Holding a plaque reading "To Jerry and Nancy McCracken for Outstanding Service and Sacrifice, Wheeling YOU," the McCrackens, YOU coordinators, were among those honored at the March 11 Wheeling, W.Va., awards day. The basketball team placed third in the district and won the sportsmanship award. Mark Payne received the most-improved-player trophy and Bill Gable the most-valuable-player trophy. The cheerleaders placed third in the regionals.

First picnic

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Brethren here enjoyed their first picnic of 1978 on March 19. The serene and natural setting was provided by the Oscar Scherer State Park south of Sarasota, as picnickers played volleyball and horseshoes and fellowshipped in the spring sunshine. *Lavene L. Vorel*.

Blender wizardry

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Brethren here stay after Sabbath services once a month for club meetings because distances are too far for all to gather more often. The March 18 activities began with a carry-in meal of Spanish rice and enchiladas.

The Ladies' Club continued its study on the women of the Bible, learning the characteristics that made the women outstanding Christians or self-seekers.

In addition, Mrs. John Ramsey discussed the qualities of various types of wheat and milling. Mrs. Leo Backhaus prepared a dozen little pies called seafood quiches. And Mrs. Lon Lyman used her blender to whip everything from tooth powder to hand lotion.

Children and teens are involved in Bible-study classes while the adults enjoy the clubs. *Mrs. Robert Monnens*.

Progressive dinner

RENO, Nev. — The annual progressive dinner of the Spokesman and Ladies' clubs here was March 18. First stop for the salad course was at the home of local elder Jerry Center and his wife, Cheryl. About 50 gathered to enjoy the salad and the first part of the club, table topics. The theme was "Humor."

Moving on for the Chinese main course at the home of Bob and Clara Wright, club members listened to four speeches, two from the men and two from the women.

Capping off the evening at the home of pastor Tracey Rogers, members heard four more speeches and the evaluation from Mr. Rogers. Then all relaxed over dessert and coffee. *Flo Fletcher*.

Celebration of a decade

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — About 350 people representing seven New York churches filled the Saratoga room of

Of plaques and flowers

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The B basketball team here climaxed its most successful season ever with an awards ceremony and dance March 20. Finishing the year with a 7-2 record and capturing both the first-place and most-valuable-player trophies in the district tournament, the greatly improved team was led by captain Eric Shoukist, center, and forward Dan Jager, most valuable player.

Awards were presented to each team member and the team presented a plaque to their coach, Glenn Bechtold. Then Eric gave flowers to each cheerleader for her support. And the cheerleaders presented a trophy to captain Karen Hughes in appreciation for her hard work and a bouquet of roses to their adviser, Lourae McCallum. Dancing followed. *Steven Hughes*.

SMART Set

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — The Santa Rosa and Fairfield SMART (Senior Members All Rejoicing Together) Set shared an evening of fun and laughter with the combined congregations March 18.

The evening began with a brown-bag "lunch" in a room containing an array of senior arts and crafts. Then Ron Wheeler and Roger Boe were auctioneers for a cake auction. And when the last "Sold!" rang out, Charlie Tucker and Joop Tenty seated themselves at a table piled high with prizes to carry on as two of the fastest bingo callers in the West. Santo Rossi spent the evening playing away at the piano.

Rudolf Merz of Cloverdale won a drawing for a handmade quilt. and (See WRAP-UP, page 10)

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. — Four people died and 30 were injured April 15 when one of two trams was hit by a broken cable while it descended a mountain near the valley.

Thousands of Feastgoers are familiar with the trams, which were in operation during the Feast of Tabernacles annually at Squaw Valley. During the winter the trams were used to carry skiers to snow-covered slopes. During the off season Feastgoers and other visitors rode them to the top to enjoy the view or dine at a mountaintop restaurant.

Operators of the tram service say that, if the cause of the accident cannot be determined, operation will not be resumed.

Squaw Valley served the Church as a Festival site for 17 years, from 1961 through 1977, but was dropped as a site after the Feast last year.

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LONDON — More than 20,000 copies of a new 16-page booklet, *Kiddie Porn: Causes and Cures*, are being sent to members of Parliament, schools, news media and church and civic leaders throughout the region, announced **Frank Brown**, regional director for the Work in Britain, April 17.

The mailing is timed to coincide with the passage through Parliament of the Protection of Children Bill, legislation similar to that recently enacted by the U.S. House of Representatives.

"A taped interview with noted child-educational psychologist Dr. **Ludwig F. Lowenstein** has also gone to 25 local radio stations for immediate use," Mr. Brown said. "And phone-in programs featuring representatives of the Work will be run on a further two stations."

"Nearly 60 MPs, including **Edward Heath**, ex-prime minister, **Margaret Thatcher**, present leader of the opposition, and **David Steel**, leader of the Liberal Party, have already written in expressing their support for the effort we have made."

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LONDON — The 1978 *Plain Truth* film-and-lecture series is under way in six locations in Britain, said **Frank Brown**, regional director of the Work in Britain, April 17.

Two films, *Is Man Alone?* and *What Is a Real Christian?*, are being shown in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham and Sheffield.

Lectures include "Coping With Life," "Solving Society's Problems," "Getting Along Together: Basic Human Relations" and "Does the World Need Religion?"

Response so far has been positive, Mr. Brown said. An unprecedented 22.2 percent of those invited from the Glasgow area, for example, attended the showing of *Is Man Alone?*

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PASADENA — The June and July issues of *The Plain Truth* magazine will be combined, as will the October and November issues, announced managing editor **Brian Knowles** April 17.

The decision to publish two fewer issues in 1978 was "due to continuing financial restraints," Mr. Knowles said.

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PASADENA — **Don Newcombe**, former pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team, spoke during

an Alcohol Awareness Seminar April 15 in the Ambassador Auditorium.

The seminar was to kick off Alcohol Awareness Week for greater Los Angeles, a pilot program of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA).

Now an NIAAA representative, Mr. Newcombe shared his personal experiences with alcoholism and said he is interested in helping young people of America understand that alcohol is a potentially dangerous addictive drug.

Among several other speakers were **Tim Matthews**, Pasadena city commissioner and former mayor, and **Dale Hampton**, director of the Human Potential Center of the Church.

The seminar was cosponsored by the center and the Pasadena Council on Alcoholism.

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PASADENA — **Eric Shaw**, manager of the Church's Postal Center, participated on a panel in a discussion titled "Managing the Mail Workshop," held for the California Association of School Business Officials in Fresno, Calif.

The panel was designed to stimulate more effective and efficient use of forms of communication through the U.S. Postal Service and other delivery systems.

The panel consisted of people

from schools, the Postal Service and private industry, Mr. Shaw said.

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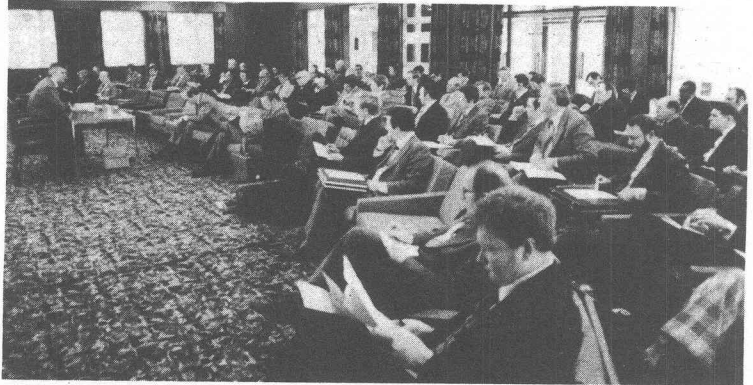
PASADENA — In response to a recent letter to Church members from **Garner Ted Armstrong** stating tithes should be paid to the Church, not Ambassador College, some have asked if this policy applies to people participating in gift-matching programs with their employers.

Legal Department director **Ralph**

Helge has sent a letter to people on the program, stating that gift matching is an exception; such gifts may continue to be made directly to the college.

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PASADENA — Fifty-eight teenagers have been selected to help staff the Summer Educational Program at Orr, Minn., this summer, the Youth Opportunities United office here announced April 19.



BRITISH CONFERENCE — More than 80 leaders from the British and Irish churches meet in Bricklet Wood for a two-day conference in which the participants were informed of events in the Work and brought up to date on the news in the church areas in Britain. During the conference methods were discussed that might break down resistance to what the British regard as an imported religion. (Photo by Philip Stevens)

Ministers discuss British Work

By **Edward Smith**

BRICKLET WOOD, England — More than 80 leaders in God's Work from the British and Irish churches met here the public-holiday weekend

of March 26 and 27 for an intensive two-day spring conference.

British regional director **Frank Brown** served as chairman of the meetings, which took place on the

former Ambassador College campus.

Mr. Brown set several objectives for the conference:

- To communicate to the British ministry and other Church leaders about God's Work in the United Kingdom.
- To give ministers and deacons the chance to fellowship.
- To update all present on news from the various church areas in Britain.
- To allow those from outside the Bricklet Wood area to hear directly from key personnel in the Radlett-Bricket wood headquarters area.

Participants felt the entire conference extremely informative. The workshop discussions and presentations from 10 speakers were followed by open and frank questions and answers. The theme that emerged was the importance of realistically appraising the needs of the Work in Britain and finding ways to present the message of the Church in the most effective manner.

Plans call for a series of film shows and public lectures aimed at readers of *The Plain Truth*, coupled with various advertising programs.

Selected literature is being advertised in wide-circulation journals and magazines, and local ministers are to seek effective ways to promote the Work in their areas through interviews, articles in the press and other activities besides their usual duties.

Mr. Brown assured the conference that the Work of God will continue to push ahead in Britain in as many areas as manpower and other resources permit.

The Church's job, he commented, clearly appears to be that of breaking down resistance to what the British regard as an imported religion. The need to win the respect of members of the public before they will begin to listen to the Church's message will be a long, uphill struggle.

Mr. Brown opened the conference with his own detailed report on the British Work. As chairman, he ended the conference with encouraging reminders to the ministers and deacons that the Radlett headquarters intends to back up the whole team out in the field areas so ministers and other Church members can develop a personal image of a Church that cares.

Gift from pastor general

AC pioneer receives flowers

By **Norman L. Shoaf**

PASADENA — **Annie Mann** playfully refused to tell anyone how old she was on her birthday April 13, but rumor had it that the bouquet **Herbert W. Armstrong** sent her contained 92 red roses. She was jubilant over the many visitors who were dropping by and over the friends who had sent their best wishes.

Mrs. Mann, who lives in an apartment on the Mayfair girls' dormitory on the Pasadena Ambassador campus, was the hostess for the residence hall for many years. A native of Cape Breton Island, in Nova Scotia, she met Mr. Armstrong in Eugene, Ore., in 1941, and came to Pasadena to help with the founding of Ambassador College in 1947.

During Ambassador's infancy, Mayfair was the college, housing the entire student body and the dining hall and other departments. In those days Mrs. Mann was responsible, it seemed, for administrative duties, marriage counseling, career planning and security, among other things.

"I didn't cook. Don't put me down as a cook," she said with a sparkle in her eye. "But I think I did everything else."

Mrs. Mann couldn't hide her elation over the gift from Mr. Armstrong (rumor had it that a similar present last year contained 91 roses). She was happy to pose for several pictures with the elaborate arrangement of flowers and wanted to make sure Pastor General Armstrong got a copy of one of the photographs.

When Mrs. Mann, who remains active and whose appearance hardly betrays her age, was asked what she wanted to do when she grew up, she replied chipperly: "Well, I don't know. Maybe I'll take a job."



BOUQUET OF ROSES — **Annie Mann** received a bouquet of roses from **Herbert W. Armstrong** on her birthday April 13. Mrs. Mann would not state her age, but the 92 red roses in the bouquet might provide a clue. Mrs. Mann met Mr. Armstrong in 1941 in Eugene, Ore., and helped with the founding of Ambassador College in 1947. She lives in an apartment on campus. (Photo by Rick Stodola)