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CANADIAN WORK QUADRUPLES NEW CHURCH PLANNED!

The booming Canadian work continues to expand at an explosive rate! The mailing list has grown 100% in one year! Correspondence has doubled and redoubled time and again as God continues to bless His work among our Canadian cousins. New fields and new opportunities are in the offing as God continues to hold open the door to preach and teach His vital Gospel message to our northern neighbors!

Expansion and growth has once again been forced on God's work! Answering an urgent plea from the North for help, Mr. Les McCullough recently flew to Canada to see what could be done for our hard pressed, hard worked, and hard squeezed Canadian office in Vancouver, B.C. Expansion was the first need to be met. The office, established just over a year ago, has been QUADRUPLED in size! **In one short year**, we have had to increase the office size four times over to handle the volume of work pouring in from all parts of Canada! The PLAIN TRUTH mailing list, a modest 5,000 a year ago, has since doubled to well over 10,000! A tiny trickle of mail has swelled to a torrent of over six-hundred letters per week with more being steadily added to the ever-growing flood as a result of new radio stations reaching new areas with the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast.

Expansion and growth of the work have opened new opportunities in the Vancouver office. First to be surprised was Merle Boyes who has been called in to help full-time in processing the mails. Another man, a native Canadian, has also been added as a part-time helper to supplement the regular staff.

Following graduation the office staff will be augmented further by Mr. Dean Wilson who will also help raise up and pastor the FIRST Canadian Church!

Pentecost Report from Meridian, Mississippi

by Edwin Marrs

Mr. Harold Jackson, assisted by Messrs. Clarence Bass and Edwin Marrs, held full three-day services during the Feast of Pentecost. This feast proved to be one filled with joy as well as enthusiasm for all attending. The services Sabbath morning commenced with approximately 25 persons present, however, the attendance increased to a total of 75 for the entire feast. People came from South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. This was an increase of 50% over the Feast of Unleavened Bread. In addition to having two regular services each day, Mr. Jackson found it necessary to have additional Bible studies on Sunday and Monday evenings which helped to fill spiritually hungry appetites. There also was a Social Saturday night that helped to enhance the building of well-rounded and balanced servants of God.

During the three days Mr. Jackson delivered powerful sermons, expounding the books of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John, and on the day of Pentecost, the nature of God's Spirit. Messrs. Bass and Marrs
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PENTECOST 1962

by Ed Rudicel

Symbolizing the coming of the holy Spirit, Pentecost is a **memorial** of the beginning of the New Testament Church on that Monday, June 18th, 31 A. D. The Wave Sheaf offering had been made on the first day of the week (Sunday) after the weekly Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread. It pictured Christ, the first of the first fruits from the dead, being accepted by the Father **before** the early harvest (the Christians of these last 2,000 years) could be reaped.

Word-starved Negro fellow-learners were given food by Mr. Harold Jackson. Helping him during this season were Messrs. Clarence Bass and Edwin Marrs. Chicago was happy in being able to contribute these aids, who served in Meridian, Mississippi.

In the Pacific Northwest all churches met together again this year. Lewisville Park, Washington, was the scene for these memorable days. Services were conducted by Mr. Roderick Meredith and Mr. Raymond Cole.

Recapturing more of the **fulness** of that Pentecost at Jerusalem, we in Chicagoland have been blessed abundantly. To the scattered brethren among us these power-packed days became a "miniature Feast of Tabernacles." Meeting together for this long weekend more than 1,428 of God's people shared the feasting and fellowship.

Guided by our Pastor, Mr. Dean Blackwell, and aided by Messrs. George Meeker, Les McColm, Hal Baird, and John Bald, services took on new meaning.

Mr. Meeker rehearsed for us the basic doctrines of God's church, placing em-
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Thank You

THE LADIES CLUB of Chicago wish to thank Miss Emma Dayton and Mrs. Alma Jean Thomas for the secretarial work they are performing.

Emma Dayton is a native of Illinois, born on a farm near Gridley, attended High School in El Paso, and has for



many years lived in the "Windy City," Chicago. She has attended Church three years and three months. Her special skills are personnel management, shorthand and typing, and a fervent desire to

serve God!

Mrs. Alma Jean Thomas, originally a Chicagoan, lived five years in California. During the fifth year she attended the Pasadena Church, then returned to Chicago, now attends the Chicago Church. Mrs. Thomas is a constant help for she is expert in shorthand, typing and is an accomplished stenotypist.



GOD does provide capable workers. Winifred Keogh-Dwyer

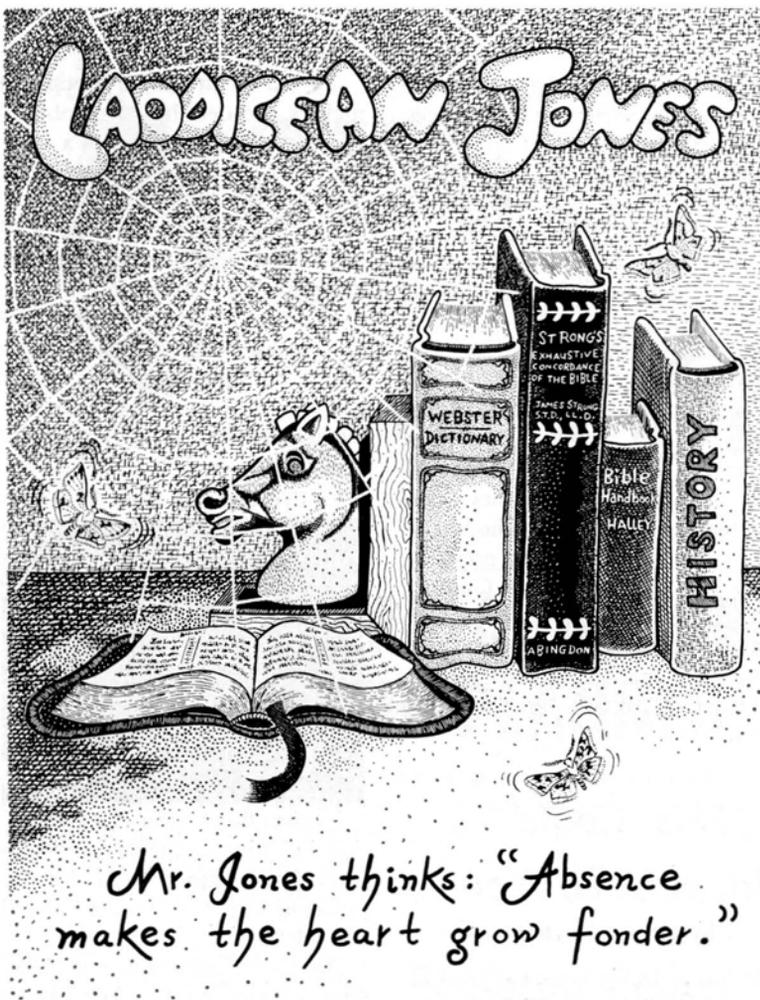
space was now 2500 sq. feet. Late that month Mr. Waterhouse left for the ministerial conferences to be held in January, 1961, and what turned out to be

In Mr. Waterhouse's absence Mr. Tony Hammer was left in charge of the office and Church. Things continued to grow—God's Church in this area of the world consisted of 67 baptized Australians and 8 baptized Americans. The office acquired an additional 630 sq. feet of office space.

Next Issue — Mr. Hughes Arrived

Graduates Honored at Formal Social

Honored guests at the first formal social of the Chicago-LaGrange churches were the Spring elementary and high school graduates—sons and daughters of the members of the Church. Since many of the young people could not attend Friday night proms, our Pastor, Mr. Dean C. Blackwell, arranged the formal dance which was held at the Keyman's Club Saturday night, May 19.



Mr. Jones thinks: "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

AUSTRALIA (Cont'd)

jetliner in October. A number of the office staff and local brethren were on hand at the airport to greet them.

A CRISIS HAD COME . . . it appeared as though the Australian work was going to collapse in its infancy. Persecution was being brought upon the Work by the New South Wales Council of Churches—station 2CH in Sydney seemed sure to go, and perhaps other stations as well. God acted here through His servants in saving this Work in Australia. And *act He did!* The results of Mr. Armstrong's hurried and yet vitally important trip and the six event-packed days which followed were phenomenal.

Mr. Armstrong was able to meet a number of radio station managers through the co-operation of Mr. Fox and Mr. Harris of A.W.A. Results: Not only was the crisis abated but THIRTY-NINE additional stations with daily broadcasting were gradually to be added until a total of 48 stations were airing THE WORLD TOMORROW daily. These stations blanket those areas in which 98 percent of Australia's population resides. All

of these stations have not yet been added, but as God wills more are yet to be used. The office staff and the whole Church were encouraged and edified by Mr. Armstrong's visit. This was witnessed by the response and attendance at the weekly Sabbath service of 29 October 1960. Attendance totaled 60 adults and 16 children.

Going back for a moment to the time of Mr. Armstrong's visit, the mailing list had increased by "leaps and bounds", then totalling over 15,000 names.

With the shot in the arm from Mr. Armstrong's visit both the Work and the Church continued to expand. In November, 1960, the contract with station 2CH terminated, but this did not stop the broadcast in Sydney, since 7 days prior to this date God opened station 2KY, 6 nights a week. The Church was one year old in November. Sabbath attendance had grown to 54 adults and 12 children. Over the next 11 months the Work grew an astounding 500 percent.

December marked the arrival of Miss Lorelle Simon from America. She became the eighth American on the staff. Office

PENTECOST (Cont'd)

phasis on this main point that the six were just a **beginning**, the **seventh** is going on to perfection."

One joyous highlight of the weekly Sabbath services was the ordination of two more laborers: Mr. Harold Cormany was ordained as a deacon and Mr. John Bald was set apart for service as local elder in the La Grange Church.

The "fear of the Lord" and the "cloak of zeal" were the dominant themes of the first day's services.

On Sabbath afternoon Mr. Blackwell brought **good** news of progress and growth in the work of God, and punctuated this with a **searching** sermon concerning the "**fear**" of a Christian.

Sunday meetings were sparked by Mr. McColm's sermonette concerning the Body of Christ, and by Mr. Meeker's sermon, "a picture of Pentecost—the Birth of the Church." Added emphasis was given by Mr. Joseph Tkach's sermonette which portrayed the trials of the faithful as being **stepping-stones** to higher ground! As a parting message on that day, Mr. Blackwell unfolded the "signs of the times" and "the fading of Man's Glories."

On the memorial anniversary of that Spirit-filled Day, Mr. McColm presented a review of Pentecost and a re-statement of the importance of **trembling** at the Word. Mr. Meeker followed with "The Why of God's church and its Mission." Supplementing this were Mr. Blackwell's excerpts from the recorded history of what has been God's Church through the past 1,900 years. Mr. Baird and Mr. Jackson gave reports on the increasing pace of God's work in their areas of service.

As with all of **God's** days, these too, displayed His Plan and His Power.



BIBLE STUDY: Every Wednesday evening, 7:00 P.M., currently covering the Book of Psalms.

LADIES CLASS: Sunday, July 29, 9:30 A.M., Wozniak's Hall. **Please, ladies, don't miss these classes which teach how and where YOU can serve in the Church!**

SOFTBALL: Every Sunday during the summer for the ladies 1 P.M., Gage Park.

MERIDIAN (Cont'd)

also delivered sermonettes which added not only to the spiritual growth of all there, but also lent variety to the services. Mr. Bass led with songs, and did a very good job considering that there was no pianist, nor had most of the people sung many of the songs selected. Mesdames Jackson, Bass, and Robinson assisted by other women, prepared all of the meals, and did much to add to the physical happiness of the feast. This helped to establish more firmly the family spirit which prevails among the members.

The prayers of the saints were appreciated in Meridian, and they were certainly felt because of the smoothness and of the joy with love that prevailed there. We can give thanks to God for hearing our prayers, and certainly keep our thoughts, prayers, and hearts with God's people in this area regarding their continued good attitudes and zeal for God's truth.

This Could Happen To You

by Emma Dayton

Plans were suddenly changed on Sunday, June 24, for Lorene Fellows, Bill May and me. We had planned to attend the picnic at Springfield, Illinois. An accident in which the car rolled over three times occurred on Route 66, north of Bloomington, Illinois.

Lorene had a badly cut finger, a number of bruises and a large bump on her head. The bump on the head turned out to be a slight concussion. She will be unable to return to work for about 10 days. Bill May received a couple of scratches on the leg and a torn pants cuff. The author was bruised and scratched but not seriously. We felt very blessed to be able to get out of the car on our own power. The state policemen stopped and took Lorene and me to the Brokaw Hospital where we received a checkup and her finger washed and bandaged. We were then taken to the gas station, (Bill having met us at the hospital,) where the car had been towed. Thanks to Bill's perseverance and many phone calls, he was able to get in touch with Mr. Baird at the picnic, who sent Mr. Gene Scarbrough and Mrs. Knochel to rescue us. Lorene stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Knochel until Tuesday, when she returned home.

Remember, brethren, we do not lead a charmed life. This could happen to you!

PICNIC (Cont'd)

in the many events throughout the day.

To top off the day a group of the picnickers, headed by Mr. John Bald enjoyed a refreshing swim in a nearby lake.

The Bloomington-St. Louis picnic held at Lake Springfield enjoyed the facilities of the fine beach. Mr. Libarger brought his motor boat making it possible for many to enjoy water skiing.

The most impressive event of the day was, of all things, the elaborate and extensive meal. Bloomington is famous for its country charm and country style meals, and with St. Louis added, it was a gourmet's delight.

I've Got My Foot In It Now!



Deacon Bob Cottner headed the recreation activities for the day, which extended from horse shoes to a fast game of pinochle with Mr. Baird's "coaching" on the sidelines.

By God's direction and blessing all three picnics were a huge success and each who attended was blessed by the warm fellowship and strong ties among God's people.

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