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GROWTH IN THE NEW CHURCH

by Elisha Crim

The new Chicago Colored congregation consisting of all Colored brethren continues to set new records in attendance. On February 2nd, the opening Sabbath, the attendance was 181. Since then it has gone up to 209. The Wednesday night Bible Study has also increased from 99 to 116. The Church is rejoicing over 14 newly baptised members whom God recently added.

The brethren are elated over the fast developing chorale under the direction of Mr. Harold Jackson.

Much growth and development is expected from this Church. Only God knows the limit of His plan for this congregation in the years just ahead of us.

MEET MR. PLACHE

by Ken Ellis

God's people who assembled in Chicago for the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread had the opportunity of hearing from one of our former members who is now a minister in the Eugene, and Medford, Oregon, Churches. Mr. Richard Plache was sent back to Chicago before the Holy Days to visit his mother, an active member of the LaGrange Church, who was very ill.

He was able to stay for the Holy Days.

Originally from Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Plache attended Aurora College and was ordained a minister in the Church

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By Wilbur Ball

"And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever." Ex. 12:14.

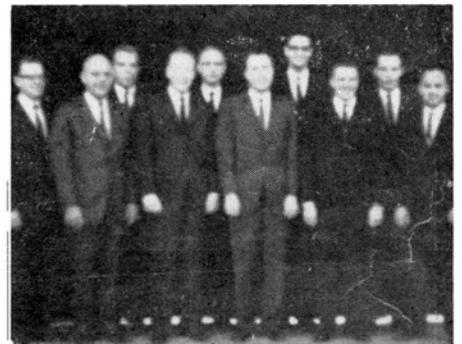
"Therefore let us keep the feast" I Cor. 5:8.

God begins a new year by renewing His covenant with His people. Eight hundred eighty-six had this privilege in the Logan Square Masonic Hall. The services were conducted by Mr. David Jon Hill, newly ordained to the rank of Pastor, also the Pastor of the Phoenix and Tucson Churches, and Mr. Dean Blackwell, Pastor in charge of the Midwest area.

Then on Monday night at sundown, "the night much to be remembered" commenced, this is also the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. There was much joy, as 1,777 people gathered from 14 states and Canada. We were truly blessed with the most modern and largest meeting place in all Chicago, McCormick Place. Due to the facilities at hand and the splendid cooperation of God's people, peace and harmony prevailed. The manager of McCormick Place said there were fewer accidents for a group that size than he has ever had previously. After the greeting and welcoming by Mr. Blackwell was given, Mr. Hill expounded Exodus 6 through 12 showing us why this is a night much to be remembered, and how God did bring His people out of Egypt that night with a "high hand," and what that expression means. After which we had a physical feast, all eating together, cafeteria style.

The next day, being a commanded as-

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LATEST SPORTS BULLETIN

The La Grange Church beat the Chicago Church in a double header. The score of the 1st game, La Grange 5, Chicago 2. The score of the 2nd game La Grange 8, Chicago 5. Judging from the 1st games played, it looks as though the La Grange team will be a hard one to beat, so you other teams had better sharpen up. It was a beautiful day for the 1st game and enjoyed by all, including the women and children who also had an opportunity to play.

BAPTIZED IN THE CHICAGO AND LA GRANGE AREAS

Shown here are Mrs. Elaine Haynes, Mrs. Sylvia Lane, Mrs. Lorraine Holz, Mrs. Mina Goebel, Mrs. Ann Halliar, and Mrs. Dorothy Schurr, Loren Weinbrenner, Mrs. Charls Hallair, Mr. Jack Schurr, Mr. Herman Goebel, Miss Shirley Carr, Mrs. Norda Day, Miss Shirley Baille, Mrs. Florence Au, and Mrs. Lydia Lanners.



Wedding

by Grace Sienkiewicz

NOTICE: STOLEN. Mr. Eugene LaSocha of the South Bend Church was seen taking one of Chicago's eligible young ladies, Miss Emma Dayton, as his lawfully-wedded wife during the Days of Unleavened Bread, April 13, 1963. This must have been an unexpected, added blessing for the scattered brethren who perhaps had never been able to hear one of God's ministers perform a marriage ceremony from the Bible.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. (Luke 15:7) There is joy in heaven, and certainly rejoicing in the Mid-west. Below are listed a number of those recently baptized. We all join in extending very warm and heartfelt congratulations to our new brothers and sisters. **The first eleven baptized among the colored brethren are shown here. In the first row are: Mrs. Carrie Summers, Mrs. Mary Lindsey, Miss Thelma Dumas, Mrs. Levada Brooks. Second row: Miss Myrtle Adams, Mrs. Rosetta Andrews, Mrs. Mattie Woodson, Mrs. Catherine Moore. Top row: James Norwood, Phillip Penson, and Norman Fowler.**



Political Definitions

Socialism—You have two cows and give one to your neighbor.

Communism—You have two cows, the government takes both and gives you the milk.

Fascism—You have two cows, the government takes both and sells you the milk.

Nazism—You have two cows, the government takes both and shoots you.

New Dealism—You have two cows, the government takes both, shoots one, milks the other and throws the milk away.

Capitalism—You have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

BAPTIZED IN MILWAUKEE

Mr. & Mrs. Percy Beier, Ontario, Wisconsin.

Mr. Fred Brogaard, formerly of Weyauwega, Wis., and now residing in Milwaukee.

Mrs. Marge Dostal, Deerfield, Wis.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Maasch and Elroy Maasch, Oconomowoc, Wis.

Miss Florence Voge, Racine, Wis.

BAPTIZED IN SOUTH BEND

Seven came to complete repentance and were baptized March 10 by Mr. Lester McCole, South Bend Church minister. They were: Mr. Helmut Eden, Mr. Lloyd LaMar, Mr. Mike Mazukelly, Mr. John Osborne, Mrs. Bertha Haverstock, Mrs. Albert Jerry, and Mrs. Carrie B. Walker.

After the laying on of hands these seven (God's complete number!) became begotten sons of God, begotten with the priceless gift of the Holy Spirit. In so doing they begin a life of change and OVERCOMING.

With eyes fixed on the glorious return of Jesus Christ, we join hands with them in STRIVING to be numbered among the faithful "little flock" which are keeping the Commandments of God at His coming.

Passover (Cont'd)

sembly, morning and afternoon services were held. We now had an opportunity to greet old friends, and to welcome and get acquainted with new members in the body of Christ.

The sermonette was delivered by Mr. Ken Westby. He brought to our remembrance that the God we worship is a living God, and Christ is working today to the same extent as in the days of Moses, when He performed the miracle of the Red Sea. McCormick Place proved to be a perfect setting for the sermonette. Looking out over Lake Michigan through the six huge window walls, it seemed to be a reasonable facsimile of the Red Sea which faced the Israelites during their flight. The hall, which can seat 2,000, will obviously be outgrown next year. The next largest hall will seat 5,000, and the main floor will seat 35,000. If God continues to increase His work by 30% each year, it will not be too many years hence until we will utilize the main floor.

The main sermon was given by Mr. Dean Blackwell, giving us meat in due season, Mr. Blackwell expounded the meaning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, also delving into history, tracing Festival observance in the True Church in the first two centuries.

A breakdown of attendance revealed the following: Adults 966, teenagers 151, children 642, unregistered 43, giving a grand total of 1,804. The offering collected on the first day of unleavened bread totalled \$5,580.47.

In the afternoon Mr. Harold Cormany, Deacon in the LaGrange Church, appropriately gave us a sermonette on hospitality. One scripture used was I Cor. 16:15, showing that those in the house of Stephanas did addict themselves to the ministry of the saints.

Mr. David Jon Hill gave the main sermon. He brought news of the new retrenchment program now in effect in headquarters and throughout God's work. He gave us the simple meaning of austerity, "to tighten your belt." He continued to show us how we could put this program into action in our own lives by revealing the four success laws of austerity:

1. Do not buy on impulse. (Only buy necessities.)
2. Pay cash.
3. Buy quality. (On sale.)
4. Preserve what you have. (Take care of it.)

There were either one or two meetings

held on each day during the entire eight day feast (including Passover) plus the big social and wedding on Saturday night. This was, without a doubt, the GREATEST and best organized Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread ever held in Chicago. God is blessing His Church. McCormick Place provided a setting of natural beauty, in addition to the most up-to-date facilities.

During the week we had an opportunity to receive spiritual food from the following Elders: Catherwood, Manteufel, Plache, Bald Jackson, McColm, Baird, and Meeker. We also received sermonettes from Deacons Tkach and Fillipello. It was a real example of what the Spokesman Club can do to enhance growth, for those who really put their whole heart into the work.

On the last day of Unleavened Bread, there were 1,670 in attendance; of that number, 219 were colored brethren. While the offering was taken, we were blessed in hearing both the colored and white chorales. The offering was \$5,647.32. The sermonette was given by Mr. Atlas. "God does not categorize sin" was the subject. The main message was presented by Mr. Dean Blackwell. He said at the outset that he was going to take us through all the prophecy from now, right on through and past the millenium, (that is if he had time to cover it all). Mr. Blackwell worked hard, but by the time he had gotten us up to the millenium it was time for the noon break. In the afternoon we thrilled to the special music, Mrs. Plache singing "The Holy City."

Mr. Hill, who had a sermon all prepared, decided to set it aside, and complete Mr. Blackwell's sermon. From that point Mr. Hill took us through the millenium and on into eternity. There was one slight digression, about the horse fly that could pass one of our jets at 818 miles per hour.

WE all enjoyed Mr. Hill's presence in Chicago. It was a grand Feast.

THE BASKETBALL "ROUNDUP"

by Dave Shell

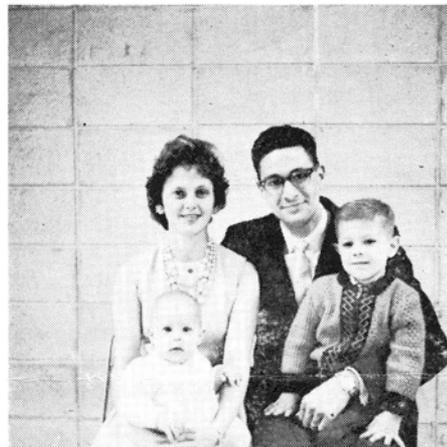
The basketball season came to a blazing finish March 31, 1963, when the Chicago "Fire-Ballers" defeated the Chicago colored team 91 to 69, terminating a very exciting season. If you have never seen a basketball being whipped through a net you don't know what you are

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Meet Mr. Plache (Cont'd)

of Christ. In October, 1955, he first heard the **World Tomorrow** broadcast and sent for the **Plain Truth Magazine**. But it was not until he was forced to stay in bed six weeks with hepatitis that he started to thoroughly study the materials he had requested from Pasadena. He began to teach this truth to his congregation, and finally resigned his position to prevent being fired. About one third of his congregation came away with him and held meetings on the Sabbath. Through this, Mr. Blackwell raised up the El Paso (now Bloomington) Church.

After applying for Ambassador College, he was accepted in 1958. For a while, he was a most active member of



Mr. Richard Plache and family
the campus janitor crew (to learn obedience and faithfulness).

In the summer, 1960, he became Mr. Jimmy Friddle's assistant in Seattle. He later assisted Mr. Raymond Cole in Oregon and was ordained a Preaching Elder at the January, 1963, Ministerial Conference.

Mr. Plache mentions high regard and admiration for his wife, Ruth, who has a lovely voice, as the Chicago people came to know when she sang during the Holy Days. They have a son, Jonathan Michael, and a baby daughter, Sharon Karise.

Mr. Plache likes the Oregon area very much and feels he has a wonderful opportunity in working under Mr. Raymond Cole, Evangelist, whose experience and dynamic leadership, make him

HOUSEHOLD HINT

by Evelyn Scarbrough

When cooking dry beans or macaroni, add 1 teaspoon of butter to the boiling water before adding the food. This will prevent the food from boiling over. This also will work when making jelly.

LADDERMAN JONES



*He shot off his mouth,
without plugging in his mind,
and now he's so sorry;
he's sick.*

Mrs. Ervin Fischer and Judy, of Shawano, Wisconsin, are moving to Pasadena, California, following Judy's graduation on May 29th. Anyone going to California who can drive Mrs. Fischer's car please contact Mrs. Fischer. Also, anyone going out in April or May who would have room to take a piece or two of furniture out, please contact Mrs. Fischer, Route 3, Shawano, Wisconsin.

The Church of God in Bloomington welcomed 5 new members on March 23, 1963. They were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baillie of Roberts, Mr. Robert Lovell of Creve Couer, Jet Hall of New Bedford, and Mrs. Tolly of Rock Falls.

The South Bend Church took to wheels for three hours Sunday morning, March 24! The occasion was an all-church skating party held at spacious Playland Park rink.

To a background of live organ music, seemingly endless skating varieties were directed by rink personnel. About 225 attended the "play-day," sponsored by the two Spokesman Clubs.

The young people enjoyed learning the Cha Cha at a dancing session recently held at the home of Mr. Svehla. Instructions were given by Mr. Kromer.

BASKETBALL (Cont'd)

missing. Let's take, for instance, the Indianapolis "String Beans" headed by Mr. Ken Westby. This is the team that dominated both in the league games and the tournament which was held in Michigan City. They had an organized cheering section which deserves a compliment for a fine job of supporting their team. The team finished with only one loss and four wins.

The rest of the teams were close behind, with South Bend next and its speedster Mr. Leslie McColm at the steering wheel. This team also had an organized cheering section. The South Benders finished the season with an impressive record of five wins and two losses. Those cheering sections may have had a big part in the Hoosier successfulness.

Then came the Chicago "Fire-Ballers," who had a slow start for the season, but ended like their name. This team was headed by Mr. Allen Manteful. He is to be credited for the vast improvement of the Chicago team. Their

record was six wins, three losses.

Pocketing the fourth position were the Mr. George Meeker, and the sharp shooting Mr. Tilton. They won three and lost four.

LaGrange took 5th with two wins and four losses. This team was injured severely when their leader was removed from the lineup. Mr. Dean Blackwell was hindered due to illness. Surely not just the LaGrange team was hurt but everyone in the area. Mr. Blackwell is known for his determination and drive, displayed even on the basketball court.

Someone had to be the tail and this time it was the Bloomington team. This team, engineered by Mr. John Bald, finished last with five losses and no wins. This team is certainly to be complimented for the good sportsmanship shown by each player.

This is the "Last Round-Up" of basketball and now softball season is here again. If basketball doesn't thrill you, it is certain that this game will. So come out and clock LaGrange pitcher George Gibb's sizzling fast ball.

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