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Welcome!

Mr. Roderick C. Meredith

by Dick Alexander

We are blessed with knowledge of God's word and of how to keep His feast days. Also we are blessed in having God's ministers to teach us His ways; to teach us that which is right in His eyes. We are blessed here in Chicago in having one of God's Evangelists, Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, with us for these coming Holy Days, the Days of Unleavened Bread, to teach us more of the knowledge of God's word.

Mr. Meredith first came to Ambassador College to learn more of the knowledge of God's way in 1950, graduated in 1952, and since has obtained his Master's Degree. Besides being an Evangelist in God's Church, Mr. Meredith is general overseer of the entire Uni-

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Feast of Dedication

by Fred Mancewicz

Another first has come to Chicago! On March 18th a dedication service was conducted by Mr. Dean Blackwell, at the recently acquired church pastorate in Palos Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

Following the example set forth in II Chronicles 6 and Ezra 6 of the dedication of the temple, everyone present gathered together in the living room, while Mr. Blackwell, gave the dedicatory prayer. As in the example and record of King Solomon's prayer, Mr. Blackwell said in his prayer that because this house is deeded in God's name, it will be used for His glorification and the edification of the Church.

This house was formerly the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mocarow (now in Pasadena), and is ideally suited for a combination office-residence.

The upper quarters consist of six spacious rooms in early American decor. The immense living room is accentuated by a white brick fireplace, colonial maple furniture set over a huge oval hand braided rug. The open kitchen blends in with knotty pine cabinets, and is equipped with the latest in modern conveniences, including an automatic dishwasher. The master bedroom is furnished in French Provincial, wild cherry wood furnishings, with a double sink; full ceramic tile bath adjoining.

The guest room claims no world famous personalities slept there, but has been frequented by the more familiar

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Nine short years ago, on Feb. 10, 1953, Mr. Dick Armstrong called to order an historic meeting which was to have a profound effect on you and the entire work of God. This was the first Ambassador club meeting. From this little noticed meeting sprang forth a fruit producing organism that is now WORLD WIDE.

On October 24, 1956, the first Spokesman's Club convened. The President, Mr. Sidney Hegvold, is now a minister. Mr. Armstrong encouraged the Ambassador-Spokesman's clubs realizing they were a God-given tool to build personality, character and strong leaders in the Church.

From a very small beginning, NOW there are 915 Spokesmen representing 40 clubs in 15 states and 3 nations. We have international clubs in London and Sydney.

There are also over 200 in Ambassador clubs at God's Colleges. This brings the joyous total of over 1,000.

THINGS YOU CAN SEE IN CHICAGO

by Jack Smoot

Brethren! To help you enjoy your stay in Chicago during the **Passover** and the **Days of Unleavened Bread** we have compiled a list of the places in Chicago which you may visit. The knowledge and the entertainment to be gained by taking advantage of this opportunity cannot help but be beneficial to old and young alike.

You are urged to avail yourselves of

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Please!

by Viola Peets

In order that everyone may enjoy the maximum benefits from the Feast Days, it is expedient to request that **ALL** foods which are brought to the Feast be cooked completely and prepared at home, with the exception of produce brought by our scattered brethren. Mix your salads at home (without dressing). Owing to lack of adequate refrigeration, molds and the like are not convenient, neither white flour nor white sugar products are acceptable. As a special health precaution, kindly do not cook, bake, or wrap directly in aluminum tin foil thereby alleviating the possibility of tainted foods and consequent illness. Keep your family together in the serving line and move ahead as quickly as possible. Thank you.

What has four legs and flies?
Answer?

Two robins!

Why does a stork stand on one foot?
Answer?

Because if he lifted the other he'd fall down!

News Flashes

Mr. Gustave Link of the Milwaukee Church died on March 22, 1962. His funeral on Sunday in Reeseville, Wisconsin, brought many of the Milwaukee church brethren together. Mr. Meeker told us the Bible truths about life and death both in the funeral home and at the graveside. After the funeral most of the people assembled at Mrs. Link's home for a nice lunch. Mrs. Link's understanding of God's truth was a light to everyone. She made us all feel comfortable and reassured. No sadness was prevalent. As Mrs. Link said, "it is only for a little while."

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Two more classes in the art of being lively and lovely have proved to be as helpful and interesting as the first one held February 11th. The ladies classes are now being held every third Sunday morning. Recent lessons covered "How to Write to Scattered Brethren" presented by Mrs. John Bald, "Physical Fitness for Children" by one of our deaconesses, Mrs. Joseph Schlitt, "Proper Etiquette for Dining" as brought to the group by our other deaconess, Mrs. Arthur Peets. Mrs. Joseph Tkach gave a practical demonstration of hair cutting and Mrs. Clayton From was selected to be the model. Mrs. Tkach has offered to help with individual problems; if anyone wants to, she may write to her in care of the CHURCH OF GOD NEWS, CHICAGO—MIDWEST edition. Truly the feminine arts are not dead in the REAL WOMEN of the Church of God.

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Combining purpose with pleasure 33 excited choraleists kept a "double date." Members from Chicago and LaGrange joined forces at LaGrange, on March 31st, to provide special music for the services. After the services the singing troupe boarded a chartered bus bound for a second engagement in Bloomington, Illinois. Making the most of the opportunity the members of the chorale remained for the Social which followed the Sabbath. Church members in the Bloomington area went "All Out" in furnishing good food and fun. "Balloon" dances and "Musical Chairs" were highlights of activities for adults and older children. Movies and games were provided for the youngsters.

The Memphis Spokesman Club held its FIRST meeting at 8:00 P.M., March 17th. Mr. Ochs was "guest speaker" (one might say) and he being a member of the Milwaukee Club we trust that he was able to help them off to a "flying" start. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ochs, members of the Milwaukee Church of God, recently spent a few days in the Memphis area visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McNair.

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The Sunday Morning Spokesman Club has presented its "Cup of the Month" to Mr. Phillip Fowler, member of the advisory board and past officer in the Chicago Spokesman Club. The presentation was made on Sunday morning, April 1, 1962 by Mr. Ray Roenspies. Mr. Fowler was given this award for his meritorious services to the Sunday Morning Club, but specifically for his introducing of the **LEARNING OF THE JUDGMENTS** to the Sunday Morning Club. Congratulations Mr. Fowler!



3 GOOD SKATES
Larry Schutt, Sally Marshall,
Ruth Ann Schutt

Round and round they went at the roller skating rink. This happened two different Sundays, March 11th and March 25th. Much joy was had by the young and old of the Chicago and LaGrange Churches. Location: the Elm Rink in Elmhurst. We plan another in the near future. Watch for the announcement.

John 13:13 " . . . That you love one another . . . "

How can you obey this command? Write to your Editor, mark the envelope "Personal". Report any type of employment available, any farms for rent or lease, any usable radios, or furniture to be had, or anything you wish to donate for distribution.

Welcome Mr. Meredith (Cont'd)

ted States, supervisor of the entire Southwest senior editor of the **Plain Truth** and **Good News**, Second Vice-President of the Radio Church of God, Second Vice-President of the Ambassador College, and Minister of Bakersfield, California!

Mr. Meredith is married to the former Miss Margie McNair, whom we all know has the majority of her family in God's work: brothers Mr. Raymond McNair, Mr. Carl McNair, and Mr. Burk McNair, all of whom are ministers, and another brother, Marion, who is at Ambassador College. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith have three children, one daughter who was born in England, and two sons.

In December, 1960, Mr. Meredith toured central and south Africa with Mr. Raymond McNair and baptized 24 people. Mr. Meredith has also traveled over Britain and Europe several times and held Evangelistic campaigns in England twice with extended campaigns in London, Birmingham, Manchester, and Bristol. He has been a faculty member at Ambassador College since 1953. He is the Guidance Counselor of men, Professor of Speech, and Associate Professor of Theology. Mr. Meredith's sister, Kathryn, teaches music and is a faculty member at the Imperial High School in Pasadena. His uncle, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, is also at Ambassador College, and is a contributing editor for the **Plain Truth** and **Good News** and is Editor of the Correspondence Course.

We in God's Church in Chicago welcome you, Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, and realize that unlike "Hosea 4:6 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge'", we are indeed blessed with ministers and evangelists who can and do give us this spiritual food; this knowledge of God's Word.



Mr. Jack Stout with guests in new library at dedication.

LAODICEAN JONES

Now Dear; what excuses do we have for why we're not going to attend the extra meetings during the days of unleavened bread?



(Heb. 10:25) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

DEDICATION (Cont'd)

names of Mssrs. Meeker, Mc Crady, Bald and Engelbart, etc.

The lower half of the house is where both the library and office are located. This office is truly a blessing, for as this great work of God has grown 30% each year, so have the functions of Mrs. Blackwell's office, making this expansion necessary. It is a joy to behold the transformation from shoe boxes and apple boxes, to a neat, orderly file system set around a huge work desk.

Undoubtedly the biggest attraction of the pastorate is the big 2,000 book library open to all the Church. These books have all been purchased by Mr. Blackwell through the years, and make up a well-balanced selection. A church member contributed the library furniture which by "coincidence" is identical to the furniture in the Ambassador College Library.

It was with intense appreciation and thankfulness, that those who came to the dedication went home knowing that God is caring for and blessing His Church, and providing those things necessary to accomplish His work.

Australian Story

Continued — Part II

After considerable persuasion by Mr. Armstrong, the official in charge smugly agreed to grant visas IF they could complete the necessary exams and X-rays by closing hours at 4:30. After filling out some forms the time was 3:30 with the seeming impossible task ahead. At least a day and usually longer is necessary for such exams and X-rays . . . but they had *one hour*. Through an amazing chain of rapid-fire events, they were able to locate a physician to give the exam who called a friend who was an X-ray specialist in the same building who immediately took and finished the films. Doubling up in these two activities and literally finishing dressing while on the run to the consulate, they arrived at exactly 4:30 p.m. The clerk *meekly* issued the visas.

Their Sydney-bound Qantas 707 jetliner left San Francisco at 1:30 a.m. November 10, 1959. The departure time was delayed 2 hours due to fog. The first stop . . . Honolulu. More time was spent

AUSTRALIAN STORY (Cont'd)

here than expected. Rather than being only a refueling stop before starting on the next leg of the trip to Canton Island, it turned out to be another delay. Four hours were spent in repairing the radio antenna.

In Canton they nearly had another delay while exploring an old World War II pontoon pier, they got absorbed in observing the various fish and the plane almost left without them.

Next stop — Fiji—and another delay. Fourteen hours were spent, actually spending the night there, while landing gear of the aircraft was being repaired (a mechanic had to be sent out from Sydney).

A special dessert ordered in Lautoka Hoted in Fiji was called 'Angels on Horseback'. What was served didn't exactly measure up to expectations—some sort of chilled combination of succulent tropical fruits. The 'Angels' turned out to be slithery slimy mussels wrapped in half-raw bacon. BARF! This resulted in such shocked amusement it was decided essential to repair to the room to photograph this delicacy.

First order of business upon arrival in Sydney, was a conference with Mr. R. K. Harris of A.W.A. who proved very helpful in the work to follow. Following this was an intensive search for adequate office space. For this God provided a copious part of the MLC Building in North Sydney. The lease for this was signed 7 December 1959. Partitioning of offices quickly followed.

Mr. Waterhouse was soon in his office and began meeting with business men and prospective members.

The first official meeting of brethren was held January 23, 1960, at Mr. Waterhouse's home at 45 Coolaroo Road, Lane Cove.

As the need for personnel continued, Mr. Charles Hefner arrived from the U.S. in late January to handle the copying of the "master" broadcast tapes sent from Pasadena.

Even with the addition of Mr. John Churchland and Mr. Don Abraham to the office staff, it was not possible to keep up with the rapid growth. Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Faulkner arrived from Pasadena to lend additional help . . . Mr. Faulkner in mail reading and Mrs. Faulkner as a typist and later telephonist.

Just before Passover 1960, after two previous moves, God opened to the Sydney Church a new meeting place — The Australian Institute of Builders' Hall at Milson's Point.

(Continue reading next month for part 3)

"Multiplied Joy in Heaven!"

According to Luke 15:7 and
Luke 15:10

By Raymond Johnson

The reason for this would be the 22 sinners who have repented and were baptized at the YMCA in South Bend, Indiana on the first day of the week in the forenoon, March 18, 1962, by Mr. Lester McCole who also laid on hands according to the fourth fundamental (Hebrews 6:2) of the Doctrine of Christ.

There were eleven men who came back from the worldly aspect and also eleven women who came back. Some of those who caused such great joy in Heaven are listed below;

Mr. Freeman A. Imel, Mr. and Mrs. Droney, Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. Dareld Mock, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Brinckman, Mr. Joe Mullen, Mr. Elmer Houck, Mr. Edward Strauss, Mr. John Strauss,

THINGS TO SEE (Cont'd)

this chance to learn more about the world around you, and to fathom the works of your Creator.

Enjoy yourselves through the quest for knowledge.

Brookfield Zoo, 3100 S. and 8500 W. at Brookfield, Ill. Open every day in the year. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Thurs., Sat., Sun., and holidays; other days 25c. Children under 12 free at all times. "Seven Seas Panorama," new exhibit of trained porpoises, shown several times daily—adults 50c, children 25c.

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2200 N. in Lincoln Park. 25 acres of zoo grounds housing a collection of 2,600 mammals, birds and reptiles. Open 9-5 every day. Children's Zoo Building open daily 10-5. Free.

Adler Planetarium, on the lake front at Roosevelt Rd. Open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Tues. and Fri. eves. when the museum is open until 9:30 p.m. Shows at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mon. through Fri.; also at 7:30 p.m. Tues. and Fri.; Sat. 11 a.m. (children's show), 12:30, 2 and 3:30; Sun. and holidays at 12:30, 2 and 3:30. Admission to building free at all times. Adult admission to lecture-demonstrations in the Planetarium Chamber 50c; children 25c. April Show: "The Calendar."

Museum of Science and Industry, on the lake front at 57th St. See the U-505 Submarine, Hear Yourself on the Telephone, See Baby Chicks Being Hatched. Yesterday's Main Street, Microworld Theater and World of Numbers Exhibit. Open 9:30 to 4 p.m. Sun.-holidays 10-6. Free.

Chicago Public Library, on Michigan Ave. between Washington and Randolph Sts. One of the largest circulating libraries in the world—contains over 2,000,000 volumes. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 to 9; Sat. 9 to 5:30.

Shedd Aquarium, on the lake front at Roosevelt Rd. 132 tanks containing 10,000 specimens of fresh and salt water fish. Open 10 to 5. Free Thurs., Sat., Sun. Other days 25c.

O'Hare International Airport (Bryn Mawr and Wolf Rd.), world's largest commercial airport—special observation decks 10c.

Merrill C. Meigs Field, 15th St. and the lake front. Largest downtown airstrip in the U.S.

Mrs. Helen Strauss, Mr. James Colvin, Mrs. Edith Sommer, Miss Evelyn Thomas.

These new members of the body are evidence of the miracles that God continues to perform in these latter days as the toes are added to the body of the "Image" of Daniel 2. The instruction for these times by the Master is "Watch" — Mark 13:37 .

GOSPEL PREACHED IN JERUSALEM

The happy news from Jerusalem is that soon the Radio Church of God will have a radio station broadcasting from Jerusalem, in Palestine! The station will be sending The Message three times per week. The program is a half hour in length. The programs will be in the German, French, and English languages. The use of Hebrew and Arabic cannot be permitted because of the racial conflicts in that area.

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