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Conference Reports Show Fast World-wide Growth

New Truth Revealed--Doctrines Clarified

Fifty-four Ministers and Elders from around the world convened for FOURTEEN sessions of the most important meetings on the face of the earth! This Ministerial Conference proved to be the most dynamic and helpful in the history of God's Church to this date!

SEVEN ordinations at Sabbath services during the conference provided a unique occasion—the offices of Local Elder, Preaching Elder, Pastor and Evangelist all being represented. This service brought to sixty-seven the total of ordained men; Mr. H. W. Armstrong; ten Evangelists; six Pastors; twenty-nine Preaching Elders; twenty-one Local Elders. Nearly thirteen thousand of God's people attend fifty-nine churches around the world—not including the six congregations in the Philippine Islands!

Foreign Reports

Reports concerning the foreign work revealed a PLAIN TRUTH mailing list of **six-thousand** in the Philippines—plans for immediate broadcasting of **The World Tomorrow** in English in Japan—**twenty-nine** newly-baptized members of God's Church in South Africa, and plans for an office and churches to be established there—**three-thousand** on the growing French mailing list, soon to receive the PLAIN TRUTH in their own language—a burgeoning German Work with **five thousand** presently receiving DIE RHINE WARHEIT—the Spanish Work with nearly **two thousand** on the mailing list A fast-growing Italian Work, and embryonic beginnings of Russian, Swedish, Portuguese and Japanese Departments.

Wives' Sessions

The ministers' wives sat in on one session covering a thorough discussion

of the new truth recently revealed concerning Simon Magus. There were other special meetings for the wives to exhort and encourage them in their duties and responsibilities.

Now-Two Churches In Chicago

by Elisha Crim

"Behold thou shalt call a nation that you know not, and nations who knew not you shall run unto you because of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel"... Isa. 55:5.

God is greatly fulfilling this scripture in the American Negro. He is calling many of them into the truth in this end time to qualify as rulers in the Millennium with Jesus Christ.

In 1936 Mr. Jackson began seeking the truth and was baptised into a segment of the dead Sardis Church. Fifteen years later and after many trials, resultant in

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From left to right; Mr. Elbert Atlas, Asst. to Mr. Harold Jackson and Vice President of the Colored Spokesman's Club; Mr. Harold Jackson, Co-Pastor of the newly formed Colored Church in Chicago; and Mr. Elisha Crim, Deacon and President of the Spokesman's Club.



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The 23rd Channel

The T.V. set is my shepherd. My spiritual growth shall want.

It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for His name's sake, because it requireth all my spare time. It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian, because it presenteth so many good shows that I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world, and keepeth me from the study of God's word. It leadeth me in the paths of failing to attend the evening worship services, and doing nothing in the Kingdom of God.

Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep on viewing my T.V. as long as it will work, for it is my closest companion. Its sound and its picture, they comfort me.

It presenteth entertainment before me, and keepeth me from doing important things with my family. It fills my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the word of God.

Surely, no good thing will come of my life, because my T.V. offereth me no good time to do the will of God; thus I will dwell in the place of the Devil and his angels forever.

(The Ghost Writer)

Milwaukee VS. South Bend

Spearheaded by Mr. George Meeker, minister, five "iron men" basketballers from Milwaukee engaged the South Bend church quintet January 19, losing 68 to 48.

Seven blue plaid, betassled South Bend lassies jumped, gyrated and cheered the home team to victory. Cheerleaders were Sarah Bontrager, Kim Fritts, Cathy Haynes, Sandra McColm, Jennie McSorley, Mary Topash, and Nancy Volkema.

Basketball Results to Date

TEAM	SCORE	OPO.	SCORE	DATE
Chicago	52	Bloomington	28	Nov. 24
Chicago	66	Milwaukee	44	Dec. 8
Chicago	44	South Bend	48	Dec. 22
Chicago	52	Indianapolis	67	Jan. 19
LaGrange	48	Milwaukee	54	Nov. 25
LaGrange	40	South Bend	66	Dec. 8
LaGrange	58	Indianapolis	66	Dec. 22
LaGrange	58	Bloomington	24	Jan. 19
LaGrange	44	Chicago	48	Feb. 2
Indianapolis	*	South Bend	66	Nov. 24
Indianapolis	*	Bloomington	24	Dec. 8
Indianapolis	67	LaGrange	40	Dec. 22
Indianapolis	*	Chicago	52	Jan. 19
Milwaukee	54	Milwaukee	48	Feb. 2
Milwaukee	44	LaGrange	48	Nov. 25
Milwaukee	*	Chicago	66	Dec. 8
Milwaukee	48	Bloomington	24	Dec. 22
Milwaukee	48	South Bend	68	Jan. 19
Milwaukee	48	Indianapolis	*	Feb. 2
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Bloomington	24	South Bend	*	Dec. 22
Bloomington	24	LaGrange	58	Jan. 19
Bloomington	24	South Bend	*	Feb. 2

*Winner

Standings

	W	L
South Bend	5	0
Indianapolis	3	1
Chicago	2	2
Milwaukee	2	3
LaGrange	1	2
Bloomington	0	5



The Luxurious Graemere Hotel is the New Meeting Place for the Chicago Colored Church of God, Chicago Colored Spokesman Club and Wednesday Night Bible Study

Chicago-La Grange News

Mr. and Mrs. John Bald have moved into a spacious three-bedroom house. This will allow Mr. Bald to have more space to accommodate his growing family and overnight guests. His telephone number is 735-3327.

A number of hearty souls from the Chicago and La Grange Churches weathered a snow storm to attend a dance at Willow Brook. There were thirty-five in all with seven bachelors without dates—someone miscounted.

Some of the older Church members enjoyed a visit from Dr. Robert Romagnoli, a former Chicago member now attending the North Hollywood Church. He is a professor of Physics at San Fernando Valley State College, California.

Bachelor Steve Cornell cooked and served an Italian dinner for about fifteen people at his house recently. Attention, girls—he can cook, too! (At least he is trying!)

The Chicago Church area welcomes Margaret Silver, a Canadian and former Ambassador student. She is now working for Mr. Clarence Svehla, Chicago Deacon.

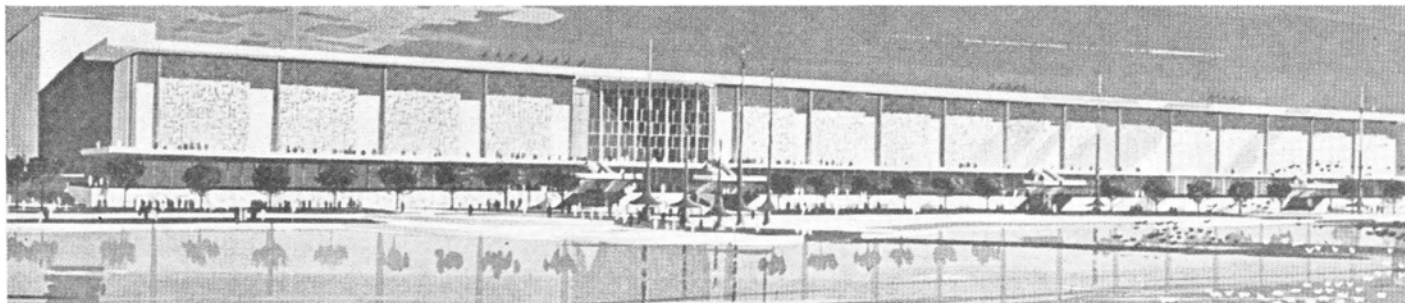
Mr. Lowell Blackwell, Ministerial Assistant in North Hollywood, California arranged for Midwest students to visit at his home with their former Pastor, Mr. Dean Blackwell, who was attending the Ministerial Conference in Pasadena.

We are indeed happy for Mr. and Mrs. Allan Gregor, who were blessed with a baby girl, six pounds, eleven ounces, named Patricia Ann.

Another little one was added to the Chicago Church. Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp have a baby boy, five pounds, nine ounces. They named him David Allen.

Milwaukee News

Sub-zero temperatures failed to interfere with a good attendance at the Milwaukee Social at the Och's Music Studio on Saturday evening, January 26th. The live music of the Dominotes, entertainment by the members, movies, and refreshments all went to make a most enjoyable evening. Those who live in the Milwaukee area appreciated the opportunity of sharing their homes with families from the outlying areas who stayed over for the social. Brethren from Chicago who drove up were the Svehlas, Byersdorfers, and some of the young people.



GREAT NEWS...FOR THE MIDWEST AREA. Arrangements have already been made for the use of McCormick Place (above) on the great Chicago lakefront. The following meetings will be held at McCormick Place, Feast Nite...April 8th.; both Sabbaths of Unleavened Bread, April 9th.

and 15th. Pentecost, June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Cafeteria service will be available for meals all days. We can all rejoice and thank God for the increase; an expected attendance of 1800 persons. McCormick Place is 1,180 feet long and 400 feet wide, with over 300,000 square feet of space. There is an art

gallery, lakefront restaurants, gift shop, meeting and banquet rooms. McCormick Place is situated on 30½ acres on Lake Michigan surrounded by huge parking areas, the Great Chicago Skyline, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium, Chicago Natural History Museum, Soldiers Field and Chicago's downtown Airport, Meigs Field.

Indianapolis News

The most exciting and joyful news to come from the Indianapolis Church of God is that of our pastor, Mr. Carn Catherwood's going to Pasadena, California, for the Ministerial Conference and taking unto himself a wife—the former Miss Joyce Sefak. We are all anxiously awaiting the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Carn Catherwood.

It was truly a privilege and a pleasure to have Mr. Allen Manteufel here in Indianapolis for two Sabbaths.

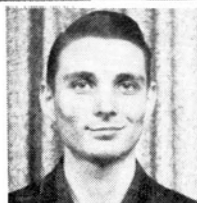
We are very much pleased to see the face of Mrs. Stella Bunnell at Sabbath services. Just a few days before the Indianapolis Church started, Mrs. Bunnell fell and broke her hip and has been able just recently to attend services for the first time. We know it is truly a blessing for her, and her happy, smiling face shows it.

Mr. Catherwood has started two Spokesman Clubs—one in Indianapolis and one in Cincinnati, Ohio, with Mr. Ken Westby as president of each club. Both clubs have reached their maximum membership, so a third club is to be started soon!

RECENTLY BAPTIZED



(above) Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davison, Norman Taylor (right).



Spokesman Clubs Reshuffled

by Edward Rudicel

A new opportunity for leadership development and service has been extended to the Colored men in the Chicago Church. Now the Negro brethren in our midst are meeting in their own speech club. Following is their officers' roster:

President, Mr. Elisha Crim
Vice-president, Mr. Elbert Atlas
Secretary, Mr. Ralph Penson
Treasurer, Mr. Robert L. Jones
Sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Maurice Welch.

This innovation has resulted in considerable reorganization for the other Spokesmen.

In the other Saturday night club there was this new, guiding nucleus:

Mr. Wilbur Ball, President
Mr. Robert Marshall, Vice-president
Mr. Willis Caulk, Secretary
Mr. Max Pollock, Treasurer
Mr. Dick Alexander, Sergeant-at-arms.

There is a new look or two in the make-up of the Sunday morning session. Leading this group are:

President, Mr. Gene Carter
Vice-president, Mr. John Coco
Secretary, Herbert Zacharias
Treasurer, Mr. Don Ecker
Sergeant-at-arms, Mr. John Freel
The Tuesday night clubmen are set for action with these at the helm:
Mr. Edward Karwacki, President
Mr. Gene Madison, Vice-president
Marvin Edelbach, Secretary
Ihor Karpowycz, Treasurer
Mr. Glenn Metz, Sergeant-at-arms.

Now for all clubs in the Chicago-La Grange area it may be said, "The doors are opened; the growth can come only as fast as WE let it".

The Prayer of Cyrus Brown

"The proper way for a man to pray,"

Said Deacon Lemuel Keyes,

"And the only proper attitude

Is down upon his knees."

"No, I should say the way to pray,"

Said Rev. Doctor Wise,

"Is standing straight with outstretched arms

And rapt and upturned eyes."

"Oh, No; No, No," said Elder Slow,

"Such posture is too proud:

A man should pray with eyes fast closed

And head contritely bowed."

"It seems to me his hands should be

Austerely clasped in front,

With both thumbs pointing toward the

ground,"

Said Rev. Doctor Blunt.

"Las' year I fell in Hodgkin's well

Head first," said Cyrus Brown,

"With both my heels a-stickin' up,

My head a-pointing down;

"An' I made a prayer right then an' there—

Best prayer I ever said,

The prayinest prayer I ever prayed,

A-standing on my head."

by Sam Walter Foss

TRANSPORTATION DEPT.

We need more cars, especially for the North and Central areas. Those of you needing transportation to and from church, or those of you having transportation to offer your brothers and sisters in need may contact the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Manuel Unzueta is the chairman of this committee, and you may reach him by calling PO 7-5087. Other men on the Transportation Committee are:

Messrs. Caulk, Coco, Cornell, Edwards, Epley, Gibbs.

Please feel free to approach any of these men concerning any transportation problems which may arise.

ADDISON JONES



TWO CHURCHES (Cont'd)

wisdom, he was led to Mr. Armstrong and God's true Church in Pasadena California.

In 1957 Mr. Jackson was ordained a Deacon in San Diego Church. Living in San Diego, California, near the Headquarters Church, he was privileged to receive personal correction and instructions direct from the top ranking ministers in God's Church. His growth and development continued until in November of 1959 he was ordained Local Elder, and immediately sent to Chicago to work with God's people of his race.

There were 65 Negroes in the Chicago Church at that time. In February of 1960 your author was ordained Deacon and assisted Mr. Jackson in visiting the widows and new members. The growth had increased by November of 1961 to the place where more help was needed. Mr. Clarence Bass, with his wife, was sent to Chicago to become the full time assistant to Mr. Jackson. They came to Chicago from Waco, Texas.

Mr. Edwin Marrs was ordained as a Deacon in January of 1961 and in July of 1962 was sent with his family, to Meridian, Mississippi.

Noticing the continuous growth among

the Negro brethren, God's ministers saw the necessity of sending Mr. Bass back to College for one semester to obtain his Master's degree in English.

In June of 1961 God divided the over crowded Church in Chicago and one half of the membership began attending a new Church in LaGrange. Again the Church in Chicago grew and became overly crowded! On the Sabbath of February 2, a new segment was started by dividing the Chicago Church. This brought about something different: the first all Negro Church.

Mr. Dean Blackwell is the pastor. Mr. Jackson is the associate pastor. The wisdom and love of God can be easily seen, because qualified men can receive active training and experience as leaders among their people. In addition we have a Bible study, Spokesman Club and a special class of 12 selected men to receive special training and instruction from Mr. Blackwell every Sunday morning.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and welcome the challenge to prepare ourselves (with God's help) for the work that lies ahead.

Yes—God is fulfilling His word!! The Negro Gentiles are coming into Christ by His Holy Spirit (Jer. 13:19).

South Bend News

Sunday, January 6, 1963, five new members were added to the one true Church of God through baptism. The service took place at the Y.M.C.A. in Elkhart, Indiana, and was conducted by Mr. Les McColm, minister of God's Church in the South Bend area. Those baptized were Mr. and Mrs. Addison Adams, Mr. Preston L. Fritts, Mrs. William M. Myers, and Miss Anita Warner. The scriptures quoted were Luke 14:25-33, Jude 5, Acts 8: 14-17, and Hebrews 6:1-8.

Since previous baptisms, a new acoustical ceiling has been installed which makes it possible for most of those attending to now hear the baptismal services.

A happy sidelight to the occasion was the reunion of the Raymond Johnson family with their son, Jon who had just returned from Ambassador College in Pasadena.

Bloomington News

A Bible study is now held on Sunday afternoon every other week in the Bloomington church.

Miss Barbara Konzi and Mr. Charles Sanders were married January 27th in Springfield, Illinois. They will live in Champaign while Mr. Sanders finishes his senior year at the University of Illinois.

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