

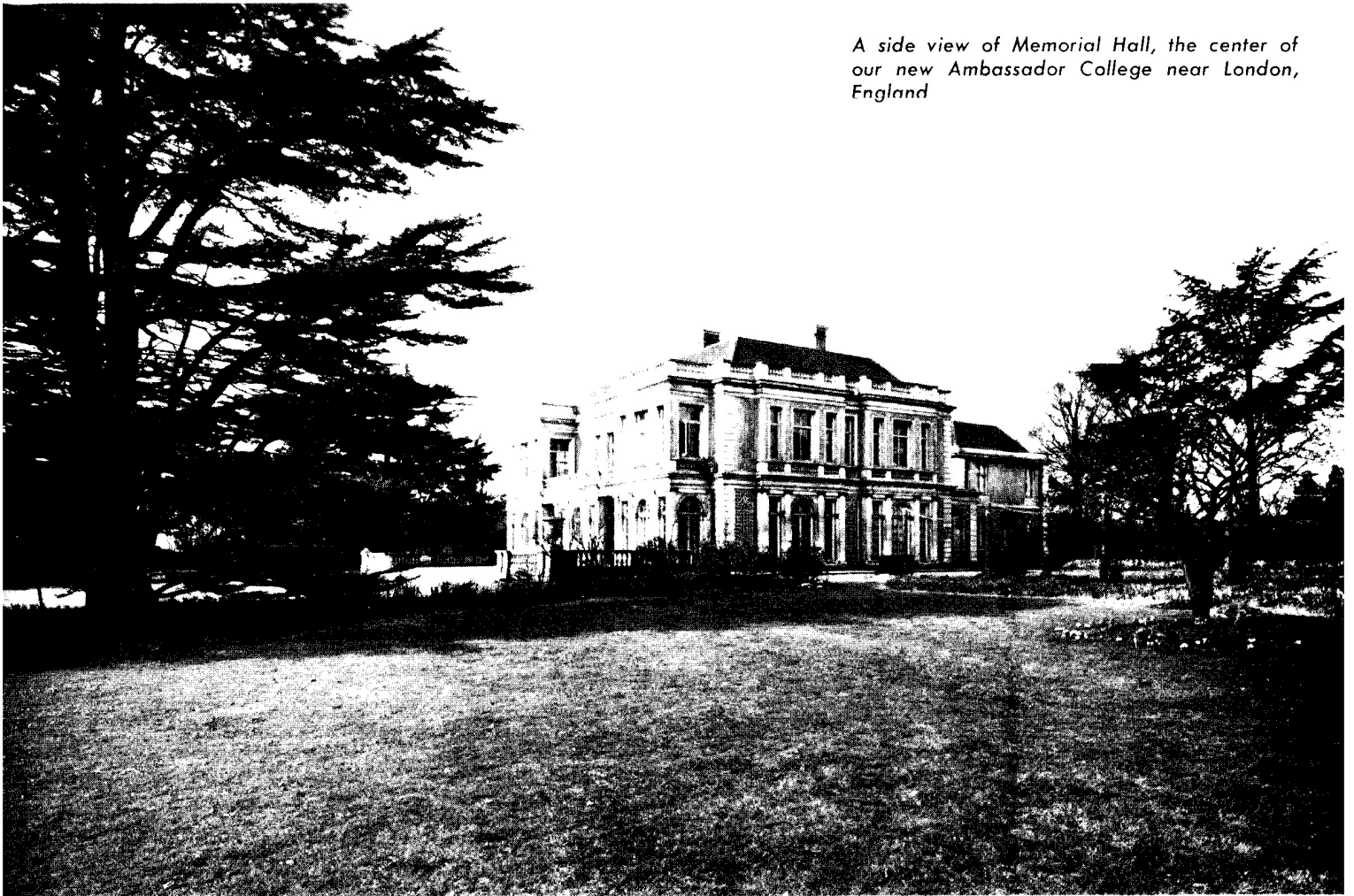
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A lively view of the Ambassador College Library in Pasadena. Read in this issue a surprising message to high school seniors!



A side view of Memorial Hall, the center of our new Ambassador College near London, England



One of the many fine buildings on the Ambassador grounds in England, this is to be the Administrator's residence.

A MESSAGE TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

and those ready for university-level work in Britain

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IT'S TIME to get the *facts*—to make final and right decisions. Here are questions you need to answer—without further delay.

1) *Should* you go to college? Some should. Some should not. You need to realize, first of all, that not all people are fitted by heredity and abilities and preparatory training for the same work, profession, or occupation.

Aptitudes Differ

Years ago I was assigned by a national magazine to make a survey over the eastern two-thirds of the United States to determine why one man fails in business and another succeeds. Although lack of capital, and plain lack of ability were factors, the main factor in most cases was simply that the failures were square pegs in round holes. They were in a business they were not fitted for by ability, inclination, or training. The successful men had chosen the right field for them.

Let me give you an example. Some men are natural salesmen. With proper training they can become successful salesmen. Others could never succeed as salesmen, no matter how hard they try, and regardless of training. I knew a man who tried to be a salesman. He never could work up enough courage to open the door of a single business office and ask to see the manager. But this man had a good mind, was a good student, had natural aptitudes for teaching. He could teach children, or young men and women. But he could not even approach a business man, or a housewife, if he had something to sell. This man went on through college, began teaching, did graduate work summers for higher degrees. He rose in the teaching profession, found that he could manage and supervise other teachers as well as he could teach. He became an educator of some distinction.

I knew another man who had a natural aptitude for selling. He could sell an IDEA. He could sell advertising space in magazines, but he could not sell a commodity. When he tried selling a product instead of a service he was a total flop. So there are two types of salesmen. One can sell a service or an idea. The other can sell a commodity, a gadget—a visible product which the customer can SEE.

One man can become a great success in a certain profession. Another man would be a total failure in professional life, but a success in farming.

I knew an undertaker who found working over dead bodies so fascinating he was never satisfied doing anything else. Most men would flee such a profession in abject horror.

Some men and girls are good students, and will do well in college. Others have not been good students—but could be and ought to be. They simply have not yet learned *HOW* to study. When they learn this they will become good students. Others would be misfits in an occupation or profession which requires mind work rather than physical labor. They are fitted to work with their hands, and enjoy it—and cannot be happy in any other way.

Laboring with Hands is Honorable

We have had a few students at Ambassador College more or less of this type who did college work for some two years, then found important places in our work, laboring with their hands. The few years of college training was a great benefit. It taught them how to *THINK* on the job they do now. Yet further years in college classrooms would have been for them wasted time.

Did you ever stop to realize how wonderful is the human *hand*? If you could put a human mind in the head of any animal, so that it could think,

imagine, plan, work out the idea of a design, still it could never *MAKE*, or *BUILD*, or *CONSTRUCT* what its mind planned. Not with paws or hoofs! One of the marvelous creations of God is the human hand. It is no disgrace to *USE IT* in honest labor!

At Ambassador College the entrance aptitude examinations help us to counsel with students to find where they belong. We learn more about each individual student's aptitudes and abilities, and weaknesses and handicaps, as we go along. It is not always possible to determine immediately where each individual student fits—but we do try to help get each placed where he will be happiest and serve the best during the years at Ambassador.

One of the very important advantages of an Ambassador College education is the close personal relationship between instructor and student. In most cases, by this close contact, and observation of the student's performance in various types of work on the campus, we are able properly to evaluate the field in which the student belongs, and will do the best work, and will be happiest and most successful.

Needs in Many Fields

Although there is no promise this will continue, and certainly no obligation on the part of the student, yet up to now every student who has graduated from Ambassador College has found a place in this rapidly expanding world-wide work, and been either employed full time, or has continued in Graduate School.

However, it must be realized that only a minority are found to be called of God to become ordained ministers of the Church. The work today has need of many trained men and women in many different fields of service. No one is free to choose the ministry for him-

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self. In this one profession, the call must come from God. However, God *is* calling a representative number of Ambassador graduates into His full-time ministry.

First Success Rule

The very first law of success is to have the right GOAL. Everyone ought to learn, first of all, the *purpose* for which he was born. God, the Creator and Supreme RULER of the entire universe, is working out a PURPOSE here below. To find *your* place in working out God's purpose is the most important thing in life.

But there is also a secondary goal—the kind of job, profession, or occupation for which you are best fitted. Most educational institutions in the fields of higher learning specialize in preparing the student to *earn a living* in whatever field he chooses to enter. The school may, or may not, help the student intelligently to choose the proper vocational field for him or her.

But this is certainly *secondary* in importance. First, above all, is learning HOW TO LIVE! First is learning WHY you were born—God's purpose, and where you fit into it—the TRUE VALUES of life—the way to happiness, peace of mind, abundant living.

This MOST important objective receives first emphasis at Ambassador College. But the secondary objective *is not neglected!*

2) Should you select a college purely for training in your chosen field?

This question has really been answered above. Many, if not most students of around 18, just graduating from high school, cannot know infallibly whether the field they feel they *want* to enter is the field in which they really belong. We find many students are unable to determine correctly where they really belong until their third or fourth year of college—and some not even then. The field a young man or young woman chooses, at age 18, may be merely one that appears attractive from a distance.

Mr. Meredith's Experience

I'm going to let you in on Mr. Roderick C. Meredith's experience. I think it was during his third year as a student at Ambassador. I had encountered him at the rear stairway in the Library building. We were discussing the matter of which field was the one where he best fitted.

"I'm absolutely certain of one thing, Mr. Armstrong," he said earnestly. "I am not called to the ministry. I could never *think* of becoming a preacher."

As a matter of routine in public speaking training, he was assigned to give a preliminary 15-minute speech before the main sermon in church service the very next day. It so happened that he had chosen a subject for his talk about which he was very much concerned, and in earnest. When he finished that talk, every one present *knew* that he was definitely called to become a minister! Yet the day before, he had been certain in his own mind that this was the very *last* field for which he was fitted.

Personally, I had a similar experience. The last field on earth I would have chosen was the ministry. When I was 18, I put myself through a course of

self-analysis, together with an analysis of all general fields of endeavor, with the aid of a book on "*Choosing a Vocation*." I decided I fitted the advertising profession. And, as long as I was carnal minded, *I did!* But when God called me, and I tried to run away from His call, He plunged me into His ministry anyway. Afterward I learned that my training and experience in the advertising profession was precisely what was needed to fit me for God's ministry. However, this was God's doing. It does not by any means follow that the field the average young man or woman of 18 chooses is the proper one, or one that, like mine, will only train them for the proper *different* field.

No, my advice to every young man and young woman is to *put first things first!* First learn your OVER-ALL purpose—the purpose for which you were born—the TRUE VALUES—*HOW* to live—what you are here on earth for—where you are going—and *what is the WAY!* Then, before you are through college, you will be better prepared to determine, without mistake, what should be your immediate field of work.

3) *CAN You Afford to Go to College?*

The answer, so far as Ambassador College is concerned, is that *you can, definitely, afford* to attend IF you ought to go to college, and are accepted for admission.

Ambassador College, whether at the Pasadena campus in America, or the college near London, England, offers special scholarship grants, and work opportunities on our own grounds, by which any deserving student may finance a large part of college expenses without interfering with class hours or study. At both institutions we have set up a loan fund by which all deserving students may, without interest, finance the remainder of expenses—provided the student is industrious, and careful in the handling of money.

Actually, even the Pasadena campus might be said to be only half built. As the enrollment expands, additional adjoining properties are purchased, new buildings are planned. This constant building program has been in progress ever since the college was founded. It

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

*Mr. Armstrong's first time on the air and other experiences
in the starting of this present world-wide work are recounted
in this 29th installment.*

ACTUALLY, this great end-time world-wide work of God had started in that little one-room country schoolhouse, eight miles west of Eugene, Oregon.

An Angry Devil

The idea of a literal, yet invisible devil of supernatural powers is looked upon askance by the "liberal" clergy, and by many of the so-called "educated" of today. But you can **PROVE** that the Holy BIBLE is in actual fact the inspired very **WORD** of the Eternal God and Creator. And the Bible reveals that there is an existent devil! It reveals also that he is, in these last days, exceedingly angry and stirred to action against the true servants of God, who keep God's commandments, and have the faith of Jesus Christ (Rev. 12:12,17).

It is also revealed that Satan's method is to *deceive*, and that he and his demons have power to put thoughts, suggestions, or impulses into unsuspecting human minds—unless we are alertly on guard against it.

This unseen Master Competitor had instilled into the hearts of associated ministers a spirit of competition against me, even before the actual start of this present work of God in that little Firbutte schoolhouse.

The very second time in my life I ever "preached"—if those early efforts could be called that—an opposing minister had appeared, and devoted most of his sermon to an effort to tear down what I had preached just before him. Another minister had tried to prevent my articles from appearing further in *The Bible Advocate* organ of The Church of God. A plot had been hatched by two ministers, during the Salem, Oregon, meetings, by false accusations, to discredit me and get me off the payroll of the Oregon Conference of this

church.

And now, at the very start of what was to continue steadily expanding into a world-wide force for God, Satan tried, more viciously than ever, to stop this work while it was still small. Surely no activity could have started smaller. The things of God, when the Eternal works through human instruments, must start the very smallest—like the grain of mustard seed. But they grow. No power, no grouping of power, whether satanic or human, can stop or prevent God's **PURPOSE!** Satan may be far more powerful than man. But God is incomparably more powerful than Satan, and the devil can do no more than God allows.

I suppose these opposing ministers *thought* they were doing right. There is a way that seems right to a man. God says these ways are wrong, and end in death. But a deceived man cannot comprehend that. I do not wish to impute motives. I could not read these men's hearts. But I do know that, regardless of intent, their actions sought at every turn to **DESTROY** what has proved, by its fruits, to be the true **WORK OF GOD!** Today, far more powerful and formidable human powers are being marshalled against it. Today, just as the Pharisees and Saducees *hated* the Gospel Jesus was preaching, so modern organized churchianity *hates* that same identical Gospel now pouring like an avalanche over every continent on earth, preparing the way before Christ's coming to **RULE** all nations with **GOD'S LAWS.**

Thus prophecy is being fulfilled!

The "Pork" Obsession

The opposition through the spring and summer of 1933 had come through the two ministers who had moved up to Oregon from California, Elders Sven (Sam) A. Oberg, and A. J. Ray. Mr.

Ray was developing, through the summer, a sort of obsession against the eating of "unclean" meats—pork, ham, bacon, sea-foods, and those labelled "unclean" in Leviticus 11. The emphasis he continually put on this doctrine, almost with vehemence, rather gave the impression that, in his eyes, the eating of pork, which came in for his greatest condemnation, was the greatest of sins.

About the time the Firbutte school meeting started, July 9, 1933, Mr. Ray began aiming his "anti-pork" guns directly at me. He demanded that I state definitely my stand on this question. I had written him a Biblical exposition of the subject, showing that it was a physical **FOOD** question, rather than a spiritual principle. Unless a man broke the tenth commandment by lusting after it, the eating of pork did not violate the Ten Commandments, which constitute a **SPIRITUAL** law.

I quoted Mark 7:15-23, where Jesus explained that sin is a spiritual principle—that which is *coming out* of the heart of a man—evil thoughts leading to actions of adultery, murder, theft, deceit, blasphemy, pride—violations of the Ten Commandments; but that *nothing* from without, *entering in* his mouth, defiles the man *spiritually*. Jesus was speaking of **SPIRITUAL** principles, and **SIN** as a *spiritual* offense.

I explained that I was well aware that the unclean animals were unclean even before the flood—not suddenly pronounced so by Moses. I also explained that I was well aware of the fact they are still unclean, and unfit for the physical digestive process; that Peter's vision of the sheet was given, *not* to cleanse unclean animals, but to show Peter that he should not regard a Gentile **MAN** as unclean (Acts 10:28).

Also that I well understood that I Timothy 4:1-5 did not make unclean

foods digestible and healthful, but only those which are "creatures of God," and "sanctified" which means SET APART "by the Word of God and prayer." The Word of God does NOT sanctify the flesh of swine, or set it apart for holy use—but rather forbids its use for food. Undoubtedly millions of people have contracted disease from eating unclean meats.

But, I pointed out, it still was a PHYSICAL violation, not a spiritual sin. The Kingdom of God (Rom. 14:17) is NOT meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit—SPIRITUAL things.

And, I explained, I was commissioned to preach to the outside world *The kingdom of God*, which is NOT preaching meat and drink. I explained that neither I nor any of my family ate unclean meats; that I taught all converts not to eat unclean meats, as a matter of good health. But I asked him if he could show me by the Bible where I was in error, or any Scriptural commission to preach sermons to the unconverted on the eating of pork. It *is*, of course, physical sin—but not spiritual. I told him I refused to make this food question a subject for sermons to the unconverted, unless he could show me Scriptural grounds for so doing.

He was unable to reply. Instead, he set out with renewed zeal to discredit me and get me ousted from the ministry.

There was a ministers' meeting one Sunday afternoon, about three weeks after the Firbutte school meetings had started, at the Jeans schoolhouse, four miles west of Firbutte. Both Mr. Ray and Mr. Oberg came to talk to me. They were not friendly. Mr. Ray, especially, was wrathful.

Hatching Another Plot

Then a general business meeting of the state Conference was called for the following Sunday, at the church building in Harrisburg. I was instructed not to let the Fishers or any of the people in the Firbutte or Eugene district know about it.

I well knew the purpose of the meeting. I was having, in the one-room country schoolhouse out in this sparsely settled rural district, a larger attendance

than Mr. Oberg was having in the larger church building in the town of Harrisburg. I already had three or four conversions, he had none.

At this Meeting with Mr. Ray and Mr. Oberg, they strenuously objected to my baptizing new converts *before* I had preached to them against pork, and had evidence they had given it up. I knew that Messrs. Oberg and Ray intended to use this against me in the business meeting, as their latest trap to get me ousted from the payroll.

I must repeat that I was receiving a salary of \$3 per week! The farmer members provided my family in Salem with a certain amount of food, in addition to the salary.

I have not mentioned it before, but in April, 1933, during the Salem meetings, I had started the issuing of a monthly *Bulletin* for members of the conference. It was mimeographed. At Salem, I had hired the Bulletin printed at the local mimeograph shop. At the Fisher home, after starting the Firbutte school meetings, I had borrowed a typewriter, and the Eugene mimeograph dealer permitted me to use one of his mimeographs without charge—though I had to buy the stencils and paper. These costs were paid by the Conference treasury.

After we started the meetings west of Eugene, some people in that area had begun giving me small amounts of money occasionally, which I began to use for the expenses and mailing of this conference Bulletin.

A Letter to My Wife

During this week, between the conference with the two ministers and the business meeting at Harrisburg, I wrote a letter to my wife. I was temporarily discouraged, and I was exasperated and indignant at the tactics of these ministers, professing to be the ministers of Jesus Christ. I simply felt I had to blow off the steam of righteous indignation. Some of the human nature asserted itself.

I really "got it off my chest" in a 6-page single-spaced letter I typed to my wife on this borrowed typewriter. Then, after "getting it out of my system" I folded up the letter. But I did not mail it. I must have neglected to destroy it,

for I have run across the letter in an old dusty file. I had refrained from sending it to my wife, for I knew she would reprove me for "gripping." I felt I had "murmured" like the grumbling children of Israel being led out of Egypt under Moses.

Nevertheless, although some of this letter reflects a humanness of which I was ashamed, it does give an account, written at the moment, of the very *feeling* of the situation. Therefore, I quote here from portions of it: The date, August, 1933:

"Dearest Loma: Just received your letter. What shall we do? The other ministers are all against us. All spirit of love, harmony, co-operation, and wanting to see the work go ahead in the Spirit of the Lord has departed from them. They are contentious, fighting mad, jealous, rebellious, stubborn, self-willed. I have been painted as the stormy petrel of the church. Everyone points an accusing finger at me. 'We get all the tithes,' they say (\$3 per week, plus a smaller amount in offerings handed me), 'I am the last and least of the ministers, yet I get it all' they accuse. Even the *Bulletin*—it is looked upon, not as a work of the Conference to which I am giving hard work and labor, but as my own special pet and plaything, for my personal benefit.

"Two and a half years ago I was called to hold meetings in Harrisburg. Four were brought to Christ. Then the storm arose. Letters flew thick and fast to Stanberry. An awful fuss was kicked up because my expenses were paid out of the treasury.

"Less than two years ago I remained at Umapine after Roy got angry and left, and two were brought to Christ and baptized, three brought into the church, and a Sabbath School organized. Again a great furor was raised. Letters flew over to Mr. Hobbs' son asking what authority he had to let a whipper-snapper like me use their Adventist baptistry to baptize those people.

"Now I am again working in an effort alone. Again the Lord has produced fruit, and four have been brought to repentance and conversion. I am only trying to surrender and yield myself to Christ, and follow the Scriptures. But because I humbly do this, never having

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The BULLETIN comes to keep you informed, during these last days, of progress in the Lord's work in Oregon; and to bind us all closer together in the love, unity, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The BULLETIN is issued, the Lord willing, the first of each month. Address news or brief testimony to Herbert Armstrong, 1142 Hall street, Salem, Oregon.

FRUITFUL MEETINGS HELD AT HARRISBURG AND FIREBUTT

Since the last Bulletin, issued having the news asked July 14th, two more evangelistic campaigns, then more starting, have come to a successful and fruitful close. Both campaigns started on the night, July 9th. The Harrisburg S.A.O. conducted by B.

tried to run or rule or dominate our conference or work, those who do these things are again stirring up a fuss. And now, *because* four more have been converted in these meetings, and none at Harrisburg, jealousy, strife, contention, bitterness, hard feelings are stirred up, and again I am painted as a culprit who is always doing something wrong.

"These others want to fight, contend, boss, dictate and run things. The things they do are CONTRARY to the Scriptures and a Christian life. Why don't THEY get out and DO something that will show RESULTS? Through whose work are the RESULTS coming?"

"I have tried my best to suffer it all for Christ's sake. I have been called on the carpet while these my peers sit in solemn and stern judgment. I am constantly treated like a whipped pup, always having to account for my faults, my shortcomings and mistakes. No one else has any. No one else is ever called down. No one else would suffer it and take it! The Bible says 'BE YE KIND ONE TO ANOTHER.' I have tried to be kind to every one of them and have never said a cross word. But they have not been kind to me.

"Everything I do is wrong. When God is producing real fruit through my work, then that comes in for the harshest criticism of all. Other ministers may live every day of their lives in plain adultery, with women not their wives,

in violation of the Ten Commandments; their 'wives' can carry on romances with other men and be caught at it; these other ministers can be stern, harsh, unkind, cruel, dictatorial, violate literal commands of the Scriptures, but do they ever get criticized? They are able to have better clothes than we, plenty to eat, while we sacrifice, go without, see our children go hungry, see their little bodies become skinny for lack of food, take these men's abuse in a meek and humble spirit, and try to bear it for Christ's sake. I have almost borne it past the breaking point!

"I am told not to let Fishers know of the business meeting next Sunday. They must not be there. All who will vote for that pork resolution will be there. Those who might by my friends and back me are to be barred. Is this honest? Can this kind of work prosper? Can God bless this kind of politics? The quicker we separate from such ministers the better. God *will* honor a work carried on in the spirit our work is being conducted in. If these men could come to their senses, and repent of the way they have acted—of continually wanting me to get on my knees before them and grovel at their feet, and apologize to them for things I never did, and even for being used in winning souls to Christ, and following the Lord's commands and instructions to baptize them—then the Spirit of Christ could

The Bulletin as it appeared in October, 1933.

Below, news item in Oregon Conference Bulletin, Vol. 1, No. 2, dated May 22, 1933, reporting Mr. Armstrong's chopping a year's fuel supply, as covered in the April installment.

Herbert Armstrong spent most of the past week at the home of Milas Helms, near Dever, getting down a years' supply of wood. We gratefully thank God for the hospitality, the interest, and the assistance of brethren like Milas, and A. J. Ray, and Yancy McGill, who make it possible for our ministers to have their needs supplied. These, and Brother and Sister Ryncorn, in the Salem district, have all done more than their share to see that the work is carried on.

come into our midst, and He could do something with our body.

"Now what shall we do? Brother Ray said with quite a little feeling during our Sunday ministers' conference that he is tired of going without his minister's expense allowance of \$10 a month, and that he was right then on his last trip with his car until the expenses were paid. He had the figures of every dime that has gone to us. He was saying things about all the money going to me, when he said this. I feel I ought to tell the Board of the Conference that I will continue on ONE CONDITION ONLY—and that is that we receive NOT ONE PENNY out of the

treasury until Sam and Bro. Ray have had their full share *first*. At the same time I will insist that both Bro. Oberg and Bro. Ray turn in to Florence (Mrs. Curtis, the treasurer) a record of EVERY DIME they receive, no matter from what source, just as I do—whether from California, Oregon, or elsewhere. As long as they are in the employ of the Conference, every dime ought to be reported or turned in. I am through having them receive money from California and elsewhere, as they do, that is never shown on the Conference books, while every cent we get is there shown. Bro. Fisher gave me \$5. He got a receipt from Florence, and every cent I get shows on the Conference books. No record of what Sam receives appears on the books, and only very few KNOW that he is getting tithes from outside, and no one knows how much or from whom. I know two families who have been giving him their tithes. Neither of them turn in anything to the treasury.

"Well, we must not resent these things. They ARE injustices. It is hard to bear, Loma. It is humiliating. Do we have to go on longer suffering this, letting them consider us as a charity case on their hands, a burden, just a scapegoat—does God want us to continue on with them—or does He want us to resign, so He can start thru us a work He can prosper? He can never prosper our Conference work as long as our people show the present spirit. I suppose I should not be writing in this way. I was up to the rock (my prayer rock atop a little mountainous hill) day before yesterday and cast this whole thing on the Lord. I know that He will work it all out His way. Our attendance was only 30 Sunday night, and fell to 17 Monday night, the lowest of the meetings. Everything looked black, with all these other troubles. It drove me up to the rock. I asked God to forgive and help, and revive interest in the meetings, and to send another large attendance that night. I also asked Him to hold Mike's truck for him, and to work out Sam and Madelene's troubles for them. I was so sure of the answer I told Fishers we would have a large attendance that night. We did. 45 came out—ten having to stand.

"I should not have written the things

I have here, or felt the things I could not help feeling when I received your letter. I just came to my room, sat down, and since have been writing out just what was going thru my mind. Guess I'll go up to the rock again, and just trust God. You have time to answer by return mail, before the meeting Sunday."

That is a portion—and the essence—of the letter. I knew I should not have written it—for in it I was complaining. I did not send it. I did go up the hill to my prayer rock, and get the complaining out of my heart. There it came to my mind that I should prepare a *written* defense of my action in baptizing the four so far converted at Firbutte. I have reproduced the substance of that letter here, because it pictures, better than I can with words now, the persecution we had to battle. Satan wanted this work stopped before it started.

Note the prophecy in this item reproduced from Vol. 1, No. 2 of the Bulletin. This prophecy came true. The Bulletin was fore-runner to The PLAIN TRUTH, which started February 1, 1934. Today its circulation is close to a quarter million copies, world-wide.

But the truth is, God never *did* prosper the work of that conference. With the Church then being raised up at Eugene, He DID start a work through us which He could, AND DID, PROSPER! He is still prospering it in a mighty way!

The "All-Day Wrangle"

Mr. Fisher drove me to the business meeting at Harrisburg on Sunday morning. But he, being excluded, returned home.

Both Mr. Ray and Mr. Oberg had their fighting tempers on. This time they were determined to have me put out of the conference. One of them preached an hour and a half or two hours in the morning—until noon—in one long tirade against me. The other followed in the afternoon session, with another two-hour denunciation of my baptizing people on repentance and faith, *before* they

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

To The BULLETIN:

I wish to express my thanks for the first issue of the Bulletin, which I truly enjoyed reading. It must be a wonderful help to isolated members who have no way of co-operating with the brethren. I wish to thank all isolated members for their help in the Lord's work, which has made it possible for this little Bulletin to come forth. The Scriptures say that the "Gospel must first be PUBLISHED among all nations." (Mark 13:10). Who knows? This may be the starting point of a wonderful publishing enterprise in the Lord's work. And we do want your prayers that the Lord might lead in this and the other Gospel work.

Yours in Him,
Milas Helms.

TO THE BULLETIN FAMILY:

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had been given a complete education about God's Law, and before they had been instructed against eating pork. As usual, not much Scripture was given—but emotional arguments based on human reasoning, and worked up to a high pitch.

I knew they had swayed some of the brethren into believing I had done wrong in baptizing these people.

I then asked to be allowed to defend myself, and present the Scriptural reasons why I baptized as I did, FOLLOWING SCRIPTURAL TEACHING. Immediately Messers Oberg and Ray were on their feet in protest.

"If Brother Armstrong is allowed to speak, he will take up too much time," they argued.

"I anticipated that," I replied. "I have my reply to these long speeches by Brother Ray and Brother Oberg typewritten. I have timed it. It takes exactly 15 minutes to read it. Are you going to allow these men *hours*—all morning and afternoon—to accuse me, and then refuse me even 15 minutes to answer their accusations, and show BY THE SCRIPTURES, who is right?"

On promise I would not take up more than 15 minutes' time, I was allowed to read my defense.

In brief it was this: The natural, unconverted mind cannot understand the Bible, and is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be. There is no *promise* in the Bible God will give His Holy Spirit to anyone prior to baptism—even though He did in the case of Cornelius (Acts 10:44-48). God's order is, 1) REPENT, 2) BE BAPTIZED as a symbol of FAITH in Christ, and 3) receive the Holy Spirit. Repentance means unconditional SURRENDER to God, and to God's will and His way, or whatever He commands. It means having the rebellion in the human heart against obedience to God BROKEN. It means utter submission to GOD, and to *whatever* He instructs in His Word. Those I had baptized had REPENTED.

In Matthew 28:19-20, God's order is, 1) Go and preach the Gospel (compare with Mark's version, same words of Jesus, Mark 16:15), 2) baptizing those who REPENT and BELIEVE; then, after that, 3) teach them to observe the COMMANDMENTS. Since people cannot

The conference is very much in need of a mimeograph machine for printing the Bulletin and certain of the tracts to be published. Heretofore we have had to rent the use of machines, and hire the work done which is both unsatisfactory and unhandy. A suitable machine will cost in the neighborhood of \$30. Send special offerings to Florence Curtis.

Praise God for placing workers in among us.

The Church needed its own equipment to increase its effectiveness. From the July 14, 1933 Bulletin.

fully comprehend the truth of the Commandments and the teaching of the Bible until AFTER they receive the Holy Spirit, and since there is no promise God will give the Holy Spirit until after baptism, therefore I baptized them after repentance and faith, just as the Bible instructs—and *then*, after laying on hands with prayer for their receiving of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:12, 14-17; Acts 19:5-6; I Tim. 4:14; II Tim. 1:6, etc.), I taught them God's Commandments, and not to eat unclean meats, etc. Every convert I had ever baptized had obeyed all these truths as soon as I taught them. They were submissive, teachable, yielded to God, hungry for His truth. The KNOWLEDGE of the Lord is something to teach *converted* people whose minds are opened by God's Spirit. We must continually GROW in this knowledge.

The Double Cross

As soon as I finished, Mr. Fisher's car had arrived to take me back to the Firbutte schoolhouse for the evening meeting. I was forced to leave immediately. Under the circumstances, I asked the Board members and ministers if they would postpone any action until another meeting when I could be present. To this they agreed.

About half of the brethren present were very plainly on my side. As I left

the church, this half rose and walked outside to assure me of their sympathy, and that they would resist any action against me.

But as soon as I and all who would support me had gone outside, Messers Ray and Oberg broke their word! They immediately offered a resolution that I be required, if I remained in the conference, to baptize people their way instead of the Scriptural way, and those remaining inside the church building were swayed into voting for it.

And THAT was the severance from all direct connection with even the Oregon Conference of what historic records identify as the "Sardis" era of the Church of God, as revealed in Revelation 3:1-6; and the BEGINNING of the "Philadelphia" era of God's Church.

As soon as I heard of the action taken, I immediately wrote a letter cancelling the \$3 per week salary, and suggesting they give it to Messrs. Oberg and Ray, or else go throw it in the Pacific Ocean! I did not resign from the Conference, nor was I put out. But I refused further salary.

"As for me and my house," I then said firmly, "we shall serve the Eternal our God, and Him ONLY shall we serve. If MEN pay us a salary—even as small as \$3 per week—we have now learned we must preach only what MEN order us to preach. If we are to WORK FOR GOD we must look to God as our EM-

The Churches of God in Oregon stand upon the threshold of a year of mighty growth and accomplishment, if we can all yield sufficiently to the Lord, continuing the present spirit of LOVE one to another, and growing in the Spirit and in power for service by devoting a great deal more time to earnest prayer.

BULLETIN ONCE A MONTH NOW

The Bulletin will be issued only once a month for the time being, in order to economize on expenses. However, this makes it possible to enlarge it somewhat beginning with the next issue, the cost of two or three extra pages being very slight.

Another episode in the development of the early work of the Church in 1933, reprinted from the Bulletin.

LOYER, AND TRUST HIM TO SUPPLY OUR EVERY MATERIAL NEED. And then," I added, "if we fail to serve Him as HE commands, He will stop our income." I wrote my wife to this effect.

It may seem like a step that required great courage to give up even a \$3-a-week income, when that was all we had. Of course, a few offerings were by this time being handed to me personally—but they were usually a dollar or less, and averaged less than the \$3 weekly salary. But it really did not require any great courage. My wife and I knew we were obeying and serving God. We knew He was using us. The FRUITS being borne were loud testimony of this. Therefore we knew, in perfect faith, God would supply our need.

The First Broadcast

The six weeks' meetings in the one-room Firbutte schoolhouse came to a close on Sunday night August 20, 1933. A total of more than 20 had come with us—but this apparently included the ten members of the Fisher and Ellis families, members of the Church before the meetings started.

The October 1, 1933 Bulletin carries the report that "with the Fisher and Ellis families, more than 20 signified their desire to establish a new Sabbath-keeping Church of God in this district."

Late in September someone brought to my attention the fact that the local

radio station at Eugene, KORE, then the very smallest minimum-power of 100 watts, had a Morning Devotional program scheduled, but that they were having difficulty getting local ministers to conduct the program. It was free time, carried by the station as a public service sustaining program, of 15 minutes, 7:45 to 8:00 A.M.

Immediately I went to the radio station. A woman secretary told me she felt sure they would be glad to have me take the program for a week. I was to call back later for the exact date.

On my second call I was assigned the week of October 9th.

October 9th was surely a great big day in my life—the day of my very first experience before a microphone, ON THE AIR!

I took this opportunity very seriously. It was an opportunity to speak to several HUNDRED people at once! I had never spoken to that many before.

I spent the preceding week preparing rather extensive notes and script. I might never again have such an opportunity, so I decided to strike directly at the very heart of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Since the Kingdom of God is based on the promises made to Abra-

ham, I began, on Monday morning's program, with the PROMISES made to Abraham.

"Mike-Fright"

I had heard a lot about everybody getting "mike-fright" the very first time on the air. I wondered if I would experience this. It was probably the most exciting adventure of my life.

On Monday morning I arrived at the radio studio early. The announcer did not come into the studio until ten or fifteen seconds before 7:45.

Mike-fright? Why, I thought to myself, I'm calm and cool as a cucumber!

"Listen!" I said quietly but quickly to the announcer. "I've never been on the air before. If you have any instructions, you'd better give them to me in a hurry. We have only 10 seconds!"

He looked at me disdainfully, and a little bored.

"Just stand up there in front of the mike, and start talking as soon as I announce you," he replied.

About three seconds later he announced me. While he was giving this very brief announcement on the air, I thought, "Well, I don't have any mike-

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This small announcement in the Bulletin records the invitation extended by KORE to Mr. Armstrong to speak on radio.

BULLETIN October 1, 1933

GOSPEL MESSAGE TO GO OUT OVER THE AIR

An invitation has come to the editor to broadcast the message of the Gospel of the Kingdom each morning for one week over radio station KORE, Eugene, operating on a wave length of 1420 kilocycles, at 7:45 each morning. The date has not been definitely decided, but probably will be the week beginning October 9th.

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which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Next month, we will expound the sixth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill." Don't miss this vital article in this continuing series expounding the Ten Commandments of Almighty God.

Why Prophecy?

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YOU CAN understand Biblical prophecy. Here's how: God told Daniel the words which he had received were *closed* and *sealed*—but only UNTIL a certain time. Read it! "And he said, 'Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed TILL the *time of the end!* Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried, but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND'" (Dan. 12:9-10).

Who are the "wise"? God says "the fear of the Eternal is the BEGINNING of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7). Wisdom comes from God! "For the Eternal giveth wisdom, out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding" (Prov. 2:6).

The way to get wisdom—to come to understand the Bible prophecies—is to FEAR (be in awe of) Almighty God! "Thus saith the Eternal, The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where is the house that you build unto Me? and where is the place of My rest? For all those things have Mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Eternal: but to *this man* will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and TREMBLETH at My word!" (Isa. 66:1-2).

The mere BEGINNING of wisdom is to fear God. Next, one must learn to respect, to fear, to TREMBLE before the Divinely inspired word of God!

Today people say, "Well, I know the Bible says that—but here's the way I look at it!" People do not seem to really fear to misapply, to misinterpret, wrest, distort and twist the sacred word of God! People do not really RESPECT the Divinely inspired words of Almighty God!

That's why people don't understand the Bible! You can come to understand the Bible, and Biblical prophecy, ONLY when you begin to really FEAR and

RESPECT *what the Bible says!*

The apostle Paul said, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, NEITHER CAN HE KNOW THEM, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14). The disciples of Jesus Christ couldn't even understand the simplest parables which Jesus taught them privately! However, AFTER they had been converted, after they had received the Holy Spirit of God, then they UNDERSTOOD!

It is only when one has truly come to fear God, to OBEY God, has REPENTED, and received God's Holy Spirit, that true understanding of the prophecies of God can come.

What Prophecy Means to You!

Jesus Christ commissioned His Church to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God to all the world as a WITNESS (Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 24:14). The gospel is prophetic! It has to do with present-day world news, and the FUTURE of this whole earth!

The whole meaning of the gospel is PROPHETIC. Jesus Christ said, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things which shall come to pass [that are prophesied—that are to happen in the FUTURE] and to stand before the Son of Man!" (Luke 21:36).

You need to come to UNDERSTAND prophecy! Only by understanding the prophecies of the Bible can you intelligently WATCH—and Jesus meant watch world news. When you KNOW, in advance, what is GOING to happen—then you can be a real watchman of Almighty God! That's why God caused the prophecies to be recorded—to warn the world NOW!

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MESSAGE TO SENIORS

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provides the means by which students defray their expenses. And, they are actually helping to build their college! In this they take a good deal of pride, and receive much joy!

It is really thrilling to see constant growth and improvement and progress in the physical plant of the college—as well as constant spiritual and cultural and mental development and progress in the students! Every month there is something NEW!

On the Pasadena campus we have our own full-time carpenter crew; our own modern new cabinet-making shop and staff of expert cabinet makers; our own licensed electricians; our own paving and cement crews; our own department of painters, plasterers, wallpaper hangers; our own plumbers.

Already at the new college in England we have a crew of carpenters and one of painters and one of gardeners. Under these experienced full-time department heads we employ part-time students. They experience great satisfaction in assisting, and having definite part in the building of the constantly growing college in this way. It becomes more than ever THEIR college!

Perhaps this is another reason our students will tell you that Ambassador College is the HAPPIEST place on earth!

Students interested in doing university level work are invited to write for the catalog of Ambassador College in Pasadena, and the prospectus of Ambassador College in England—and also, if you wish, for application forms. Addresses are: Box 111, Pasadena, California; and Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, St. Albans, Herts., England.

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fright. I'm sure glad of that!"

Then, for the first time in my life, I said into the microphone:

"GREETINGS, Friends!"

But suddenly something had happened! Before those two words were finished, something had hit me like a jolt! Something had started my heart pounding like a sledge-hammer! I felt myself gasping for breath! During those opening two words, MIKE-FRIGHT had seized me!

I struggled with all my might to control my hard breathing so it would not be audible over the air. It was agony, but I concentrated my mind with all the strength I had on two things—to carefully say the words of my typed script as naturally as I could, and to control my hard breathing so it did not sound.

After two or three minutes I was making good progress in gaining control. After some five minutes my breathing had returned to normal, and I was so absorbed in getting this vital message over to the largest audience of my life—even though that audience was invisible—that I forgot all about the mike-fright.

The Surprising Response

The second morning there was no mike-fright. I was beginning to gain assurance, and able to speak a little more naturally.

It must have been about Thursday morning that the announcer told me the station owner, Mr. Frank Hill, wanted to see me in his office later in the morning.

He had received several letters and telephone calls from listeners, requesting copies of my talks. I had offered no literature of any kind. I had invited no mail response.

"This is rather surprising," said Mr. Hill. "We never had any response of any kind, before, from this morning devotional program. They told me you

had not invited any. Yet it has been coming. I listened in on you this morning to see what was causing it. You have an excellent radio voice, and a way of delivering your message that arouses interest and holds an audience.

"Now, Mr. Armstrong," he continued, "I want to suggest that you work out a regular Sunday morning Church service, condensed into a half hour. I'd like to put that on as a regular sustaining program—free time—but I can't do that

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without offering equal time to every church in town. However I will sell you the time at bare cost of operation, \$2.50 per half hour."

And THAT suggestion from Mr. Frank Hill is what put the idea of the ultimate WORLD TOMORROW program in my mind!

Altogether 14 letters and telephone calls came in to the radio station requesting copies of the messages I had broadcast.

I thanked him, and told him I would see what I could do.

But, \$2.50 every week! WOW! That was almost as much as my entire salary had been! And I had just previously renounced even that small salary!

\$2.50 per half-hour broadcast seems, (Please continue on page 32)

... promptly at 10 A.M. Be sure to come, and meet and get acquainted with our new brethren of this church.

RADIO BROADCAST BRINGS LIVELY RESPONSE

For one week beginning October 9th, the editor had the opportunity of broadcasting the Good News of the coming Kingdom over radio station KORE, Eugene each morning at 7:45.

The response was a surprise. 14 letters and telephone calls came in requesting copies of the messages. While the plain, simple Gospel of the Kingdom was preached right out of the Bible, yet it was new and surprising to those who inquired. Several Bible studies were held in different homes as a result of these inquiries, and good contacts thus established.

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The response to the broadcasts made in October over station KORE, in Eugene, was reported in the Nov. 10, 1933 issue of the Bulletin.

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DO YOU WANT THE PUBLISHING
WORK TO GO ON?

At last some real progress is being made in the publishing work.

A mimeograph machine has just been purchased for the Conference, paid by special offering from Miles Helms, Yancy McGill, O.J. Run-corn, J.J. McGill, Francis Shields, and E.E. Fisher.

With it we secured enough paper, stencils, and ink to get out this Bulletin and a few copies of one tract.

We are deeply grateful that the Lord has supplied this equipment, giving us at last a modest start toward a much-needed publishing work.

However, if this work is to continue, we must have, at once, a typewriter, and also supplies of paper and stencils.

The cheapest and oldest second hand typewriters cost \$25 at any dealers. We are now borrowing a machine which has been used but little since new, and can be purchased and put in useable shape for \$12, provided it is purchased at once, it is a real bargain.

Brethren, do you want to see the Gospel message go out in print? Do you want to continue to receive the Bulletin and have others receive it? Do you want to see tracts and literature printed on vital subjects, so that the many people now interested as a result of meetings and radio messages may receive the truths the Lord has commissioned us to preach?

Jesus has commissioned us to PUBLISH the last warning message to the world, as well as to preach it. (Mark 13:10; Mat. 24:14). We are in contact with many who are simply HUNGRY for literature setting forth in more detail these vital truths. And we have nothing to offer them.

This has been our most serious handicap, and no one but the ministers out in the field can realize just how serious is this lack. The success of the S.D.A.s has been due more to their splendid publishing work than to their preaching. We now have many tracts prepared in manuscript form ready for printing, only awaiting the typewriter, and the stencils, add the paper to print them on.

The whole conference work faces the necessity of having to stop. Tithes and offerings have almost ceased to come in to the treasury since last Spring. We are merely surviving, thru hardships most of you do not realize, to obey the instruction to

faith.

The Lord is prospering the work. Since last Spring we have seen souls won to Christ, several brought into the Sabbath truth and kindred truths, and two new churches raised up in Oregon. Results have been accomplished such as you have not seen in this state in a long time. And the Lord has now given the start, long prayed for, in the publishing field by supplying the mimeograph.

And yet, as this Bulletin goes to press, it looks as if all the work in Oregon must stop — unless more of the brethren scattered over the state will get behind it and by united efforts make it possible to continue.

Since last summer you have enjoyed your Bulletins at the expense of one man. It has cost 5¢ for every Bulletin mailed. But now, with our own mimeograph, by increasing the mailing list to 150 and getting penny postage, they can be produced and mailed for 2¢ each. It is not right or fair for one man to bear all the burden. Most of the other expenses of the work have been borne by three other men.

We are willing to make any sacrifice, and know these few who have been supporting about 90% of the expense of the work are willing also, but we have now come to the time of year when they cannot carry the load alone. Every member in this state must do his or her part however small it may be, if the good work is to continue.

During the war everyone responded to the appeal "GIVE TILL IT HURTS," to buy gun powder to murder human beings. Will we now give till it hurts for the salvation of souls and declaring the last warning to an unsuspecting world?

If enough of our brethren will respond, the purchase of these supplies and carrying on of the work need work a hardship on none. The needed amount can be raised before the end of next week.

Therefore we are making an urgent appeal to every reader of this Bulletin to send in, by this great world-wide work of God was at least one dollar. Sea born in adversity in the very depths of the special offering for the Depression. This extract of the Bulletin, which presaged The PLAIN TRUTH, state treasurer, Florence reveals the constant trials and tests this 1054 Highland Ave., Salem work has weathered for almost 30 years!

But before you turn this page or lay this Bulletin down, place a dollar bill in an envelope, and send either to Sister Curtis or to the editor.

c/o E. E. Fisher

Autobiography

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today, incredibly small. We have to pay more than that per minute on most stations, today! But it seemed like an insurmountable barrier then.

Yet I knew this was GOD'S WORK, not mine. I was only an instrument. God had promised to supply every need.

God had OPENED THE DOOR OF MASS EVANGELISM!

He had opened the first radio door (Rev. 3:8). I knew He wanted us to walk through that door. I knew He would somehow supply that \$2.50 every week. I knew also that we had to do our part, not lie down, do nothing, and expect God to do it without any effort from us.

I was continuing to hold meetings at the Firbutte school house, twice weekly—Sabbath afternoons and Thursday evenings.

Then, October 21st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, just across the road from the Jeans school, 4 miles west

of Firbutte, a new Church of God was organized, with Mr. E. E. Fisher as deacon, and myself as Pastor. Meetings continued from that date, three times a week, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Sabbath afternoons. Attendance was averaging 22. A first action of the new Church was the decision of whether to go ahead with the broadcast. They all approved it joyfully as an effective evangelistic activity of the Church.

So I sent out a letter to the small mailing list of members we had for *The Bulletin*. I asked for pledges from brethren to help raise this \$2.50 per week. In due time pledges came back for just HALF enough—\$1.25 per week! We decided we would trust God in faith for the other \$1.25 per week.

It was arranged with Mr. Hill to start the new half-hour program every Sunday, beginning the first Sunday in the new year, 1934.

In the next installment, we come to the beginning of The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, and the first issue of The PLAIN TRUTH.

The Bulletin recorded the establishment of the new Church at Jeans, Oregon, in 1933.

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NEW CHURCH OF GOD ESTABLISHED AT JEANS, WEST OF EUGENE

And the LORD added to the church . . . (Acts 2:47). Surely all the brethren will rejoice and praise the Lord for having raised up among us an entire new local Church of God, in the Jeans district Church of God, in miles west of Eugene. The new church is now holding its meetings in the Jeans school house, about four miles west of the Firbutte school where the evangelistic meetings were held thru July August. The organization took place on Sabbath evening 21st, at the home of Brother and Sister . . . Sabbath was first . . . with . . . wing . . .

CHURCH OF GOD, AWAKE!
O Church of God, be true to your name;
It was while men slept tares were sown,
So let us all work a home to gain.
If we be idlers us He will disown;
The last message to the world is now given,
And then the end will surely come.
On the sea of time men's winds are blowing,
So let us work done

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