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New Church In Minneapolis - 220 Attend First Church in State of Minnesota

by Ken Ellis

Brethren in the Northern Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Dakotas area are rejoicing and thanking God that a new Church in Minneapolis, Minn., has been raised up! It officially opened on the Feast of Trumpets, 1963, with a smiling attendance of 220. The offering came to \$660.

Mr. Allen Manteufel, Associate Pastor of the Chicago-La Grange Churches, accompanied Mr. Sherwin McMichael, the new minister to Minneapolis for the first service. Mr. McMichael, recently graduated from Ambassador College and ordained a Preaching Elder in God's Work, has had experience on baptizing tours during two summers. He acted as assistant to Mr. Frank McCrady in the Oakland-Sacramento area. Now he will have an even greater responsibility as he steps in to minister to this first Church of God in Minnesota.

The nucleus of the church is composed of those who attended the Bible Studies, even if it meant driving many, many miles. Mr. Dean Blackwell began the regular Bible Studies on February 10, 1963, after some previous visiting in the area. Once or twice a month a minister would drive up for the Bible Study. Prior to these meetings, a large number of brethren had been making the trip to Chicago for the Feast Days. Now a World Tomorrow broadcast from Duluth reaches many more in this growing region.

Mr. John Bald carried on with the Bible Studies and visiting. The labors of God's servants resulted in this Church starting. So let us all rejoice with our brethren and pray for the newest of the Churches.

Double Wedding

by Estherlene Holmes

Here is another first for the Chicago Colored Church, and believed to be the first among the Colored brethren in God's Church during this era—a double wedding. Mr. Harold Jackson performed the ceremony, also his first, uniting Mr. Elbert Atlas to Patricia Cunningham, and Mr. Eugene Dumas to Vivian Ivey. The wedding was attended by many at the Jewish Board Building at 72 E. 11th Street on the first day of September.

The beautiful satin and lace gowns of the brides and bridesmaids were made by Mrs. Harold Jackson; the cakes and floral pieces were the handiwork of Mrs. Ivory Hardy. Mr. Ivory Hardy, a professional photographer, took pictures of the wedding party.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holmes sang solos preceding the ceremony, accompanied by Mr. Isaiah Morrison.

The bridesmaids, whose gowns repre-
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"The Golden Isles"

by Dick Alexander

Sea Island, St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island — these are the Golden Isles centered around the city of Brunswick, Georgia. Here is where we are blessed to gather for the Feast of Tabernacles this year!

If you desire, you may take the bus and with a short detour, see Washington, D. C., the Capitol of our United States of America, and see first-hand the city where history has been made. The George Washington monument is tremendous in size and very impressive,

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GET YOUR CAR READY

by Truman Lisson

The time is almost at hand again for the people in God's Church to load their cars with suitcases, camping gear, and other necessities for traveling to the Feast of Tabernacles.

Brethren, before you load your car, check it over to make sure you will have a trouble-free, enjoyable, and safe journey to the Feast.

1. Check the engine. Does it run smoothly and purr like a kitten, or does it buck and jump a little? If it sounds as though it needs some attention, check the spark plugs, distributor breaker points, and carburetor adjustments. While you have the spark plugs out, take a compression test on each cylinder to determine whether or not a valve may be leaking. If the compression in any cylinder varies more than 10 or 15 pounds from the compression in any other cylinder, the valves should be ground. Once a valve starts to leak, it gets worse rapidly, especially on long trips.

Now that the engine is tuned, change the oil and the oil filter. Replace with a good grade of oil; do not try to save a few cents by using a cheaper one.

2. Check the radiator and hoses for leaks. Put a few drops of oil into the oil cups at each end of the generator and the cup by the distributor, and check the water level in the battery.

3. Check the oil level in the transmission and the differential.

4. Check the steering linkage to be sure all joints are tight, and these joints should be greased. Also check the oil in the gear box at the bottom end of the steering column.

5. Check the tires. Don't start on a long trip with your car heavily loaded, with smooth tires or tires that are cracked. If your car will be heavily loaded, helper springs may be advisable. Coil springs that fit around the rear shock absorbers are installed easily and are low in cost. They can be bought for about \$5.00 or \$6.00.

6. Check the brakes. If they have not been relined within the last 25,000 or 30,000 miles, the linings should be checked to see whether or not they are worn too thin. Reline if necessary. While checking the brakes, grease the front wheel bearings. Check the hydraulic brake cylinders and lines at each wheel, and also the master cylinder for leaks.

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Double Wedding (Cont'd)

sented the colors of the rainbow, were Thelma Dumas, Mariah Johnson, Myrtle Adams, and Johnnie Mae Hartzfield. Attired in white dinner jackets were the ushers, John Thurman, Jesse Bellamy, Terry Williams, and Harold Bruton. The two best men were Tomotha Adams and George Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. George Meeker, Mrs. Allen Manteufel, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Filippello were among some of the honored guests.

BLOOMINGTON NEWS BRIEFS

by Gene Scarbrough

The midwest area picnic of the Church of God was held on August 4th, 1963, at Miller Park, in Bloomington, Illinois. About 200 persons attended. The Churches in St. Louis, Bloomington, La Grange and Chicago and Cincinnati were represented.

Men from the Chicago, St. Louis, and Bloomington Churches met in Bloomington on Sunday afternoon, August 15th, 1963. Several ball games were played. An afternoon lunch was served and much fellowship was enjoyed by all. The last ball game was ended because of darkness.

Dr. and Mrs. Stig Erlander of Peoria, Illinois, have been visiting relatives in Minnesota recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lucas and family of Downers Grove Illinois, have recently returned to the Bloomington area. Mr. Lucas has temporary employment near Danvers, Illinois.

GRAND RAPIDS NEWS

Nine joyful people were baptized and welcomed into God's Church in the Grand Rapids, Michigan, area August 10th by Minister Lester McColm.

They are, left to right: Mr. John Kie-

Golden Isles (Cont'd)

but the Lincoln Memorial is awesome. The feeling of awe and inspiration is indescribable. You must be there to sense it.

Jekyll Island abounds with history: it lives all about you. Here is where the slave ship, the Wanderer, landed to discharge slaves brought from Africa. Mute breastworks speak of the War Between the States. All about you is evidence of the fabulous "Club Era" for which Jekyll is famous—the era around the turn of the century when it became the exclusive playground for some of America's millionaire business and social leaders.

Jekyll Island abounds with brilliant flowers, tropical trees, pearl-white sands, and historical splendor. Jekyll Island has one of the finest wide beaches on the Atlantic Seaboard with 9 miles of white sand for swimming, surf-board riding, water skiing, and surf fishing. There is an abundance of fishing all around Jekyll Island, in its winding streams and surrounding ocean waters. Boats and fishing tackle may be rented on the Island for those ardent fishermen.

Jekyll Island has a complete modern shopping center for your every need. For those who like to play golf, there are beautiful greens year around along the ocean. A miniature golf course is also available. Camping and tenting grounds have handy washing facilities such as the new Sports and Activities building, as well as public bath houses.

All of these wonderful blessings are ours when we attend the Feast of Tabernacles on Jekyll Island.

vet, Mrs. Kievet, Miss Mary Lyon, Mr. Roger Viergiver, Mrs. Ruth Crouse, Mr. Allen Russell, Mrs. Seamer Dalrymple, Mrs. Charles Corder, and Mr. Fred Blough.

Attendance at the Grand Rapids church hovers near 190, a 40% increase in four months!





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Dear Mr. Ball:

I am sending an offering toward the very fine paper you are sending out—it really is a work of art—compiling and setting up copy. My friend, Melba Kniffen, from Florida, is so interested in receiving it. I don't know whether she contacted you or not.

I hope all things are well with you.

Sincerely, in Christ,
Viola Peets

(Editor's Note—Miss Kniffen is now on our expanding mailing list.)

RECENT BIRTHS

Several newcomers to the Chicago Church will be attending their first Feast Tabernacles next month.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gardner and Randall James, born on August 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kromer have been blessed with Elizabeth Eve, who arrived on August 26th.

Michelle Hitch, born on August 5, 1963, was delivered by the only licensed mid-wife in the city.

MR. BLACKWELL ASSISTS COLORED VICTORY

by Dave Shell

A number of God's people gathered Sunday, September 8th, at 82nd and Princeton to view a triple header between the Colored team and the combined Chicago-LaGrange teams. The first game began at 1:30. It was smooth sailing for ace pitcher George Gibbs hurling for Chicago-LaGrange. The



Some of the LaGrange and Chicago players after recent double header.

Colored team had little to roar about as they lost with only two hits and no one across the plate. But there was still more to come.

The second game began with Mr. Dean Blackwell on the mound for Chicago-LaGrange. As the game progressed, it seemed to repeat the first contest. Chicago-LaGrange started with a bang, sending across 12 runs in the first four innings, while the Colored team could not find the range, resulting in a second defeat. Remember the old adage "IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY AND TRY AGAIN! The Colored team took this to heart.

The third game began with Terry Williams on the mound, but found trouble. He was relieved by Mr. Dean Blackwell. In the meantime, Mr. John Coco used the junk ball for Chicago-LaGrange and got in a jam. The pressure was on all the way. As the sun set, the last out for Chicago-LaGrange was a ball grounded to Terry Williams at 3rd, fired to 1st in time. The Colored team won 15 to 14.

One of the outstanding plays was made by Tomotha Adams, 2nd baseman for the Colored team, who forced a man on second and quickly whipped the ball to 1st. There was one play that would have been outstanding but the "little



Mr. Meeker bolts to first base in recent Milwaukee vs. Chicago game. First baseman Bob Marshall ready for the catch.

man wasn't there." Mr. Frank McCrady caught a ball in right center and tumbled to the ground. Realizing teammate Mr. John Kreidich was around. McCrady threw the ball, but somehow no Mr. Kreidich appeared. Later, Mr. McCrady commented, "The Russians aren't very cooperative." Win or lose there weren't any hard feelings as Mr. Coco commented, "The only thing that makes me mad is when I find out I could have saved \$300.00 on a car." It surely was a day well spent, a lots of fellowship, lots of laughs. Everyone had a good time. See what some of you missed?

Assign Mr. John Bald To Indianapolis co-Pastor

Mr. and Mrs. John Bald recently moved to Indianapolis, where Mr. Bald has been assigned as co-Pastor with Mr. Carn Catherwood. He will remain the pastor of the Bloomington Church also, a position he has held for the past two years.

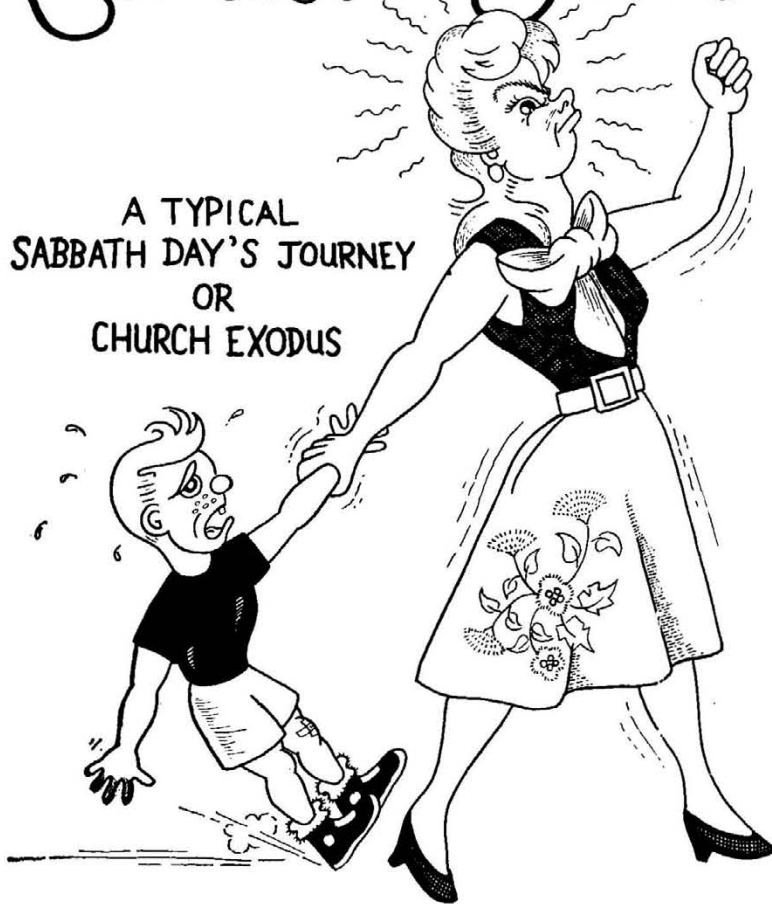
Mr. Catherwood will continue to minister to the Cincinnati area brethren. The assignment of Mr. Bald will help to relieve the ever-increasing work load in these growing Cincinnati and Indianapolis areas.

Ordained a Preaching Elder earlier this year when Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong spent a day in Chicago, Mr. Bald and his wife, Nancy, have faithfully served in the Chicago-Midwest region for over three years as ministerial assistant and Local Elder.

We in this area will miss the Balds and their son, Jimmy, but realize that we will see them during the Feast seasons.

LAODICEAN JONES

A TYPICAL SABBATH DAY'S JOURNEY OR CHURCH EXODUS



Feast of Tabernacles To Unite Colored Members

by Elisha Crim

The members of the all Colored congregation will attend the Feast of Tabernacles held in Gladewater, Texas. We are looking forward to this with more enthusiasm and excitement than ever before. Mr. Jackson has requested that all the Colored brethren in the United States attend the Feast in Texas. We will have the opportunity to meet many for the first time as well as renew old acquaintances.

On the Sabbaths and Wednesday night Bible study sessions, there is much talk about this joyful occasion which will begin on the 3rd of October.

Many are going in cars. Fifty-five or more persons will be going by train on the reduced rate group plan. Several have planned to fly down.

Some will live in their reserved booths. About fifteen or more families have purchased tents. Others have made reservations to live in private homes.

Eight days of feasting on the spiritual

food served by the ministers of Jesus Christ is something to await with joy.

Mr. Jackson has planned an exciting semi-formal ball for the night after the first Holy Day. We plan to have this each year.

The annual picnic will be held this year on the beautiful lake front on God's property where delicious barbecued beef will be enjoyed by hundreds of the Colored brethren from all parts of the United States.

This is expected to be the greatest Feast of Tabernacles ever to be enjoyed by all of God's people around the world.

Attendance record was set August 31st when 185 were present for Sabbath services.

Car Ready (Cont'd)

Check the fluid level in the master cylinder, and fill with a good quality hydraulic brake fluid, no higher than one half inch from the top.

7. Finally, and most important of all, check the driver behind the steering wheel to be sure he or she is well adjusted, comfortable, and in the right attitude.

CHICAGO NEWS BRIEFS

by Fred Mancewicz

Mr. and Mrs. Al Burkland took a trip down to Kentucky to visit some scattered brethren. They saw Mr. and Mrs. Skaggs, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Underwood.

Want to know how to make beet wine? See Mr. Sedlock.

Mr. Willmot and family are knee-deep (thanks to Mr. Fowler's fertilizer) in farm produce from their big garden and orchard in the country.

The usual midnight lantern volley ball game was played during the men and boys campout held at the Regnier farm Labor Day week-end.

Welcome to the Chicago church, Mr. and Mrs. John Stanciu and daughters, Cecilia and Mary. They formerly were members of the Pittsburgh Church.

Talent is needed for the coming winter fun show and church social. Submit your friend's name to Mr. Phil Fowler.

The young people held a canning session at the home of Mr. Fred Mancewicz, Deacon. Mr. Ecker helped relax the group with fine musical renditions

Pastor Smith in Chicago

The Chicago Church was blessed to receive a moving sermon by Mr. Carlton Smith during a brief stopover on his way to the superintendency of the Northwest District.

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