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## 9th ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

By Dean Blackwell

The most important meetings on the face of this earth will be held at God's headquarters of His church from the 8th through the 16th of January. Will you be there in Spirit and in prayer? Major questions and decisions relating to YOUR OWN LIFE must be studied, discussed and concluded. You should be praying fervently that God will cause all of His ministers to "let this mind be in them which was also in Christ Jesus."

Since these meetings began in January of 1955, this has proven to be God's church, God's body of ministers, with Christ as our Head. There is always the presence of God's Spirit bringing harmony, unity, one mind, and one faith. Not once in these nine meetings has a minister insisted upon his way, idea, or opinion, but we have always, in unison, prayed for, sought, and been guided by the mind of Christ.

God placed His stamp of approval on these annual meetings by causing the perfect foundational number of 12 to be  
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### Eighty Million Listener Potential

**BRAZIL IS RIPE!**

The two gigantic doors of Radio and the printed page now used by God's Work will soon open in *many nations* heretofore not reached with the Gospel. The *potential* of this media of mass evangelism is inspiring yet sobering.

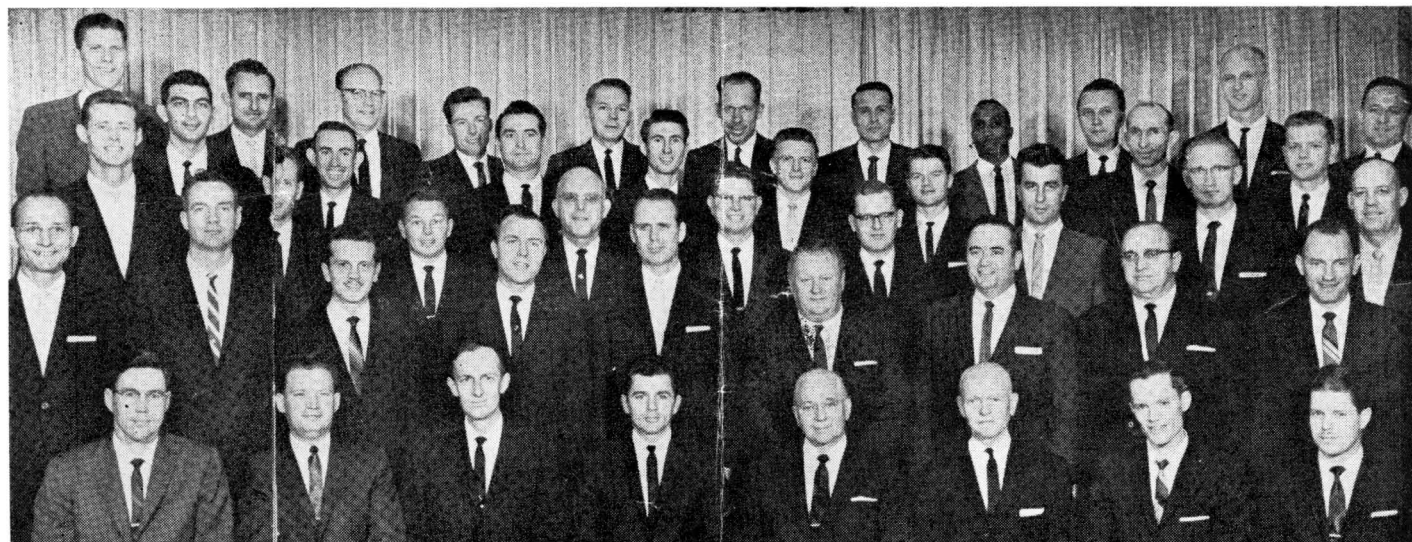
There are EIGHTY MILLION people who speak Portuguese! The first door  
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### A NEW DEACONESS IN GOD'S CHURCH

by Winifred Koegh-Dwyer

Alice Elaine Tkach was ordained as a Deaconess in the Chicago Church on December 15, 1962. Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Manteufel, and Mr. Jackson officiated.

Originally a Chicagoan, she was educated in California. Mrs. Tkach confided to your reporter that it was during a visit to relatives in Chicago that she met, and married Mr. Tkach. Gifted with a gentle manner, as well as a lovely soprano voice, she is the mother of three children: Joseph, age eleven; Tanya, age nine; and Jennifer, age six. Mrs. Tkach is a graduate of Empire University of Cosmetology in California. Her knowledge is being used in educating Godly  
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# The Plain Truth in French

## FIRST EDITION OF LA PURE VERITE

An ever-growing mailing list — currently **THREE THOUSAND STRONG** demanded a monthly magazine to maintain sustained interest in listeners' minds. The bulk of the response has issued out of France.

But recently, a new area of the globe — **MARTINIQUE** (population, 267,000), the West Indies — has been bombarded with the French World Tomorrow Broadcast. The response has been phenomenal. In one week alone **TWENTY NINE** people wrote to the work. This included three Seventh Day **MINISTERS!!** Here is an excerpt from a letter one of them wrote to Mr. Dibar Apartian — the voice of *Le Monde a Venir*.

"After Having been a member of the Adventist Church for **TWELVE YEARS**, I have turned in my *letter of resignation* . . . the knowledge of this has passed quickly among the people here . . . we are in need of any and *all instruction necessary* to strengthen us.

"The deception of the Seventh Day Adventists has greatly influenced our wives who are not yet able to understand the true Gospel, especially such is the case with my wife and children, but *I am standing firm through the grace of God.*"

### French Mailing List Grows

Some **ONE HUNDRED and TWENTY FIVE** people are currently on the mailing list in Martinique.

The French division of God's Work receives **SEVENTY FIVE LETTERS**

each *week!* Responses pour in from France, first of all — but many letters have been post-marked Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg, and of course Martinique. Only in Canada has the interest been scanty and weak. Catholicism so dominates the French-Canadian mind that it cannot conceive of any church differing from Catholic tradition.

### Background Work on La Pure Verite Begins

At present, Mr. Apartian is translating Dr. Hoeh's article on the "2300 days" prophecy in Daniel. This is a part of Adventist dogma that is confusing to those coming out of that false church.

However, definite work has begun on the French **PLAIN TRUTH**. For example, the explanation concerning our it-has-already-been-paid-for literature policy is being translated.

Two volumes of the Child's Bible Story are now translated into French. A chapter from this Bible story will be a must for every issue of **LA PURE VERITE!** Mr. Apartian will write one or two articles for each issue. These will be the jist of program transcriptions. Others will be translations of articles extant in English which have appeared in past issues of the **PLAIN TRUTH**.

The whole process of setting up headlines, typing and adjusting the margins, photographing, and printing will be **DONE RIGHT ON THE CAMPUS!!**

Remember, that date — **THIS JUNE!** If all goes well — and according to God's will, over three thousand sample copies of the newest foreign language **PLAIN TRUTH — LA PURE VERITE** — will be mailed to the descendents of Reuben!!

## Letter To The Editor

Comfrey, Minn.  
Dec. 17, 1962

Dear Sirs:

While at Squaw Valley for the Feast of Tabernacles I shared a room at a motel with a man from the Milwaukee Church and he told me about this local magazine. Since then he has sent me two back issues but I would like to receive my own copies if possible. I am sort of out in the sticks for regular contact with other people of God's Church but this magazine seems to bring your churches closer even if I don't know most of the people mentioned in it.

He told me you accepted donations to make the magazine possible so I am enclosing \$2.00 for now. Would you put me on your mailing list?

Sincerely yours,  
Lawrence Kleinow  
Rt. 1  
Comfrey, Minn.

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The habit of going to the bottom of things usually lands a man on top.



On Sunday, December 23rd, an old-fashioned family social was held for the colored brethren of Chicago. A treat and delight for all: dancing, food, singing, basketball, and games.

# Boys and Girls Campouts

By Dave Shell

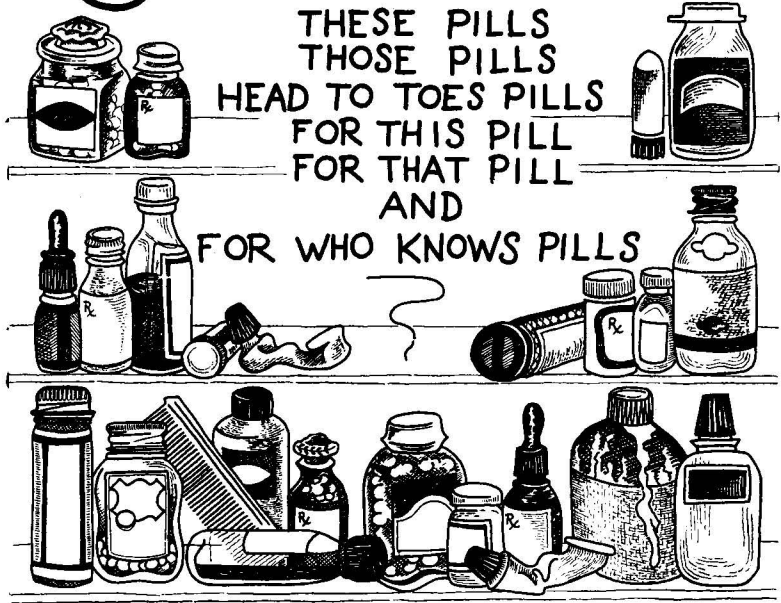
Many of the boys and girls enjoyed the campouts which were held over the weekend of December 23-24.

The boys campout was held at Camp Sullivan, while the girls spent their adventurous moments on Mr. and Mrs. Prickett's farm. Many of our city girls had their first look at a cow being milked! Besides sight-seeing, the girls, 58 strong, had many activities in which to participate. They enjoyed a weiner roast Sat. night and a trail-blazer hike on Sunday morning. Although none of the girls took their Texas hats and boots they were given the privilege of going on pony rides. They also learned to make house slippers from surplus washcloths. The girls were led by Mrs. Joseph Schlitt and other dedicated women in God's Church.

In the meantime, back in "the sticks", the boys were hiking through the woods, 40 boys strong. There were other activities. Even though one of the expected thrillers (tobogganing) had to be cancelled because of lack of snow, that didn't stop anyone from having a good time!

The men over the group, headed by Mr. John Kreidich "raked" up many enjoyable things to do such as watching a good "down to earth" movie and some plain good fellowship.

# LAUREN JONES



After 3 years Mr. Jones has finally decided to clean out his medicine chest.  
Tomorrow?

## Milwaukee, Wisconsin

WMIL 1290

We of the Milwaukee Church are most sincerely grateful for God's blessing of a radio station here in our city and for such a good schedule, 7:00 A.M. daily and 10:30 A.M. on Sunday. The reception in Milwaukee proper and the suburbs is very good. One more proof that fervent prayer is profitable, and worthwhile.

## Deaconess (Cont'd)

women to prefer **natural** beauty.

She was baptized into the Family of God during the Passover, 1958. Mrs. Tkach said she is grateful to Mr. Dean Blackwell and to her husband, Joseph, for the correction she receives personally and from the pulpit. Well-known to those who have received her helpful letters, she may be assured that we, and they, all rejoice in praise to God for His recognition of her.

IF YOU WANT TO STAY YOUNG,  
"TRY DANCING"!



Chicago-LaGrange Social held December 16 at Wozniak's Hall.

## Wedding

by Emma Dayton

Miss Dolores Shaw and Mr. Joseph Olar were married on December 23, 1962, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roenspies in Lombard, Illinois. The wedding ceremony was performed by Mr. Dean C. Blackwell. Mr. Roenspies was best man and Miss Lorene Fellows was maid of honor. Approximately 45 guests were present, including several of the Church people and the families of both the bride and the groom.

The bride wore a street length blue taffeta dress. She carried a corsage of white roses.

Refreshments were served in the basement after the wedding. They consisted of sandwiches and a 3-tier wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom dressed as Miss Shaw and Mr. Olar.

Special organ music was provided by Miss Dorothy Bresson.

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If a man wants his dreams to come true, he must wake up.

## Father & Son

Mr. Anonymous

"Well, what are you going to be my boy,  
When you have reached manhood's  
years:

A doctor, a lawyer, or actor great,  
Moving throngs to laughter and  
tears?"

But he shook his head, as he gave reply  
In a serious way he had:

"I don't think I'd care to be any of them:  
I want to be like my Dad!"

He wants to be like his Dad! You men,  
Did you ever think, as you pause,  
That the boy who watches your every  
move

Is building a set of laws?  
He's molding a life you're the model  
for,

And whether it's good or bad  
Depends on the kind of example set  
To the boy who'd be like his dad.

Would you have him go everywhere  
you go?

Have him do just the things you do?  
And see everything that your eyes  
behold,

And woo all the gods you woo?  
When you see the worship that shines  
in the eyes

Of your lovable little lad.  
Could you rest content if he gets his  
wish

And grows to be like his dad?

It's a job that none but yourself can  
fill;

It's a charge you must answer for;  
It's a duty to show him the road to  
tread

Ere he reaches his manhood's door.  
It's a debt you owe for the greatest joy  
On this old earth to be had;

This pleasure of having a boy to raise  
Who wants to be like his dad!

*(Also author of Adam and Eve  
and that apple)*

## Conference (Cont'd)

present that first year in 1955. Last year we had 45 ministers present and should have about the same number this year with some of the local men remaining behind in the field. New ministers attending for the first time will be Mr. Dean Wilson, Mr. Carn Catherwood, Mr. Vernon Hargrove and Mr. Arthur Craig. We will be depending upon you, if you are REALLY IN God's church, to be there in Spirit and in fervent prayer. Will you stand behind God's work in these VERY IMPORTANT meetings?

# News Briefs — Midwest

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bass are returning to Houston, Texas, to prepare for his Master's Degree at Texas Southern University.

The Chicago Church enjoyed the visit of Ramona Schmidt from the Milwaukee Church area.

We are thankful for Iris Field's staying with Mrs. Gladys Frey. Once again we earnestly request your continued prayers for Mrs. Frey who has been ill for the past five months.

Have you noticed Mr. Wilbur Ball has lost his mustache?

The LaGrange and Chicago Churches enjoyed the Chorale's singing at the Sabbath services.

Do you think you can sing? If so, Mr. Donald Ecker or Miss Dorothy Bresson for a voice tryout. The Chorale is open for eligible members at this time.

The young people of the Chicago and LaGrange Churches recently enjoyed an outing at The Museum of Science and Industry. They followed this with a trip to Milwaukee for evening Sabbath services.

Mr. Bass reports that the colored brethren's bowling, basketball, and swimming get-togethers have really taken hold. They are a source of real pleasure and of good fellowship.

A good time was had by many of the young people at the party held by Sharon Sturm. Prizes were won in the Bible quiz by Robert Roenspies and Andrea Beyersdorfer. Mrs. Blackwell took the prize in a dancing game.

We are sorry to see Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schattke and their two boys, Carl and

## Brazil (Cont'd)

— radio — can open up in the largest Latin American country — Brazil. This country has a total of 920 radio stations. Many of these allow religious broadcasting daily.

There are over 7,500,000 radio receivers in the country. With a rough estimate of four people per receiver — 42% of the population can be reached through the door of radio. This percentage is bigger, of course, in the cities.

The potential of the printed page, through *The Reader's Digest*, is also very promising. *The Reader's Digest* circulation in Portuguese presently stands at 465,000 — almost HALF A MILLION!

Arthur, leave the Chicago area. Mr. Schattke is being transferred because of his job, so the North Hollywood Church will gain four new members!

Mrs. James Mitchell of Streator, Illinois, was recently baptized at Bloomington, Illinois. We all congratulate Mrs. Mitchell and welcome her to the Church of God.

For two Sabbaths we have been privileged to have Mr. George Meeker from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Church deliver stirring messages at the Bloomington Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans are the parents of a daughter, Annette Marie. She was born December 1, 1962. She weighed in at 6 lb. 4 oz. Her mother Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, attends the Bloomington, Illinois, Church.

## New Laborers

Mr. Clarence Svehla and Mr. Harold Cormany, Deacons from the Chicago and La Grange, Illinois Churches recently brought sermonettes to the Bloomington Church. It is good to see new laborers being used in the work.

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