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## OUT OF THE PAST

Darkness had already fallen. It was Friday evening—thousands of Chicago families were eating supper, contemplating the coming weekend. A good night to be at home many thought—out of that chilly March wind. Besides, there was nothing much going on tonight . . .

At 64th and Green Streets, a few people entered the Masonic Temple for a meeting. No one paid any attention; only 12 adults and 3 children went in. But God Almighty was **watching**.

This was the birth of the Chicago Church of God under the guidance of Mr. Raymond McNair. It was March 11, 1955.

After 3 meetings, the group moved to a school hall on South Honore Street. A few months later another hall at 2345 South Kedzie was procured.

By July 1956, church attendance had climbed to 40. Then one day, a new minister was introduced to the small group—Mr. Dean Blackwell. Little did we imagine then that nine years later there would be about 400 people in each of 3 local churches.

Just how did the church become 30 times larger in just 9 years? Because one man was **dedicated to service**. He spent hundreds of hours behind the steering wheel so he could be in St. Louis or Chicago or Milwaukee—and many times **all 3** between sunset Friday and sunset Saturday. He delivered the sermons, visited the sick, performed the weddings, preached the

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*Evangelist, Mr. Dean C. Blackwell, (center) bid farewell by one of many brethren waiting in line for hours at McCormick Place after Sabbath Service.*



*Welcomed by the Chicago, LaGrange area is our new district superintendent, Mr. Bill McDowell.*

## Chicago Welcomes Mr. Bill McDowell

On September 11, 1965, Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, 2nd Vice President of the Philadelphia era of the Church of God and Superintendent of all ministers in the United States, opened the very special Sabbath Service in Chicago with an introduction of the new Chicago District Superintendent Mr. Bill McDowell.

For the many Chicago church members, this was the first opportunity to see and hear Mr. McDowell who gave the first of two sermons for the day. Mr. Meredith followed with the second sermon titled "Do you really believe in the Kingdom of God?" The service began with a vibrant and lively song session led by Mr. McDowell. His wife Rose and two sons, Joel-Scott and Shawn were also present.

Mr. McDowell set his prior college years aside to attend Ambassador College and graduated in 1960 with Mr. A. J. Portune. Because of the zeal, drive and growth of both he and Mr. Portune, and there being only one office of President of the Student body, a special office was created and Mr. McDowell became the first student body Vice President in the history of Ambassador college.

After graduation, he served in the San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Texas area. From there he was sent to the big Pittsburgh church with an attendance then of about 300. After 3 years and much growth there, he was assigned to Seattle and Tacoma, Washington.

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### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for sending me the "Church of God News". I have been receiving it for several years without sending an offering. I am enclosing a small offering at this time.

The paper is passed to different members and is greatly appreciated, so please keep it coming

Thank you,

Mrs. Madge O. Zimmerman  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Editor,

I read a copy of the July 1965 Church of God News (Chicago District) at Orr, Minnesota, this summer. It is certainly a superior paper and contained a wealth of valuable information.

If possible, would you place my name on your mailing list?

Also, if you still have available copies of the edition containing the Generations of Abraham, I would be grateful for a copy.

Thank You,

J. L. Lacour  
Pasadena, California

# BIG SANDY, HERE WE COME!

Preparations are all "GO" for the soon coming Feast of Tabernacles at Big Sandy, Texas. OR ARE THEY? Many will be making this trip to Texas for the first time and for some this will be their first Feast of Tabernacles. This God-given blessing comes once a year and an elect people joyfully look forward to gathering together in the place God chooses. What an opportunity!

REMEMBER . . . serious accidents have ocured in the past while travelling to the Feast. Our part of a safe trip will be a cautious, alert, wide awake awareness of the road and conditions. Plan your trip in advance to prevent accidents and enjoy this opportunity.

A good, wholesome balanced lunch to be eaten either in the car or at roadside is often better than the usual grade of restaurant food and can be much more fun.

Most of the Chicago area car bumpers have the reflective letter "P" (Philadelphia) for fellowship on the road or in case of car trouble. Many interesting stories are told of help extended to cars so identified. You may have one to tell this year!

Even astronauts have a through check list for a successful launch . . .

Here's ours:

#### HOME

- All lights off and appliance cords pulled.
- Timer for a night light to go on every evening in house to discourage prowlers.
- Leave key to trusted individual to check your house periodically.
- All pets properly cared for.
- Secure all windows and doors.
- Dispose of all perishable foods.
- Make arrangements for mail and newspapers.

#### AUTO

- Map.
- Have serviceman check brakes and tires for cuts and damage. (especially brake hoses on old cars)
- Engine tune-up.
- Check radiator (flush out if nesary).
- New windshield wiper to improve vision.
- Check all car lights (save yourself a traffic fine.
- Have a flare or flasher for emergency.
- Good spare tire?

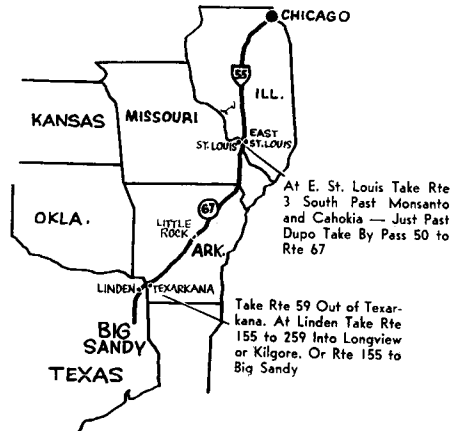
- Good jack and tire tools?
- Flashlight and first aid kit.
- CLOTHES
- Heavy coat or jacket (just in case).
- Rain coats and boots for entire family.
- Swimming suit.
- Tennis shoes and sport clothes for ball games.

#### AMUSEMENT

- Games to keep children occupied in car.
- Recent Plain Truth magazines to offer question and answer fun for everyone.

IS EVERYTHING A-OK?  
BLAST OFF! !

### The fastest route to the Feast



## NUPTIALS AT SOUTH BEND CHURCH!

It was all smiles as Mr. William Topash and Miss Sarah Bontrager were united in marriage September 4 by Minister Frank McCrady following Sabbath services at the Progress Club, South Bend, Indiana. Levi Bontrager was best man; Mary Topash, bridesmaid; and Elizabeth Bontrager, flower girl. About 75 guests attended the reception held that evening at a private home near Center-ville, Michigan.

# Out of the Past

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funerals, visited the scattered brethren, the new "babes in Christ" and those who attended each week. This man preached the word, was instant in season and out of season, **reproved**, **rebuked** and exhorted with all **patience** and **doctrine**. Why? Because he **knew** the **flock** in this area **was committed to his trust**. He was living proof of the statement, "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" (Matt. 20:27).

During Mr. Blackwell's tenure here, the vitally important Spokesman Club was initiated. The first meeting was held on a Sunday night in August 1959. For awhile meetings were held every third week. Do you recall those first officers?

President,	Mr. Frank McCrady
Vice President,	Mr. Raymond Roenspies
Secretary	Mr. Vernon Johnson
Treasurer	Mr. Arthur Mokarow
Sergeant at Arms	Mr. Fred Mancewicz

The club started with about 30 members. Now there are eight clubs—most with more than 20 members!

But still more was accomplished. A regular Wednesday Bible study came into being. In April 1961, the Chicago newspaper was born. Socials, picnics, and sports were regularly scheduled.

When the position of district superintendent was created Mr. Blackwell served in this capacity, in addition to his other duties. His "district" at one time stretched from Colorado to Toronto.

Truly, we **deeply appreciate** what this dedicated servant of God has done for all of us. Much **FRUIT HAS BEEN BORNE**.

# Over the Waves

by Edward Rudicel

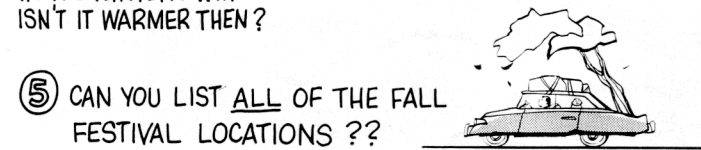
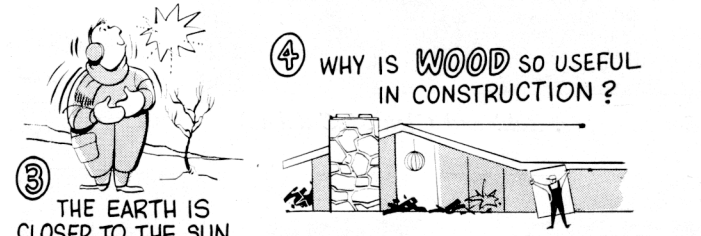
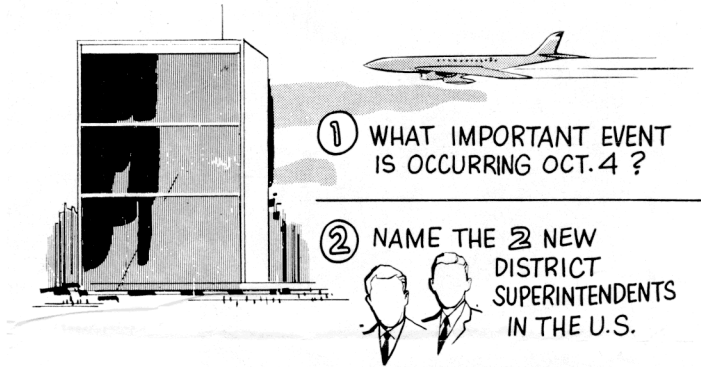
Yes, the World Tomorrow broadcast is booming all over the dial of YOUR RADIO. Your selection is NOT LIMITED to just one low power station daily. A little effort on your part and YOU may be hearing the broadcast at least 7 times a day! Don't be hesitant about zeroing in on stations which you thought were too far away. Here are some good prospects:

STATION	CITY	KILO.	BAND	WHEN	TIME
WLAC	Nashville	1510	AM	Daily	5:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.
KXEL	Waterloo	1540	AM	Mon.-Sat. Sun.	9:30 P.M. 8:00 P.M.
WIBC	Indianapolis	1070	AM	Sun.	10:30 P.M.
WEAW	Chicago	1330	AM	Mon.-Fri.	8:00 A.M.
		105.1	FM	Mon.-Sat. Sun.	7:00 A.M. 8:00 A.M.
WCKY	Cincinnati	1530	AM	Tue.-Sun. Mon.-Sat. Sun.	12:00 A.M. 5:30 A.M. 7-9:30 A.M.
WSPD	Toledo	1370	AM	Mon.-Sat.	9:05 P.M.
WDOK	Cleveland	1260	AM	Sun.	9:00 P.M.
WJJD	Chicago	1160	AM	Daily	10:00 P.M.
			& FM	Sunday	11:00 A.M.
WJOL	Joliet				
WJOB	Hammond				
WWCA	Gary				

Very recent additions—check for time and station

You car owners may be missing something: If your auto has a radio, begin to make use of it. Stations which can be heard only faintly on most table radios come in with surprising clearness, especially when the aerial is fully extended. DON'T be downhearted: you too, can be a steady listener to the BIGGEST half hour on radio!

# Knowledge Knots



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# Welcome Mr. McDowell

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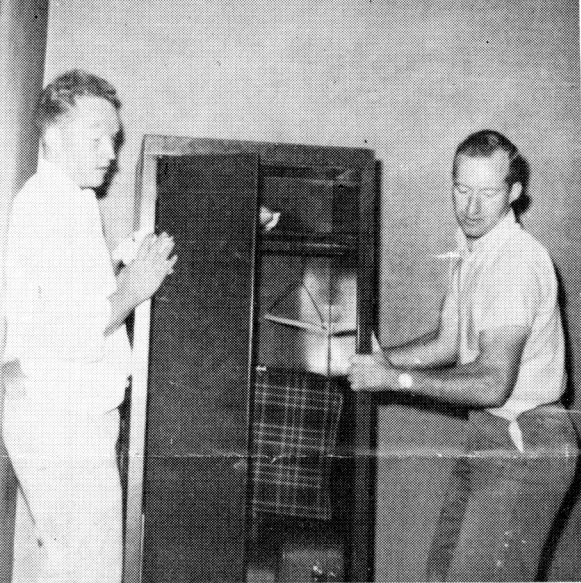
As tender good byes were said in Chicago for departing Evangelist Mr. Dean C. Blackwell and family, similar moments were shared in Washington as Mr. and Mrs. McDowell prepared to leave for the new and greater responsibilities in the Chicago District.

Mrs. McDowell has been on the very important Home Economics Committee with Mrs. Herman L. Hoeh. She was responsible for the "Canning and Freezing with Honey" article in the June-July issue of the Good News magazine. Recalling the delicious looking desserts prepared for the article, Mr. McDowell said after taking the photos, . . . "and then I ate them".



Mr. Gibbs, an exhibition of determination.

Mr. Svehla (left) seems to be walking on air and Mr. Cormany (right) asking "will it ever come down?".



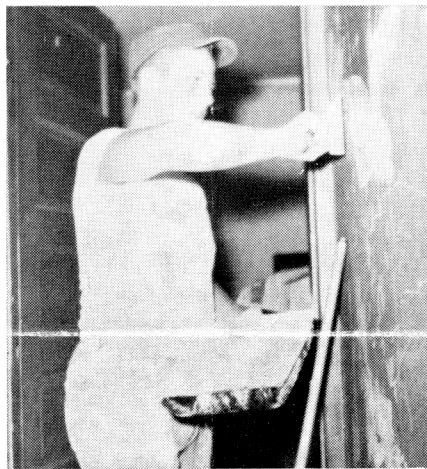
Get Set . . . (Mr. Bald and Glen McCutchan)

## Mission Accomplished In Indianapolis

The opportunity to serve was presented. Members of the Indianapolis Spokesman Clubs were quick to respond, and as a result, Mrs. Hampton's eleven-room house is now glowing with bright and cheerful colors. Notice that one, two, three punch!



Get Ready . . . (Mr. Earl Landis)



Paint . . . (Ron Dailey)

## Mid-West Boys Have Profitable Summer!

by Victor Johnson

Youths who picked berries at the Thomas farm (for fun and profit!) enjoy the Teen-Age outing at Lake Michigan.

It was "Goodbye, Mr. Froiland" at the final Boys' Spokesman Club meeting August 24. The scene took place in an upper story farm building near Grand Junction, Michigan, which 40 midwest Church of God youths age 11 to 17 years, had refurbished into a cheerful, typically "boys only" clubroom.

Berrypicking, softball, swimming, and bunkhouse living, had made it a healthful summer for berry pickers at the Arthur Thomas farm. Best of all was the able tutelage of energetic Mr. Gunnar Froiland, who instructed the boys in Ambassador standards of work and play. A native of Norway, Mr. Froiland begins his senior year at Brickett Woods this September, after having been a junior at Pasadena.

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Officers for the two Boys Spokesman Clubs, berry pickers at the Thomas farm, were Mr. Gunnar Froiland, Club Director, **Tuesday Night Club**—Scott Regener, Treas. (Chicago); Roy Ales, V.P. (Chicago); Charles Green, Pres., (Big Sandy); Mark Schlitt, Sec'y. (Chicago); Gary Cormany, Sgt.-at-Arms (Chicago). **Thursday Night Club**—Ray Griffie, Treas. Tustin, Mich.); Robert Smith, V.P. (Kalamazoo, Mich.); David Jones, Pres. (Kalamazoo); James Turner, V.P. (Big Sandy); Michael Cormany, Sgt.-at-Arms (Chicago).

## Answers — To Knowledge Knots

1. Here is a VITAL QUESTION!! On this date, Pope Paul VI comes to New York to address the United Nations General Assembly. This is the **first time** a reigning pope has visited this country. Not only that, but President Johnson will be in New York to meet with the Pope during his brief stay here!

2. The new district superintendent for the Chicago district is Mr. Bill McDowell. He has previously served in Pittsburgh and Seattle.

Mr. David Antion has taken charge of the new Akron district, composed of the Akron, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Lexington, Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit and Toledo churches.

3. The axis of the earth is tilted 23½ degrees away from vertical. Even though the earth is closer to the sun in winter, the northern hemisphere is tilted **away** from the sun; likewise in summer, even

though the earth is farther away from the sun, the northern hemisphere is tilted **toward** the sun. The effect is just the opposite in the southern hemisphere—explaining why there are greater extremes of temperature there. This "axis tilt phenomenon" also shows why God put much of the earth's land mass in the northern hemisphere, where temperatures are not so extreme.

4. Wood has beauty, strength, durability and pliability qualities. Wood is porous, enabling a house to "breathe" and yet, because of locked cells of air, insulates the home.

5. God's people will be meeting in **eight** locations this year: Big Sandy, Squaw Valley and Jekyll Island in this country; Hayling Island, England; Johannesburg, South Africa; Blackheath, Australia; Kiara, Philippines; and the Isle of Martinique.

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