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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

THE WORLD VISION QUARTET



FOUR FLATS - WORLD VISION

left to right in the back:

Norval Hadley
Ronald Crecelius

left to right in the front:

Richard (Dick) Cadd
Harlow Ankeny

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T H E W O R L D V I S I O N Q U A R T E T

The World Vision Quartet of Los Angeles, formerly known as The Four Flats of Portland, Oregon, are fast gaining renown as one of the country's top quartets.

With a unique blending of Gospel songs, hymns, spirituals and barbershop singing, this group has already thrillingly inspired more than a million and a quarter people in over 3,000 separate meetings in the past ten years.

Since September 1, 1956, they have been blending their talents in full-time work with World Vision, Inc., a non-profit "evangelical missionary service organization meeting emergency world needs through established evangelical missions."

Currently their itinerary includes appearances in evangelistic and missionary meetings at home and abroad as well as on the World Vision ABC Network radio program which is conducted by Dr. Bob Pierce, President of the missionary-aid group. In January, 1957, they participated with Dr. Pierce in the great city-wide Crusade for Christ in Manila.

The group was organized in 1946 while they were all students at George Fox College, formerly Pacific College, Newberg, Oregon. While there they twice won the Pacific Northwest barbershop ballad contest at Forest Grove, Oregon.

In 1948 and 1949, they travelled in Oregon, Washington and other regions of the Pacific Northwest, including a six-week evangelistic tour of Alaska. They have made several tours across the United States and Canada.

A highlight of the quartet's career was a nine-week evangelistic mission made in cooperation with World Vision, which took them into six nations in the Far East in the fall of 1955. They visited Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Formosa, Hong Kong, and the Philippines.

Before, during and after this tour, at the urging of the leaders of World Vision, the quartet prayerfully considered a full-time musical ministry. It was their interest in missions which spurred their decision to join World Vision.

They have sung in high schools in many nations, as well as for civic organizations, conventions, Christian social functions, summer conferences, youth meetings, revival meetings, and all types of religious services in many denominations.

For several years they have been featured on many radio and television programs.

The World Vision Quartet has 78 RPM records available, and they have made a full-color, twenty-minute, musical film.

This talented group has appeared for such outstanding Christian leaders as Billy Graham, Jack Shuler, Merv Rosell, Oswald Smith, and, of course, Dr. Bob Pierce.

Each of the members of the quartet married his college sweetheart. Each wife graduated from college the same year as her husband with the same degree.

Each man is a devoted Christian leader in Church and community affairs in his respective sphere of influence. Two of them, Ronald Crecelius and Norval Hadley, are recorded ministers. One of their main avenues of service at present is the conducting of week-long evangelistic campaigns.

Individually, they are:

HARLOW ANKENY, Baritone

Harlow is originally from Allen, Nebraska, but moved to Salem, Oregon, where he attended high school. In 1950 he received the bachelor of arts degree from George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, and served for a year as Director of Albany, Oregon, Youth for Christ, then became Director of Public Relations of George Fox College, a position he held for five years until joining World Vision. Harlow married Gertrude Haworth, from Star, Idaho, in September, 1949, and they have three boys, Curtis, born April 4, 1952; Robin, born November 8, 1953; and Scott, born May 20, 1956.

RICHARD CADD, Bass

Camas, Washington, is Dick's home town, although he has lived in various parts of the country. Dick served in the U. S. Navy during World War II, then attended George Fox College, receiving his bachelor of arts degree in 1949. Following graduation and a year of singing with the quartet, Dick taught music for three years at the Greenleaf Friends Academy at Greenleaf, Idaho, then moved back to the Northwest and taught music at Edwards Junior High School at Newberg, Oregon. He was married to Helen Antrim from Nampa, Idaho, in September, 1947. The Cadds have five children:

Carolyn, born August 9, 1949; Jonathan, born October 13, 1951; Stephen, born September 2, 1954; Yvonne, born September 16, 1956; and LuAnn born April 14, 1958.

RONALD CRECELIUS, Second Tenor

"Chris" lists Indianapolis, Indiana, as his home town, though he has also lived in many parts of the country. He was in the Air Force during World War II and was recalled for a year during the Korean conflict. In 1948 he received the bachelor of arts degree from George Fox College and in 1952 the bachelor of theology degree from the same school. Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, Oregon, granted him the master of religious education degree in 1955. He has served as assistant pastor of the Lents Friends Church in Portland, Oregon, and for one year as pastor of the Forest Home Friends Church, Camas, Washington. He married Divonna Schweitzer from Portland, Oregon, in 1947. There are five children: Ronald, Jr., born October 26, 1949; Diann, born March 24, 1951; Rodney, born September 25, 1953; Denise, born December 2, 1955; and Robbin, born July 22, 1957.

NORVAL HADLEY, Tenor

Norval was born in Salem, Oregon, and grew up in Albany, Oregon. He received the bachelor of arts degree from George Fox College in 1949 and the bachelor of divinity degree from Western Evangelical Seminary in 1953. Following graduation from Seminary he was for two years pastor of the Forest Home Friends Church in Camas, Washington, then was transferred to the Parkrose Friends Church in Portland, Oregon where he served until joining World Vision. Norval was married to Mary McClintick of Nampa, Idaho, in December, 1948, and they have three children: David, born March 18, 1952; Marilyn, born December 17, 1954; and Marcia, born October 16, 1956.