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Akron-Chicago Precedent Set

AKRON—host to the *first* combined district ministerial meeting held in this era!

Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, Superintendent of Ministers, flew from Pasadena to preside over the two and one-half day conclave of THIRTY ministers and assistants from the combined districts of Akron and Chicago. Assisted by Mr. David Antion, Akron District Superintendent and Mr. Bill McDowell, Chicago District Superintendent, Mr. Meredith set the pace for the very inspiring and helpful conference.

With wives present, 55 were in attendance—making this the largest such meeting ever held outside of Pasadena! The keynote was the brotherly love and real closeness shared by all in God's church—especially God's ministers!

As the Work has grown, it has become prohibitive for all ministers to attend the Annual Ministerial Conference each Jan-

uary in Pasadena. Now, the Pasadena Conference is attended only by the District Superintendents, foreign office directors and a limited number of other ministers from the colleges and the field. The news of the work, as well as new points of doctrine and instruction from Headquarters is now brought back to the men in the local districts by the district superintendent.

The most valuable part of these meetings is the opportunity for the district superintendent to share his experiences and insights with the local ministers. *Please continue on page 3*

Spokesmen Go Formal

Combined Meeting Held!

PLUSH! That's the word to describe the 1st Chicago-LaGrange Combined Spokesman Club formal held at the Willow Brook ballroom and supper club Feb. 10, 1966. Spokesmen in their tuxedos and women gayly dressed in floor length gowns, formals and party dresses filled the banquet room adding dazzling color to the evening's OUTSTANDING program.

The club meeting swept by briskly as the sumptuous meal was served and those on the program kept a rapid, humorous

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Minnesota Minutemen

by Sherwin McMichael

INSTANT SERVICE is the quality of these 2 minutemen who rose to the rank of deacon. Let's get better acquainted with these men:

Mr. Scott Ericson, Jr.

Mr. Ericson and family, which includes his wife, Dorothy, and three children Glen, Diane and Carol, live in Orr, Minnesota. This also is the home of the new Summer Educational Program. Living here qualifies them as one of the northern-most Church families in the United States.

Baptized in 1961, they "longed" for the day they could worship with other brethren as fellowship was quite limited in the north woods. However, services were first started in Minnesota 250 miles to the south in Minneapolis. Nevertheless,

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Newly Ordained Chicago area Pastor Mr. Harold Jackson (center) shown attending the February 5th South Side church social held at the Pick Congress Hotel. See article, "The Height of Elegance" on page 4 for more details.



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"The Diary of Carol Landes"



Carol Landes

All the great martyrs of history have given some chronicle of their life—and diminutive Carol Sue Landes is no exception. The PORTFOLIO Freshman Interviews reported that Carol "is presently writing a book, 'Comments People Have Made About my Height (4' 10").'"

That book is now complete. The rough draft is now in the hands of the PORTFOLIO staff, and we would like to give
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EDITORIAL Self-Imposed Blindness

By Allen Manteufel

A recent survey brought to light some appalling facts!

Prospective **college students** were quizzed on what they knew about recent history and current events. Questions like: "Where is Viet Nam and why is it in the news today?" met with **abysmal** answers. Many aspiring college students could only vaguely state that Viet Nam was "somewhere between Africa and China." A war of some kind was going on there some realized. Why and how long was beyond their intelligence!

Memories of the most ghastly, bestial cruelties of all time under **Adolf Hitler** and **Naziism** are now ancient history. Recollection of **Winston Churchill**, the backbone of Great Britain's strength and valor during World War II, has all but been forgotten in the din of rock and roll music and the Hollywood-fakery of James Bond movies!

And **this** all in the so-called "**AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT!**"

In **GERMANY** the postwar generation has been **deliberately** kept in ignorance of the true history leading up to the Nazi emergence to power!

In **AMERICA** ignorance of the current world plight is **SELF-imposed**. Knowledge and **awareness** of people, nations—political and social issues are of no concern to our new generation of leaders. Of interest are only what the T.V. Guide programs for our "make believe" world of entertainment or the latest teenage dance craze, or beatnik clothing fad!

The modern-day "hep" generation, the "In Set" is **stupidly basking in abject IGNORANCE** of the very world in which they exist!

Jesus Christ **WARNS** us of His true church in this illiterate age **not to be blind to recent history and current world news**. (Mark 13:28-37). Read what the Apostle Paul instructs in I Thes. 5:4-7. We are to be **AWARE!** Aware of the world around us, its people, its nations, its political moves. Aware of the **blunders** and **vanity** of its leaders!!

You and your family need to **EDUCATE** yourselves more!

Set up a **PLAN** in your weekly activities to **study current news**, to **discuss** it, especially with your maturing teenagers. **STUDY** the **geography** of major nations; **LEARN** about their **recent history**. Tie this knowledge in with your study of **Biblical prophecy**. As a **family** be conversant on **social** and **economic NEEDS** of different nations. Soon, you too, can have a grasp of this world's **problems** and **needs**. Only then can you be effective in God's coming world government.

We as a church must not be blind!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Ball:

I would like to thank Mr. Manteufel and compliment him also on his fine editorial "The Religious Braggart" in the January Church of God News. It was a great spiritual uplift to me.

I am presently stationed in Okinawa as a member of the Air Force.

My wife and I had attended the Duluth branch for a month and a half prior to my coming over here. She is still in Duluth and sends me the Church of God News everytime she gets a copy. It is an enjoyable paper.

The reason I'm writing is that I would like to obtain, if possible, the Good News magazine that had the article on "letting our light shine." Thank you very much.

*Sincerely yours,
William H. Wells, Jr.*

Dear Mr. Ball:

I have been attending the Minneapolis Church of God for the past year, where I have picked up copies of the Church of God News. Since I don't get there too often I have missed getting some copies. I would like to receive it every month by mail if possible. I am enclosing \$5.00 to help pay expenses of publishing.

*Sincerely,
Merlyn J. Lindner*

MILWAUKEE FRONTIER

by David Kroll

Howdy Pardner:

Put in one colorful array of western dress; add one beautifully constructed barn front, artificial bonfire, cactus plant and chuckwagon; throw in a heaping amount of good food, music, entertainment, and dancing; mix thoroughly; and you will be rewarded with one of the most successful socials ever to occur.

And successful it was when these ingredients were combined to produce the recent social held by the Milwaukee Church of God. The evening of January 15 began with a delicious chuck-wagon meal consisting of barbecued beef and chicken with all the trimmings. This was quickly followed by a line-up of entertainment which featured a rhythm band made up of the youngsters in the Church, singing and playing by a musical trio and vocal octet, and a vigorous dance performed by two Church members turned temporary Chippewa Indians.

About 9 o'clock the all-Church band book over and did an excellent job in getting nearly everyone present to participate in the dancing. The dancing was really sparked by the introduction of the waltz-quadrille, a dance which proved to be easy to learn and highly enjoyable.

Toward the end of the social Mr. Ochs, the band leader, gathered together the many German folk in the group and conducted a German type community sing entitled "Schnitzelbank."



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schnee

With us for the social was the man who is currently manager of the German office in Dusseldorf, Mr. Frank Schnee. We were all very much edified during the Sabbath service when Mr. Schnee told us how God is blessing the work in Germany and providing for the ever-increasing spread of the gospel there.

We sincerely hope Mr. Schnee and his wife enjoyed their stay in Milwaukee. A number of the Chicago brethren were in town for our social, and we hope that they enjoyed it as much as we did.



YOUNG PEOPLES CORNER

by Bill Butler

What is meant by "the Chicago Young People"? Generally, we are referring to those over 12 years of age and all those in the eligible or unmarried class. Someone came forward with an interesting idea of defining this term by the use of statistics.

Here are some little known figures: In the Chicago and LaGrange Churches there are approximately 700 people — 147 are young people. We can break that down further into the following age groups:

YEARS OF AGE	MALES	FEMALES
12-15	33	47
16-20	11	11
21 and up	33	12
Total	77	70

Look closely, you girls of the marriageable age! You are outnumbered by the males by almost 3 to 1. Take heed, bachelors — better get one while they last!

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MARVIN EDELBACHS' house trailer rang with the laughter of ten guests for a card party Saturday evening, January 22. Byford Edwards, Frank Criswell, Randy Smith, and Anita Warner among others were also treated to a tour through Mr. Fowler's mushroom farm.

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THREE PROSPECTS for a date in one apartment, fellows! Starr Leatherwood just moved in with Eleanor Barrow and Nancy Kurtz. It's easy to call them — they have two extension telephones.



Left: Randy Smith putting his knees back in place before next dance. Right: "Nancy, they never taught us that at Arthur Murray's."

DOLORES DANNER and MARY TOPASH held a slide party Saturday night, January 29. June Gillette, John Hawkins, and Judd Van Orman were among those who danced, ate pizza and saw slides from the last feast.

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JUDY SCHULER, headed for work in Pasadena, was treated to a party-send-off by the Chicago—LaGrange Chorale. The fun included slides, tape-recordings, and repeat performances from the "Show of Shows" concert. Among the goodbye gifts was a set of "Bohemian Matched Luggage" — two shopping bags!

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KEN PETERSON is doing well at Ambassador and is keeping in touch just as well. He wrote a twenty-one page letter back that took forty minutes to read!

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ings is the inspiration and instruction to the ministers and their wives! All members of God's Church—ministers as well—constantly need personal instruction and help to be more effective.

Mr. Meredith opened the meetings with news of the Work of God and the tremendous growth of 1965. During the course of the meetings, he continued with very helpful and inspirational admonition and instruction to both the ministers and their wives.

Mr. Antion lectured on the many points of wisdom and inspiration needed by the ministers and their wives in helping with the problems of God's people. This was one of the main points stressed by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in Pasadena. Mr. McDowell gave instruction and

helps on the practical side of a minister's responsibilities.

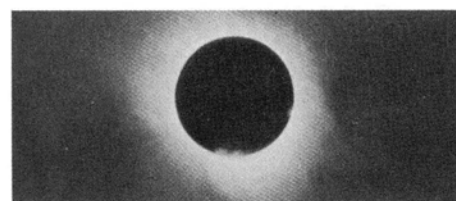
The meetings, which lasted from February 1 through February 3, must have been very much like Paul's meeting with the Ephesian elders in Acts 21. The feeling, admonition and inspiration were the same—only the wording was different!

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith set the example of real warmth and love that we are all going to need in facing the perilous times ahead! Concluding the meetings, Mr. Meredith very strongly stressed that we all must be close to God with prayer and fasting—saturating ourselves with His Word and His Spirit!

Everyone is hoping the precedent set will be continued. Perhaps next time the Chicago District will be host to the combined conference!



Top: Leon Abbey's eight piece band providing the "toe tapping" rhythm. Bottom: Left to right (back row) Roland D. Sampson Jr., Guenetta Holloway, Charles Adams, LaVern Johnson, Claudeen Harrell, Robert Ellis Jr., Kate Lindsey, Margaret Graham. (Front row) Hattie Rogers, Albert Cousin.



Spokesmen See Stars

"Whether it's cloudy or not," said the lecturer at the Chicago Planetarium, "we never cancel a show!" Chicago Sunday Evening Spokesmen with Club Director Mr. Allen Manteufel and guests, Mr. Sherwin McMichael, Mr. Joseph Tkach, and Mr. Don Prunkard witnessed the universe on display via the sophisticated Zeiss optical equipment. Gathering facts about our solar system, proved to be timely with today's emphasis on space.

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Mr. Scott Ericson Jr. Mr. Russel Brown

the Ericsons often made the long trip for Sabbath services and other activities.

Over a year later Duluth became the home of the 86th congregation of God's Church. With his diligent service in the new Duluth congregation and many long hours of devoted work in preparing the camp facilities for the S. E. P., (Summer Educational Program) it became obvious that God was calling Mr. Ericson to be a Deacon. He was ordained to that office on the Day of Trumpets, 1965.

Mr. Russell Brown

Mr. Brown was one of the charter members in the Minneapolis congregation. Baptized in 1961, he has since travelled extensively through the upper Mid-west, living in Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth and eventually Minneapolis.

A machinist by trade, Mr. Brown has advanced to the position of foreman in his local company. Though quite busy on the job, he has found time to serve unselfishly in God's Church. He has presided over two of the local Spokesman's Clubs, takes an active part in our local sports program and is a leader in all Church activities. Wherever God's Church is meeting, one is sure to find Mr. Brown. God has used him in special service to His people, and Mr. Brown was ordained to the office of Deacon on the Day of Trumpets, 1965.

The Height of Elegance

by Mrs. Roland Sampson

If you were visiting the Pick Congress Hotel on February 5, 1966, you would have witnessed, among the scenic beauty and elegance of the premises, a group of God's people enjoying the truly abundant life.

Yes, February 5th was the date of the Chicago Southside Church Annual Dinner Dance commemorating its 3rd anniversary.

Everyone was inspired by the display of beauty and magnificence. The evening began with a cocktail hour at 7:00 P. M. The whole atmosphere was "Recapture True Values." As was expected, the ladies were as beautiful as ever with their fine array of colors; the men were ambassadors of true character.

After the cocktails and get-acquainted hour was completed, dinner was served at exactly 8:00 P. M. The highly skilled waiters served a menu consisting of tender sirloin cut of roast beef, tossed salad,

carrots, tasty rich creamed potatoes, and a unique dessert of chocolate ice cream topped with fudge and pecans.

Since the night was yet young after such a delectable and tasty dinner, Mr. Abbey struck up the 8 piece band stirring everyone with tunes causing many to engage in either a fox trot, waltz, cha-cha or the unforgettable two-step.

For the teenagers, it was a night to be remembered for quite some time — and evening with that special date. For the married couples, it was a time to reminisce of the first courtship, while our widows enjoyed a luxurious affair of much gratification.

Through the diligent and tenacious efforts of our ministers, Mr. Harold Jackson and Mr. Elisha Crim, as well as others, the Chicago Southside Church and their honored guests were able to enjoy a memorable affair and really RECAPTURE TRUE VALUES.

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pace. Mr. Harold Cormany, president, launched the evening with light humor followed by Mr. Marvin Gardner's quick and ready wit in a lively tabletop topics session. Not to be outdone, Mr. Wilbur Ball, toastmaster, sparked the second portion in a friendly humorous and pace setting manner than made the speakers do their best and yet put them at ease. The successful club meeting was magnified by the dancing in the ball room afterward.

Although the sumptuous meal prevented some from doing their best dancing at first, everyone was pouring it on in short order. The high light of the dancing came as the dance band stopped to announce Mr. and Mrs. Julian Oakley were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. A special number was played as everyone formed a semi circle about them and joined them in the second refrain of "Anniversary Waltz."

The spark of exuberance and gaiety wouldn't even end as the band ended and couples bubbled in conversation experiencing the cultural setting God provided for all of us. Yes, have no doubt those who were there are looking forward to the next formal affair. Are you going to be left out on the best HE has to offer for your growth?



Top Left: Mr. Bill McDowell as he installs new officers.

Top Right: Superb 7 course dinner with magnificent table setting.

Bottom: Head table of dignitaries shown in background. Others pictured are (from left to right), Mr. Ted Efimov talking to Mr. Wilbur Ball, Toastmaster; Mr. Harold Stocker, conversing with Mr. Glen Ackerson, Evaluators; two lovelies Mrs. Ackerson and Mrs. Gardner sitting next to Mr. Marvin Gardner, Topicsmaster.

"Date Night" For Evansville Widows

by Rex Tucker

The widows mingled in small groups about the room. They were smiling, chatting . . . and fervently hoping that the excitement that swelled and pushed within them like restrained energy in a taut steel spring would not become too apparent.

Tables had been set up in the brightly lighted YMCA Auditorium where Sabbath services are held. Efficient waitresses from the kitchen were swiftly transforming the setting into a sumptuous banquet scene.

Here and there about the room, neatly dressed men were soberly studying papers in their hands. These were Spokesmen, the speakers for the evening, making a last minute check of their notes. The charged air of eager anticipation would make tonight's meeting different. Tonight, the widows of the Evansville Church were the special guests of the Spokesman Club and this banquet was for them!

The idea for widows' night was born on a sweltering, sodden night last August



in the Club's business session. From there it grew. Under the zealous skill of its three chamberlains, it was guided and nourished, developed, . . . nothing was left to chance . . . every detail was machined to precision! After all this detailed planning, the meeting was a huge success.

Memories of this pleasant evening will linger, but from among them one will

grow and not fade . . . this one comes from the words of the Club Director, . . . "Widows have a special part in the PLAN, a special service, a particular role!"

With these words as a clarion in our ears, we men of the Evansville Spokesman Club can stand and say: "Widows, it was our privilege to have you as our guests! ! !"

Carol Landes Diary

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our readership a taste of the poignant persecution this girl bravely faces each day. Here is a sample of the comments thrown her way:

"I think you ought to be charged *half* price for tuition, since you're only half the size of Ed Metz."

John Halford: "Carol, I need more room on my bus returning from Squaw

Valley. Why don't you hop on to give us more room?"

While dancing with Gary Vance: "How cute! A bug on a Sequoia Tree."

"Carol, I think your calling is being the Apostlette to the Pygmies, since you appear to be an Albino Pygmy."

"Is it true that you don't need a key to get into Murphy House after 8:00? I've heard you just walk under the door or climb through the keyhole."

"They must have established the rule

against walking on the grass so we don't step on you. I sure hope they make the cracks in the sidewalk smaller or one of these days you'll fall right into one and never be seen again."

During smoggy days: "How does it feel to breathe fresh air down there?"

If this whets your literary appetite, why not ask Carol to see the rest of the book? Or—better yet—think up a new comment to tell her so we can begin on Volume II of the "Landes Short Stories."



IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

CHICAGO — HAZEL SCHLITT

Congratulations! Two prospective ministers for the World Tomorrow were born here recently . . . William Paul Harding was born Dec. 30th, 1965 weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. His older brothers are just as proud of him as his parents Mr. and Mrs. Don Harding are . . . David Charles Shell was born Jan. 15th weighing in at 9 lbs. 5 oz. — a fine **HUSKY** baby! ● **Welcome back.** Absent for about a month were Mrs. Lillian Krzywicki who had an infection, Mrs. Truman Lisson who had an intestinal infection and Mr. Dave Shell who had an ear infection. We are happy to have you with us again. We missed you.

CHICAGO — SOUTH SIDE

Miss Linda Childress was graduated from Roosevelt University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, while Kate Lindsey and Gloria Harrell graduated from Marshall and Harrison high school respectively. Congratulations girls! ● Miss Myrtle Adams, a former member of the South Side Church, is now Mrs. James Tate as of January 9. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Adams, her parents,

went down to the Pasadena Campus for the wedding which took place in the Lower Gardens. Mr. and Mrs. Tate are now students at Ambassador College. ● **Mr. Allen Manteufel** no longer has to give his sermons bent at a forty-five degree angle when he comes to the South Side Church. Mr. Claude Harrell, a cabinet maker, built a handsome new lectern especially for Mr. Manteufel which raises and lowers to adjust to different heights.

LA GRANGE — LILLIAN FOSTER

No! You're not seeing double — it is a new set of twins walking around in the La Grange Church. They are the 9½ year old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Anderson of Wheaton. The twins are named Anita and Bonita and if you try to tell them apart — you'll find you have a job on your hands. ● **We are very happy** to have Mr. Lloyd Lamar attending the La Grange Church now. He has come to us from the Grand Rapids Church. **Our new additions:** Little Davina Ward came on the scene Nov. 28th weighing in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner came up with another boy weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. on November 17. This was very satisfying to the baby's brother Ricky, 9 years old, after all, who wants a sister when a fellow can have a brother? . . . **Nothing puny** about the new addition at the John Strauss's household. It was a boy, David, who weighed 10 lbs. 8 ozs. ● It is so nice to report that Mrs. Alexander is down in the lovely Florida sunshine. We are happy to hear that she is putting on weight already. Mrs. Longhurst is down there with her so if you would like to write them (they would be very happy to hear from you), the address is:

**17616 Lee Avenue
Redington Shores, Florida.**



"Ladies Night" at Grand Rapids

Happy, beaming faces at "LADIES NIGHT," the first for the Grand Rapids Spokesman Club, included (L. to R.), Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Warner, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Steensma. Held Jan. 29 at beautifully appointed Holiday Inn, about 70 members and guests attended. A delicious dinner, profitable club meeting, dancing and fellowship, highlighted the evening!

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