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Pasadena congregation in first services in new gym.

God's Headquarters Marches On! Now Church Services In New Gym!

God's Work at Headquarters marches on! At long last God's Headquarters Church is holding services each Sabbath right on our own college grounds in our own new gymnasium! This is one of the greatest blessings we could have at this time. For about eight years now the Pasadena Church had been meeting in an almost medieval hall that was built to house Shakespearean plays. It had served well for a long time—for Sabbath services, Bible studies, special functions like the Chorale Concerts, movie nights, and many other important uses.

But now, at last, we are able to move into the brand-new, ultramodern gymnasium. Even this is to be temporary,

however. Just as soon as our building programs will permit, construction will begin on an auditorium specifically designed for formal meetings and presentations. And this will indeed be a gigantic step forward!

Plain Truth Gets Full Color Cover

Full *COLOR* hit the cover of the *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong announced that the thirty-first anniversary number of *The PLAIN TRUTH* took a giant step forward. Newly designed and beautifully realistic, a full-color front page will add prestige, dignity and value to this leading news magazine of the world.

Thirty years ago *The PLAIN TRUTH* was a little, unnoticed, mimeographed

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Action in the Kentucky Hills

by Carn Catherwood

In the heart of the world-famous Blue Grass country, renowned for its million-dollar stallions and miles of white fencing, on the first Sabbath in March, 1964, a new Church of God began with 180 brethren attending. Exactly one year later, over 360 brethren attend in Lexington, Kentucky—God's growth—**one hundred per cent!** The Lexington Church comprises a far-flung congregation. Families as far east as West Virginia and others living in the Tennessee hills take the three hour drive to services regularly. One prime example of determination to fellowship with God's people is Mrs. Ruth Moses of Williamsburg, Ky., who has to row across a swift stream during high water to reach the main road to church. Where there is a will, there is always a way!

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Fun at the Elkhart Social!



Old-time conviviality was manifested at the Jan. 23 Elkhart Special by genial beverage hosts, Messrs. George Bell, James Sommer, Frank Logan, and Russell Shoemaker. The 300 who attended feasted, fellowshiped, viewed the movie, "Samson and Delilah" then danced until midnight!



Forced Integration

Revitalizing Your Life

1965's first fast-breaking social leaped to a start on the afternoon of February 14, 1965, with 525 participating. Socializing and dancing warmed up everyone's Philadelphian appetite for the fun to follow. Meeting brethren from many parts of the district were groups from Peoria, Elkhart, Grand Rapids, Danville, as well as LaGrange and Chicago.

Some were playing hearts, rummy, and pinochle in one area as others played checkers and ping pong. Finalists were briskly pouring on the heat in a ping pong tournament in a reserved area. The semi-finalists were Mr. Filippello facing Kenny Svehla and Gerald Bremer verses Mr. Jack Pyle. The fun show took hold of the audience. "Stump the Band" was high-lighted by Mrs. Halliar asking the band to play "Exodus"—to the band leader's dismay. Upon being asked to sing the song, Mrs. Halliar commented that it was an instrumental. An array of tal-

ent represented many styles of music and comedy. Marshall & Marshall's version of the "Steel Guitar Rag" to Miss Mary Stanciu's artistry playing the "Dream of Oliven" at the piano reflects the gamut exhibited. Mr. Ball, master of ceremonies, kept the show moving from act to act, spicing it with jokes. Mrs. Hitch's tap dancing provided a sparkling event to the fun show portion of the entertainment. The surprise ending was a "straight from the audience" participation by Mr. Blackwell.

The spot light was then focused upon the semi-finalists playing ping pong. Mr. Pyle was pitted against Kenny Svehla, with Mr. Pyle winning the tournament in the best of three games, 21-8, 11-21, and 21-19. This tight fistted contest was filled with suspense to the very end.

Night-capping the evening, dances designed for brethren to mix and meet one another took place.



Director's Nightmare

... finest hour

Caught by the "birdie" is the DIRECTOR'S NIGHTMARE. Cindy Galloway cannot be consoled by Doctor Byford Edwards as Dick Marshall (guitar player) and Paul Topash benignly looks on. Launching a serious note into the fun show, Randy Smith impersonates the late Sir Winston Churchill.

Open Doors

by Harold Stocker

Where did you get that idea? What facts have you for what you say? In the world, people want to know the facts and not our opinions, ideas, or what seems right to us. "My mother once told me . . ." or "I once heard someone say . . .", doesn't exactly convey confidence or credulity to our statements. Facts are respectable.

We can open doors to areas never before explored. It is possible for us to push back the horizons of learning, not for vanity or setting self up as though we know something, but to help others. By increasing our knowledge of subjects we never thought of before or never looked into, we are better able to give and be of service to others.

Perhaps you have thought, "If only I could see with my own eyes the lives and times of ancient Babylon, known its surroundings and people, and understand it's situation . . ." This city for many centuries was the most important center of civilization in Western Asia.

Maybe you have wondered about Alexander the Great's conquests. Who was he and what exactly did he do? Would you like to know? What great material for a spokesman club speech! If you have the facts, the real information, many would benefit from a realistic portrayal of this great general who became king before he was 20 years old.

Exciting experiences of thousands of people from every one of man's six one-thousand-year time spans can be held between your two hands! You can remove some of the misty, unclear past and bring it swiftly into sharp focus.

Perhaps now you realize that the open doors hinge to the Church of God libraries. But wait before you say, "I'm not interested" or, "I don't have any time." Let us take a look at this quick, concise and comprehensive route to a factual background and method of character building.

Some of the many books are borrowed by Pasadena, Texas, and other areas for research and study. Preselecting of the books for us has saved both time and frustration in fruitless searches of our own. They are books worth reading. There are books of great value in some of the libraries. Some couldn't be purchased at any price because they can't be found. There are encyclopedias to round out any subject we wish to examine, i. e., see that subject from many angles and not just one source. Each one can add a little more information. Thus we deposit information for later use.

All of the libraries have balance. So should we in the use of them. We can find books on health, character aids, history, political warfare, children's books, biographies and autobiographies.

One more thing that is very important . . . it is **FREE!** Free, this is, for the diligent.

But Time! Who has the time to use it? We need a plan. Maybe you already have one, but if not, try this one:

1. Check out a book once a month whether you see your way clear to read it or not.
2. Leave it in a prominent place beside your favorite chair or by the night stand. If it's hidden you may forget it.
3. Make a brief outline of the most important points of the book. It need not be a book report, just a few choice statements.
4. **This is IMPORTANT!** Be diligent to return the book to the library after a reasonable time.

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Knowledge Knots



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Rabies Epidemic! What Is Your Defense?

by Harry Joe Walker

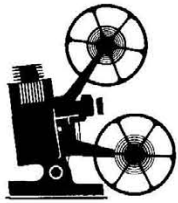
"On Tuesday, December 29, 1964, Eugene White was gathering corn on his Williamson County farm in Tennessee when he was attacked and bitten by a rabid fox. White fell to his back trying to escape his assailant, but as his last hope grabbed the fox with his bare hands and choked the animal to death." (Nashville, Tennessean).

"The same week another farmer in Maury County was attacked by a rabid fox which clamped its teeth into his leg. The man beat the fox to death with a rock. Yet another man in Maury County took his shot-gun to his barn at about four A.M. one morning to investigate a commotion. He was attacked by a fox frothing at the mouth and acting wildly. This man shot the lunging fox before it could bite him. This same fox, it was later found, had bitten two dogs and several cattle. The odor about the fox indicated it had attacked a skunk.

1964 ended the worst year in history for rabies in Tennessee. Green County was the worst place in the nation for rabies.

"112 people in Williamson County, Tennessee alone received rabies shots after being exposed to the disease. Since the old vaccine was developed in the spinal cord of rabbits it was dangerous and frequently caused extreme pain, temporary or permanent paralysis for the patient who was sensitive to the

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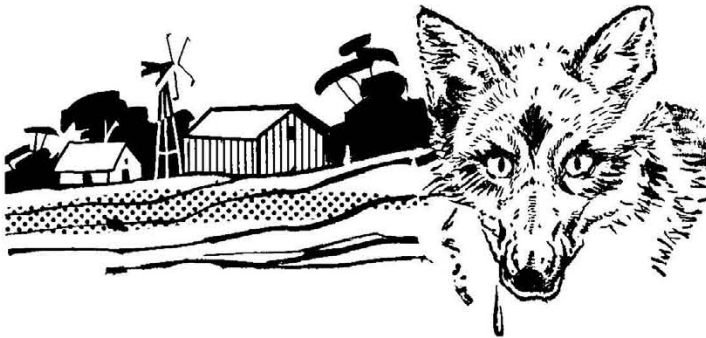


Cinema in Peoria

by Jean Dawson

Saturday Night at the movies, started in the Chicago area, has expanded to "Saturday Night at the Movies" in the Peoria Church—and with an overwhelming success!

Shortly after the Sabbath was over Jan. 17th, well over 100 people gathered at the Creve Coeur Community Center to see the scintillating, interesting technicolor comedy of a little girl "Polly-anna."



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emulsified tissue of rabbits. Today, however, a new vaccine, which is supposedly safer, is made from inactive viruse emulsions on embryonated duck eggs." (Nashville Tennessean).

Why does a particular area have a rabies epidemic? There are generally three elements that make possible an epidemic: foxes, bats and caves. Bats, the only animals known to be able to survive rabies, often nest in the same caves with foxes. According to findings from experiments carried on in Texas, foxes can contract rabies by breathing the same air that bats breathe in the same cave.

Although there are organized fox hunts, rabies will continue to spread. Experts admit that it is impractical to try to exterminate bats so we will still have the common carrier of rabies. There is nothing to prevent the disease from spreading to other areas and to other animals. Already, almost every kind of animal has been a victim of rabies. Even livestock receive attacks from rabid animals and rabies cannot be detected in livestock until they become mad.

A wild animal with rabies becomes brave and will attack humans and will even go as far as to break in houses. What is to prevent rabid rats from swimming through our sewage pipes, through our commodes, and coming into our homes? When you really get to looking at the facts there doesn't seem to be much defense against rabies, does there?

In the next few years when rabies epidemics will spread despite man's desperate efforts, what will you do? Very few will turn to the only source of protection and then it may be too late! But there is a way of protection for you! The only sure defense for you and your family is to turn to God NOW!

Open Doors *Continued from page 3*

The busiest people are already using the library. Those with the least amount of time somehow find enough to use it.

Mr. Clarence Klier, the Librarian in Milwaukee, notes that about 20 books are checked out and returned every two weeks. Special books like the Compendium and Josephus have a waiting list.

Mr. Max Williams, librarian of the Danville Church, writes that the library there is not as extensively used as it should be. Usually the same few persons use it constantly. Consideration is being given to adding a second section and displaying the library in a way to encourage its use.

Mr. William L. Ogden, librarian of the Evansville library, points out that they have scholars of deeper thinking as well as those striving to master a grade or high school education.

"Our bookcase at Evansville has become one of the special places for fellowshiping . . . They form the habit of stopping by and asking "What's new?" Besides the general use of the library, Bibles and other books may be purchased at considerable savings.

Mr. Donald Wineinger, librarian in Indianapolis, states about 25% of the books are on checkout constantly. Adults should be more active.

Mr. Paul Goddard, Elkhart librarian, reports 75 books in its collection and averages 25 "check outs" at all times.

Mr. Rolland Younts, Grand Rapids librarian, shows availability of 75 books with another 250 available from Mr. McCrady personal Library.

There it is! People are working hard to better and improve this important service for you. We'll never read one of those books unless we actually go over to those open doors and take a book off the shelf and check it out.

why didn't I ?

Varying conditions exhibited detail, tending to afford some evidence to a presumption, relative to the incident, which confirmed the situation, particularly inferred to by the unforeseen circumstances, which prohibited the possibility of achieving the anticipated results.



Job 33:3 - My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart : and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

South Side Church Anniversary

by Maceo Hampton

It was the brisk, cold Saturday evening of January 30, 1965. The clear, wintry sky was sparsely dotted with glistening stars, as the appearance of an elegant blue velvet gown studded with shimmering rhinestones—an invigorating atmosphere for this anniversary observance. The number in attendance was reported to be about 175 people.

This social event of the year was purposely planned to be a commemorative observance of the time when the Chicago Southside Church became the third congregation to meet as a separate group in the Chicago-LaGrange area. This memorable affair was held in the Venetian Room of the once famous Southmoor Hotel.

The evening's activities began with a tasty, alluring steak dinner. The tables were neatly and attractively arranged to allow ample space for dancing, in which all participated. The rhythmic music of a very capable combo, directed by violinist, Mr. Leon Abbey, gave impetus to the dancers who crowded the floor for each number.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson sat at the elaborately decorated head table with those of God's ministers who were immediately instrumental in the establishment and growth of this happy multitude. They were, our Pastor and area Superintendent, Mr. Dean C. Blackwell and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Manteufel, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tkach, and Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Crim.

From that first Sabbath two years ago on February 2, 1963, the number attending the Chicago Southside Church has sky-rocketed from 181 to an inspiring 310.

The over-all mood of the evening seemed to be, "Rejoice and enjoy the fellowship and blessings" which our Heavenly Father has so abundantly made available to all who desire to recapture the "True Values" of life.

Perhaps the saying "once a musician, always a musician" might be applicable here, because the desire was unanimous that Mr. Harold Jackson (who in time past was a successful Band Leader and Chorale Director), play a couple of numbers on the drums with Mr. Leon Abbey's combo, which he did to the delight and enjoyment of all of us.



... And The Band Played On

by Fred Mancewicz

Music—Music—Music . . .

This was the need of the Chicago Church area—A LIVE BAND.

Heretofore, in all social events which included dancing, the music provided was strictly byphonograph record.

There were professional musicians in the Church. Attempts were made to form a band but it was not accomplished until Mr. Elmer Davis, with the help of Mr. Charles Halliar, put together the first "Chicago Band." The original band included Mr. Holly, Mr. Robert Skaggs on clarinet, Mr. Leslie Marshall on drums, and Mr. Dick Marshall on guitar.

In any attempt to organize a worthwhile project, there were the early "growing pains."

Most of these men had wide professional backgrounds, played with top notch bands all over the world and one even had his own band. It was difficult to "adjust" and some even dropped out. This is not to be looked upon as

tragic because each of us has had understandable difficulty adjusting to a new situation sometime in our life.

There were long hours of practice to finally get the organization and the togetherness required to have a successful band. Many special arrangements are required to have these men play together in an organized fashion. It is a good example of government for each must yield to work with the group for the over all good. There is no place for "independents."

The band has been used continually since its formation at church socials, weddings, club meetings, etc.

We are thankful for their zeal and drive to try to accomplish something worth while for the benefit of others.

You can keep your old "canned music" from a phonograph record—we now have a "Live Band" and its so much better.

Answers to Knowledge Knots

1. An intriguing question, isn't it! If you check II Kings 2:3, and II Kings 4:38, you will find that Elijah was the supervisor of THREE colleges for the training of young people. Schools were in Gilgal, Bethel and Jericho. (See Unger's Bible Dictionary, pg. 979.)
2. There are precisely SEVEN church districts in the United States. Each district is under the supervision of an evangelist or pastor rank minister.
3. Gibraltar is a huge rock peninsula standing at the west entrance of the Mediterranean Sea. It sits on the

straight separating Europe and Africa. Currently it is under British possession—see Genesis 22:17.

4. The only truly American musical instrument is the banjo. Virtually every other musical device was brought here from Europe by the colonists.
5. Earthquake intensity is measured on the Richter scale. The maximum intensity on this scale is 12. Any earthquake with a rating of 5 or over is regarded as strong. We need to be familiar with the characteristics of earthquakes. Check Matt. 24:7.

A NEW CHURCH IN WISCONSIN

by Jim Howell

The work of God in the Northern Midwest District is growing! Another *new church* has been added to serve God's people in the southwest Wisconsin area.

District Superintendent Mr. Dean C. Blackwell and Mr. George Meeker initiated services in Richland Center, Wisconsin on Sabbath morning, February 13, 1965. Over 100 brethren from the states of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota were present.

Richland Center is a town of nearly 5,000 persons located near the western border of the state. It is about halfway between Madison and LaCrosse. It is the county seat of Richland County and located on U.S. Highway 14.

Mr. George Meeker, who is also minister of the Milwaukee church, will be in charge of the "new addition" to our church family. Let us remember to pray for solid growth and true accomplishment in this new church which God Almighty has made possible.

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sheet. Now, as a high-quality *COLOR* magazine, it is read by governors, senators, heads of corporations and government leaders. One day soon it will be the *most widely-read magazine on the face of the earth!*

Our own Ambassador College Press, recovering from a quarter of a million copies of *God Speaks Out On THE NEW MORALITY*, will tackle this challenging new assignment. Additional equipment and machinery have been ordered to speed the production of color.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Many people in the Mid-West area of the Church of God will be saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Charles Morgan. At seventy years of age, Mr. Morgan was vigorously active in Chicago functions and inspired those about him to profitable action.

As the oldest man on the visiting program, he lent balance and stability. Not one to give age as an excuse, he was an inspiring example as a Spokesman and officer in the Sunday night speech club.

DISTRICT TIE BROKEN

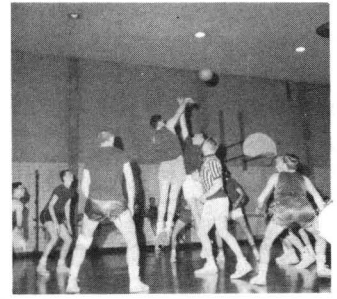
The showdown game arrived on February 21st for the two top teams tied for the district lead. LaGrange and South Chicago proved over-anxious as shots were missed repeatedly. Jesse Bellamy was held to less than 25 points for the first time this season by the LaGrange team. Team balance finally won as LaGrange took the game by the slim margin of two points. The driving play and tireless energy of John Hawkins produced 18 points and topped the game.

The Southside Highschool team produced a thrilling overtime victory against Chicago-LaGrange 64 to 58. Balanced scoring and vigorous hustle produced this thrilling, high scoring game.

Danny Landis, Kenny Svehla, Randy From, Eddie Madison, and Jerome Sturm led the boy's team, while George and Roland Sampson, Pethuel Lindsey, Albert Cousins, Gregory Manuel, Robert Ellis, and Larry Cox provided the hustle and win for the South Side.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost		Won	Lost
South Chicago	7	2	Peoria	0	3
LaGrange	8	1	Milwaukee	0	4
Grand Rapids	3	4	HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE		
Chicago	4	5	LaGrange-Chicago	3	3
Indianapolis	2	2	South Chicago	3	4
South Bend	3	4	Grand Rapids-Elkhart	1	1



You are missing some thrill packed games.

Action in the Kentucky Hills

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Several distant brethren have recently moved into the Lexington city area to be able to attend all services, Bible-studies and Church activities regularly. A hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, the Kidd Hendron families, and to Mrs. Graham, and her sons.

The newest addition to the Lexington Church is Stephanie Ruth Bauman, born January 17, in the midst of the worst blizzard of the year. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bauman, of Versailles, Ky., found themselves totally snowed in when the little miss made her approach imminent. The local doctor and mid-wives were all snow-bound because six-foot drifts blocked many roads. Mr. Bauman had no choice but to "do it himself!" With the doctor, giving detailed instruction over the telephone, another new "member" came into the world. Mother, daughter, father and unnerved doctor who had "never delivered a baby over the telephone before," are all doing fine.

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