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MR. ARMSTRONG GREETES CHICAGO!

Pastor General gives 25th Anniversary Message



25th Anniversary Chicago Church of God

GREETINGS! dear Brethren of the Churches of God in the Chicago area.

The celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the Chicago Church of God is a significant milestone in the history of the Worldwide Church of God, now in its 47th year—the “Philadelphia” era of the Church of God, founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ.

In the earlier years of the Chicago Church, I was privileged to meet with and preach to those pioneer brethren a number of times, but I have not been able to meet with you brethren now for some few years.

I am looking forward with joyful anticipation to being with you on this important occasion, enroute to Jerusalem, Cairo and London.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has scheduled a Chicago visit on his way to Jerusalem and other points on his latest tour to carry the end-time message to the 20th century world.

The Chicago Marriott Hotel.



Magnificent.
On North
Michigan
Avenue.

NEW CHICAGO MARRIOTT HOSTS 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The worldwide Church of God has been privileged to obtain the use of the new Chicago Marriott for its 25th anniversary celebration. Located at Ohio St. on glamorous North Michigan Avenue, the hotel features extensive convention facilities, numerous restaurants and shops overlooking a four story atrium, and more than 1,200 sleeping rooms and suites. The dramatic architecture and plush furnishings provide an atmosphere of elegance and quality.

The many local and visiting brethren who are taking advantage of the special reduced room rates for church

members also have access to the hotel's fine recreational facilities, which include a complete health club, lap pool, universal gym, steam and sauna baths.

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In addition, the Chicago area churches have worked overtime to produce an exciting program of nostalgia, entertainment, music and dancing for the night of April 5th. Come join the festive atmosphere and help us celebrate.

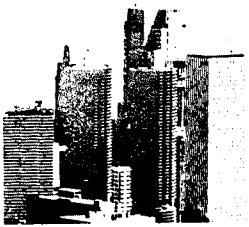
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MARCH 30 PASSOVER LOCAL CHURCHES	31 NIGHT TO BE MUCH REMEMBERED	APRIL 1 HIGH DAY ALL DAY SERVICES McCORMICK PLACE 1:00 PM	2 NO SERVICES	3 NO SERVICES	4 NO SERVICES	SABBATH 5 McCORMICK PLACE 1 pm-3 pm 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER MARRIOTT HOTEL 6:00 PM COCKTAILS 7:00 PM DINNER
6 NO SERVICES	7 HIGH DAY ALL DAY SERVICES McCORMICK PLACE 1:00 AM					



Chicago Lakefront Scene of Pentecost Feast

Spacious McCormick Place on Lake Michigan at 22nd Street was God's choice for observance of the vitally important Day of Pentecost. With a background of Lake Michigan bustling with sailboats and airplanes about 1140 of God's people listened attentively through the morning and afternoon services.

Again, the marked growth of God's work in the Midwest area was evident. Just 3 years ago, about the same number of people met in the same room to observe the same day of Pentecost. THEN, practically every church in the district was present. BUT NOW, in 1966, there was room for only the 3 Chicago area churches! Pentecost services were simultaneously held in SEVERAL locations in the Chicago district.



IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

CHICAGO—HAZEL SCHLITT

● **THANK YOU:** I want to thank all of the ladies who spent so much time and worked so hard to help get the food ready during the Feast Days. Your co-operation was greatly appreciated. Well done good and faithful servants! ● **EVON FRAZIER** has transferred from the South Bend area. We are happy to have her with us. ● **HOLLY OLSON**, the invalid daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Olson, died Sunday, April 10. Although they will feel a loss for a time they fully realize that her death is actually a blessing.

SOUTH SIDE—ESTHERLENE HOLMES

● This was the first Passover **MR. HAROLD JACKSON** has spent in the Chicago area in six years. Mr. Jackson has usually been sent south for either all or part of this feast season. ● The home of **MR. HAROLD JACKSON** was the scene of a baptismal service the day before the Passover. Those baptized were Mrs. Geraldine Nickerson, Evelyn Hooks, Judy Wood, Mrs. Leroy Stevenson, Mr. Leon Pinckney, Mrs. Mary Parram, and Mrs. Nadia Cuelas. ● From South Bend came **SAM GILLESPIE** and **VERONICA JORDAN** who announced their engagement at the Social on April 9. Also announced at the Social was the thirty-third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Adams. Congratulations to both couples! ● We were glad to see Mr. Robert Hill and son from Detroit and Mrs. Bibbs from South Haven; also Mrs. Helen Grant from Elkhart. All the way

from Shaw, Mississippi, came Mrs. Thelma Jones, mother of Mrs. Walter Burtin. ● **THE HAMPTON SISTERS** spent the Days of Unleavened Bread in Indianapolis with brother Russel; sister Virtue, and their mother, Mrs. Alura Hampton.

LA GRANGE NEWS—LILLIAN FOSTER

● **ALL OF US** who remember **DAVID ROENSPIES**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roenspies will be happy to hear of his coming marriage to Miss Artis Thomas. The engagement has been announced but no date as yet has been set for the wedding. It will probably be soon after they both graduate from Ambassador College in June. ● **A HEARTY WELCOME** to **MR. AND MRS. ROBERT BLACK** and their two children. They have come to us from the El Monte Church in California. Mr. and Mrs. Black were baptized in November, 1965. ● **MRS. JULIA HEGGI** is well again and back in church. She wants to thank everyone for all the letters, telephone calls and visits she received. ● **REMEMBER LAST ISSUE'S** coincidence about **MRS. MERCER** of LaGrange and her brother in Nashville. Well here is the sequel—another coincidence . . . Her picture was in the the paper and in the same issue—her brother's picture was also in the paper. Get your paper out and look at the new Spokesman Club Officers—there he is on Page 6, the Sergeant at Arms in the Nashville Club, Mr. Willie Hinson. ● **WELCOME HOME** to **MRS. BEULAH SANDQUIST**. She has been down in Florida attending the Miami Church since October. It is nice having her back in LaGrange with us again.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Black



Mrs. Heggi



Mrs. Sandquist



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

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.

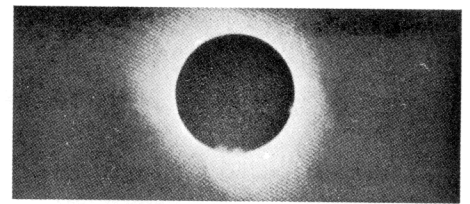
After the cocktails and get-acquainted hour was completed, dinner was served at exactly 8:00 P. M. The highly skilled waiters served a menu consisting of tender sirloin cut of roast beef, tossed salad,

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.



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.

"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')." "



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Einersen
Married September 22, 1962



Four members of the "CHICAGO GANG" visiting the prison are from left to right: Mr. Wilbur Ball, President; Evangelist Raymond McNair and Local Elder Mr. Joseph Tkach honored guests; Mr. Allen Manteufel Sunday Evening Club Director.

State Prison Visitors

by Harold Stocker

"Alright, five at a time" said the stern guard at the Illinois State Penitentiary as the Sunday Evening Spokesman Club of Chicago was led through the gate of the maximum security prison by Mr. Raymond McNair (visiting Chicago while enroute to Pasadena) and Mr. Allen Manteufel the Club Director.

After being "frisked" at the gate and numbered by the guards, we went from one section to another until we had covered the dining facilities, trade shops and school rooms. Men at this prison make uniforms, clothes, steel desks, furniture and soap as well as repair radios and T.V. during their 5 hour work day. Every one has a job.

Mr. Tkach and many spokesmen asked questions of our lieutenant guide. One such question was, "What is the cause for these men being here?" "From what I can see," the guide said . . . "it is the home life, not ever knowing or being taught the difference between right and wrong, no discipline or help."

After leaving our I.D. papers and being checked out via a small stamp on our hands, we were numbered again and released through the exit gate.

From the prison, the Club journeyed to a nearby restaurant where a lively sing session rattled the rafters.

An informal meeting was held in a private room where spokesmen commented on what they had seen and heard in the prison.

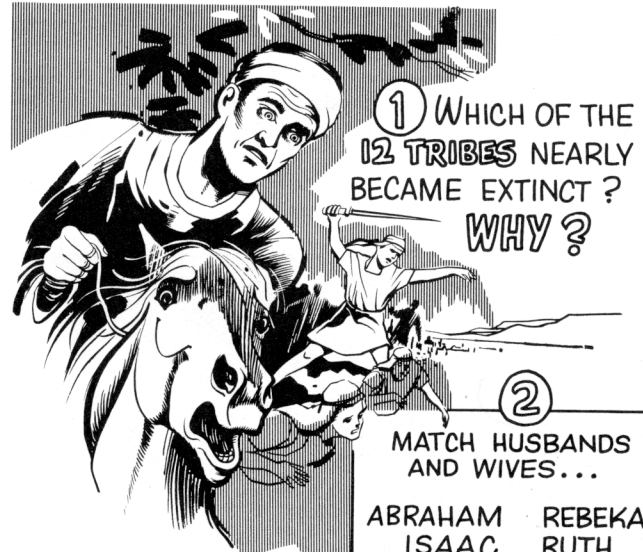
Mr. McNair gave his farewell comments and charged the club to be diligent and more aware of our opportunities as spokesmen.

Foundations for future club activities are already being laid



Happy "sing singers" just released from prison and enjoying fellowship together are members of the Sunday Evening Spokesman Club of Chicago.

Knowledge Knots



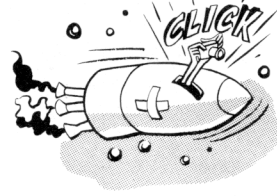
① WHICH OF THE 12 TRIBES NEARLY BECAME EXTINCT? WHY?

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MATCH HUSBANDS AND WIVES...

ABRAHAM	REBEKAH
ISAAC	RUTH
JACOB	ORPHA
ESAU	LEAH
BOAZ	RACHEL
MAHLON	MAHALATH
CHILION	SARAH

③ HOW DOES MARS LOOK LIKE THE MOON... AND WHY?!



④ WHAT IS THE POPULATION OF THE EARTH?



② WHO WON THE MIDWEST CHURCH OF GOD BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT?

① WHY WAS RUTH A MOABITE CHOSEN BY GOD TO MOTHER THE LINEAGE OF KING DAVID AND CHRIST?



③ WHAT IS TROGYLLIUM?

④ WHAT IS KILLING THE FISH IN LAKE MICHIGAN?

⑤ GIVE THE ANCIENT NAMES OF THE SIX COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES? WHY SIX?

Answers to Knowledge Knots

Hello Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell Sr. !!!

The population of Kilgore, Texas dropped by two when the District Superintendent's parents arrived in the Chicago area for a "clan" get-together on Father's Day. Picture below shows Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell Sr. leaving the LaGrange church after hearing their son give the morning sermon. Nearly every-

one had the opportunity to meet them due to the "COME EARLY STAY LATE" trend in the Blackwell family. Adding to their lists of acquaintances were: (left to right) Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Blackwell, Mr. John Coco, Mr. Blackwell, Sharon Sturm, Mr. Fred Mancewicz.



Mr. and Mrs. S. Dean Blackwell Sr. as they leave the LaGrange Church service after a stirring sermon given by their son, Mr. Dean C. Blackwell.



MINISTERS GATHER IN CHICAGO FOR DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD
12 of God's Ministry (God's foundational number) gathered in the Chicago area to exhort, correct and edify over 2,300 called out ones. Not too long ago the whole work did not have more than 12 ministers to serve world wide. Today, in the district we have had the privilege of hearing and learning of THE WAY expounded by as many. Pictured from left to right are:

First row . . . Mrs. Young, Mrs. Roenspies, Mrs. Dorothy, Mrs. Blackwell, Mrs. Manteufel, Mrs. Bald, Mrs. Catherwood

Second row . . . Mr. Young, Mr. Pyle, Mrs. Pyle, Mrs. Tkach, Mr. Dorothy, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Crim, Mrs. Meeker, Mr. Meeker, Mr. Bald.

Thrid row . . . Mr. Roenspies, Mr. Tkach, Mr. McCrady, Mr. Manteufel, Mr. Crim, Mr. Catherwood.

1. A wayfaring Levite and his concubine staying overnight in Gibeah (owned by Benjamites) were set upon by certain inordinate men who violated the concubine. (A situation paralleling that of Lot's guests in the city of Sodom.) The war that followed brought 400,000 Israelite swordsmen against 26,700 Benjamite soldiers—700 of whom could sling stones (left handed no less) at a hairs breadth AND NOT MISS! (Judges 20:16). Toward the end of the battle when the 600 remaining Benjamites were about to be erased (thus ending the tribes completely) the slaughter ceased. Realizing the tribe was about to become extinct, they cried out to God for help.

Read of the elaborate plan to keep from breaking a vow and yet find wives for these 600 men in Judges 21!

2. Abraham-Sarah, Isaac-Rebekah, Jacob-Leah and Rachel, Esau-Mahalath (third wife of Esau), Mahlon-Ruth, Boaz-Ruth, (after death of Mahlon), Chilion-Orpha.

3. Scientists were JOLTED when the recent Mars photos revealed the same dead, pock-marked condition as that of our Moon. Yawning craters thousands of feet deep and 3 to 75 miles wide appeared on the film instead of the canals and vegetation they had hoped for and expected.

More evidence of the VIOLENT interplanetary war that took place between Gen. 1:1 and verse 2.

4. Nearly 3 billion at the present time. At the present growth rate the population would be doubled in 30 years.

1. Ruth, a Gentile, was a type—a forerunner of the opening of salvation to the Gentiles (see Acts 10:28 and 11:1). She was an "outsider" grafted into the royal line. Ruth was yielded and was rewarded for it—see Ruth 2:10-12.

2. Suburban LaGrange was the champion over runner-up Indianapolis 98-76. This was an unusual tournament because it OPENED a season of basketball competition.

3. Did you get this one? Trogyllium is a place—a city through which PAUL traveled. (Acts 20:15.)

4. The culprit is the Lamprey eel. This snake like creature is responsible for destroying untold numbers of fish in all the Great Lakes.

5. (1) Zebulon, Holland), (2 and 3) Asher (Belgium and Luxembourg), (4) Assyria (West Germany), (5) Reuben (France), (6) Babylon (Italy). Six is mans number of organization, see Rev. 13:18.



EDITORIAL by Allen Manteufel

Don't Be a Dead-Pan!

KICKAPOO CAMPOUT

by Bruce Vance

On the 30th and the 31st of May, a family campout, sponsored by the Madison Spokesman Club under the direction of Mr. Jim Haines, took place at the Nenstiel farm in the Kickapoo Valley of Wisconsin about twenty miles north of Richland Center. The campout was to help Mr. Nenstiel paint his barn and do other chores around his farm, and to provide camping experience for those who spent the night in tents.

Much was accomplished in the two days, including some much needed grass cutting, some plowing, and the clearing away of a few dilapidated buildings. Although the primary purpose of the campout was to paint the barn, only half of this mission was accomplished due to a lack of paint.

The bright sunshine complemented the beautifully rolling countryside, and even the rain seemed right in tune with the wooded hilltops. Sports and games were enjoyed both outside and inside, baseball, volleyball and children's games were participated in by all. Instruction in erecting a campsite and in the proper use and handling of firearms was given to those old enough to benefit from it.

Homemade ice cream and the last May shower ushered in the end to a profitable and satisfying weekend, as the weary campers returned home with thoughts already running ahead to the possibility of another Kickapoo Campout.



"Chicago's Broken Bone Club" accidentally developed in one week when Marvin Edelbach, Mrs. Ted Efimov, and Tom Vandermolten broke a bone in their arms. It makes you wonder what they are smiling about!

Apathy, boredom, unconcern characterizes the world in which we live. People are unable to have a wholesome **enthusiasm** for anything.

This was **vividly** illustrated several weeks ago as the National League baseball pennant race was reaching its furious climax. Two teams—the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cincinnati Reds—were hammering it out for the championship. The St. Louis team was finishing up against the Mets from New York while the Reds of Cincinnati were battling the Pittsburgh Pirates. The league championship and share of the world series were at stake.

Down in St. Louis loyal fans were jamming the ball park, shouting, screaming, cheering their team on every play. The air of loyalty, enthusiasm and fervor sparked the hometown Cardinals.

Meanwhile, up in Cincinnati a strange paradox was taking place—a paradox which illustrates the **empty, spiritless** lives most people live. Instead of the 40,000 seat ball park being packed with yelling, applauding fans, barely 7-8,000 spectators bothered to come out and back their team. Such fickleness, lack of loyalty and enthusiasm was appalling!

This was not all. The second to last league game was a thriller. The Reds had battled their opponent to a scoreless tie for nine innings. Reports of this game were being telephoned each half inning to St. Louis where each scoreless inning was received with thunderous roars!

Then, another shock came. To the dismay of many—hundreds upon hundreds of "fans" casually got up and left the ballpark with the game and league championship still hanging in the balance.

You brethren of God's church need to take a **vital** lesson from all this.

The **carnal** mind is **fickle**. Most times it is pitifully empty—only short-lived periods does it have something to be enthusiastic about.

God's personality exudes enthusiasm. Loyalty, concern, excitement, optimism, characterizes His spirit. Wholesome, balanced, emotional expression radiate from **God's personality**.

Brethren, we are not to be unemotional, unexpressive **dead pans!** That's the mark of stunted carnality. Heartily throw yourselves into every phase of Christian living—study, prayer, church occasions and family activities. Get **excited** over each day you live. Live life with gusto and enthusiasm!



Chicago's Loss—Pasadena's Gain. Mr. and Mrs. Keneth Ellis, guests of honor to the Saturday night spokesman's club farewell dinner. Mr. Ellis has been chosen to teach at Imperial School in Pasadena and help develop school curriculum for the schools system in the world tomorrow. In the rear is Mr. Beyersdorfer, host and his lovely daughter, Marcia who is also leaving to become a freshman at Ambassador College, Texas.



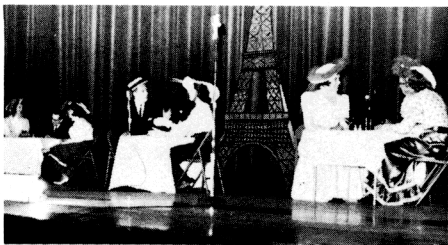
It's a puzzlement.



Hello Dolly.



The second annual Show of Shows being dedicated to Miss Bresson as she is being presented a bouquet of Roses by Mr. Blackwell.



I remember it well.



My Fair Lady.



Get me to the church on time.

1300 Enjoy Show of Shows!

COLOR COMES ALIVE ON THE WIDE STAGE by Harold Stocker

The most dynamic and ambitious production of all time was meticulously prepared and enthusiastically presented before well over 1,300 people at the Gary Auditorium during the Days of Unleavened Bread. The program, consisting of the very best stage music of our time, was bound for success from the start. The huge stage called for full scale production techniques common to professional theatricals, but never before experienced by the Chicago Chorale. This gigantic task called for teamwork and top planning talent. Mr. Charles Hallier (Musical Director) kept the musical and acting elements together in expert fashion.

Come behind the scenes for just a moment. Before the brilliant blending of color and song ever reaches your eyes and ears, hours of tedious practice and planning were a must. But, as in all efforts in God's Church, the joy was greater for those who did the work and gave their energies.

Rolling off to a start, the River City Band sparked by snappy, high-stepping Harold Hill (Fred Manciewicz) in his brilliant red and royal blue uniform complete with full plumed hat, sold the nervous townfolk on a 76 trombone band made up of pool cue experts. With a change in tempo, Mrs. Tkach, dressed in apple blossom pink, sang several songs from Music Man. This prepared the audience for an afternoon of awe and anticipation!

Lisa Doolittle (Eleanor Barrows), equipped with cockney accent and flower

basket, successfully murdered the English language until Prof. Henry Higgins' (John Hawkins) persistent tutoring paid off in the delightful song "The Rain in Spain Lays Gently on the Plain." Mr. Doolittle (Oscar Olson), in the elegant white cutaway tailored by the nimble needles of Mrs. Olson, was finally "carried to the church"—though whether "on time" is questionable.

Wagon wheels and the corral around the old red barn took us to Oklahoma for a dazzling display of lively square dancing to Karen Sterling's hot violin strings. So moving was this music, that nearly everyone in the audience must have desired to take part themselves. Such dancing comes easily for truly happy people. Full flowing dresses in checks, yellow and green merged together in colorful harmony amid shouts and pistol shots. Included was Mr. Edmund Stout, our authentic cowboy.

Sidewalk cafe, Eiffel Tower, girls and wine seemed to sway Maurice Chevalier (Wilbur Ball) and jar his memory slightly in the melody "I Remember It Well." Gigi (Nancy Kurtz) did her best to straighten him out as all "Remember Quite Well." Mr. Ball also sparked the entire show as master of ceremonies.

The King of Siam (Jack Freel) arrived on the elaborate scene in his 8 cylinder sedan, powered by 8 bald headed strong men. The audience was captured by the exotic silky costumes. Costumes for the entire program were organized by a costume committee checking on au-



Music Man.



Oklahoma.



Lida Rose

thenticity.

Who can forget the grand climax "Hello Dolly" by Sanders Ray and the chorale? Sensing keen audience "snap" from an afternoon of the world's liveliest stage music, Mr. Ray invited audience participation which capped a day of entertainment we won't soon forget.

Our sincere and deep thanks to everyone responsible for our first Broadway size production.

FEAST FUN SHOW

Ministers and Deacons Thrill Audience With Antics

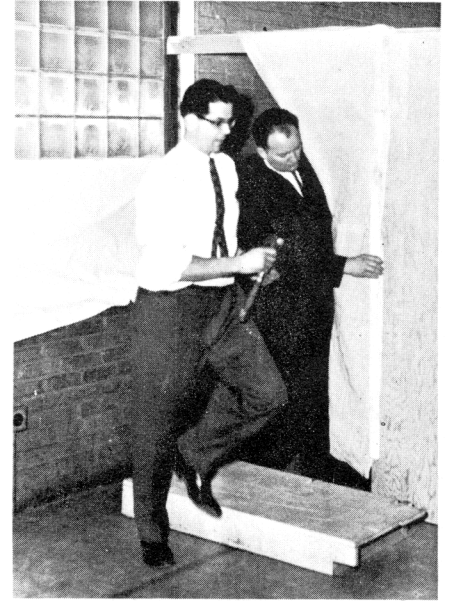
by John Hawkins

What a success! In every way it was filled with the proper tone and balance throughout. Everyone had fun. It got off to a unique start by the well-known and comical figures of Amos and Andy, portrayed by Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Pyle. Naturally everyone was interested not only in the jokes that were told but also in the humorous way they were given and exchanged. Next, a song taken from the Academy Award winning picture 'Mary Poppins' was sung by Mr. Mancewicz and his family. This appealed to the young and old alike by audience participation in singing "supercalifragilistic . . ."—a tongue twister and a half! Some more jokes were highlighted by Mr. Foster dressed in his colorful Maxwell Street style. The program continued with a beautiful and popular song, "On the Street Where You Live," done by Mr. McCrady and Mrs. Tkach. The next scene was a silhouette by Mr. Ball and Mr. Fowler. The two doctors were

operating on a patient. This was hilarious. Livers, intestines, and appendix were all awkwardly extracted and heaved overboard during which time the patient's bank account was voraciously examined by one nurse while the other one administered anaesthetic very skillfully to the awakening patient by means of a claw-nail **hammer**. It ended with the operation being a **smashing** success even though funeral preparations followed. Another much enjoyed scene was the Southern Barber Shop. The two colored barbers were Sam, who had sudden fits of jittery nerves (Mr. Tkach) and sunglassed Grease Lightning, (Dr. Dorothy) who couldn't see too well—the barber shop specialized in **close shaves**. These were just a few of the fine performances. The outstanding part of the show was the fine **example** set through the proper balance of finesse and laughter for all.

A Message to Garcia

You are there. 3 p.m., a finger taps you on the back and says "Garcia, you have a job to do. The assignment is: Erect a stage (go get the lumber for it) obtain stage props necessary, stage make-up for the individual acts, build a dressing room and get the costumes ready by 7 p.m. this evening." With two ready hands and ten nimble toes, Mr. Svehla,



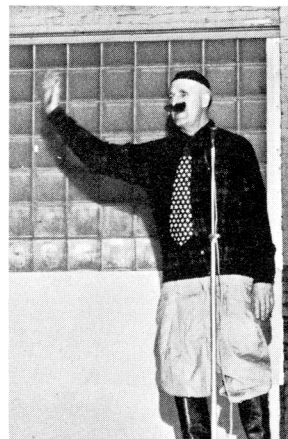
tabbed for the job, recruited his his "Bohemian work crew" slashed all redtape and got the show going on time. Those at the Chicago Bible Study several weeks ago would call that "Getting the Blue Vase."



Hello Lyle Vershowske, the clown from Milwaukee.



Amos (Mr. Pyle) and Andy (Mr. Blackwell) stop the show with balanced humor and antics.

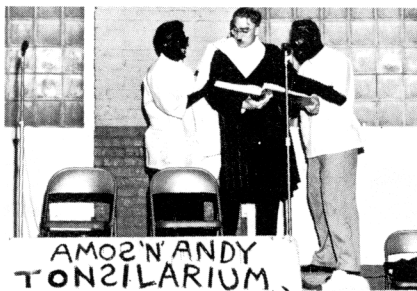


Deacon Lowell Foster caught in Maxwell street garb.

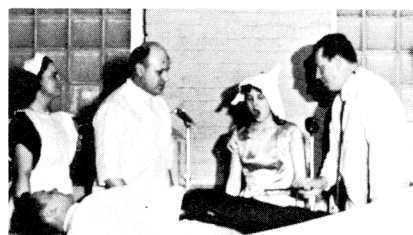
CHICKENING OUT



After a hard days work five deacons were caught red handed eating chicken. Mr. Kreiger was in charge of counseling; Mr. Raymond Johnson and Mr. Dawson, the stage area; Mr. Van Slooten, the ushers; and Mr. Cormany of the detective squad (you can tell by the white trench coat). Quietly entering the kitchen unnoticed they were caught in the act by our on-the-spot photographer.



Greased Lightning (Dr. Dorothy) and Slippery Sam (Mr. Tkach) assist Professor Manteufel off the stage.



Nurse Schlitt, Drs. Fowler and Ball, assisted by Nurses Aid Cindy Gallo-way successfully kill patient Ham-brook.

Local Elder Leaves for Pasadena!

Our well known and respected local Elder Joseph Tkach (known to many as TK) is being sent to Headquarters to take special training at Ambassador College. Those old timers in the Chicago Church might well have predicted this, for since he was baptized in 1958, he has been a zealous and dedicated servant of the church brethren.

It was soon recognized that he had God-given abilities and a degree of maturity that could be used. Before an "official" visiting team was established in Chicago, both Mr. and Mrs. Tkach were requested to visit among the brethren to help where they could. When the first Spokesman Club was formed in Chicago he was among those chosen to be a club officer.

He was a pearl in the rough when it came to giving speeches. Because he was born and reared of foreign-born parents, he developed what became known as the Chicago "slanguage." Yet through perseverance and the help of his wife, he overcame this handicap until he qualified to give sermonettes and later sermons in many churches of the Chicago District today.

It was January of 1961 that Mr. Tkach was ordained as a Deacon. He fulfilled this office so well that he was actually doing a job of a local elder. This was recognized and he was ordained to that office Pentecost of 1963.

Mr. Tkach will quickly tell you that the successful life he has enjoyed so far, began with the rough but helpful training his Russian born father gave him. His father allowed him to join the Navy at age 17. He saw action through many Naval battles in the South Pacific while serving on a destroyer during World War II.

Long before he was called into the church, Mr. Tkach was serving his employer with the zeal he is serving God's people today. Starting as an machinist apprentice, he became a skilled tool-maker and later a foreman over his own crew. Even then he had the respect of his men so much so that even two years after leaving his employment for the ministry, some of the old crew heard of his leaving for California and came by to say Good-bye! This certainly indicated the voluntary respect given him by those without as well as those within the Church.

Whatever can be said about Mr. Tkach, a truth is that behind a successful man is a successful woman. His constant aid, confidant, counselor and devoted wife Elaine is as much responsible for his achievements as he is. She has fulfilled successfully the office of Deaconess, being ordained in December of 1962.

As every good tree bears good fruit, the Tkach children Joey, Tanya, and Jennifer, are well on their way to following their parents footsteps. Joey earned a double promotion in grammar school and was a straight A student. Both the girls have done outstanding

work in school. Tanya was an A student while Jennifer received awards for her science projects.

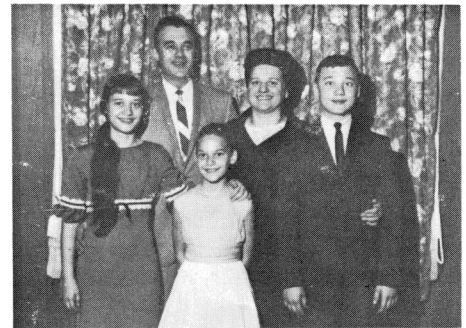
Because time allowed, the people showed their love and respect for the Tkachs' in a tangible way. First the Chicago-LaGrange Choir which they served, honored them with a party at the home of Mrs. Vance. They presented them with a pair of beautiful silver candelabra. They also were given a picture album containing memorable candid shots from the two Choir Concerts and many Church socials.



Mr. Joseph Tkach



These two pictures were taken on the morning of July 17 during the moving process for the Tkach family. In one picture are several men of the church who "lent a hand" in this difficult task; the other photo shows the very fine Ambassador College semi-trailer which is driven by Mr. Archie McNair. This truck is kept busy moving ministers' possessions and church supplies.



Left to right: Tanya, Mr. Tkach, Jenny, Mrs. Tkach and Joey.

At the recent Church picnic the Tkachs' were presented with a multitude of beautiful and truly exceptional gifts. They received a full set of silverware including silver meat platter, gravy, and butter dishes. Now they may serve dinner at the zenith of elegance. They also were given a 12 place set of white bone china with silver rim. In addition, each of the children were given personal gifts.

Though they will be missed, the Chicago District people do not regret that the Tkachs' are leaving. It is with the understanding that they both may grow further to be better equipped to serve God's people in even a greater capacity. Through their years among us the Tkachs' built strong enduring friendships and personal love among many of the brethren, so on your leaving us for a while, we simply say to you—We love you and God's speed.

New "Panorama America" To Be Presented



Narrators Wilbur Ball and Ken Ellis flank Miss Dorothy Bresson whose piano accompanied the Chorale and soloists on songs of many countries.



The dramatic finale! Mrs. Joyce Hitch portrays the Statue of Liberty as the Chorale sings "America the Beautiful."



Chorale President Fred Mancewicz sings out, "Alouette — je te plu ma rae."



Director Charles Halliar did a fine job after only two months in which to prepare.

Shown here are some scenes from the recent production of "Panorama America," the first annual concert of the Chicago-LaGrange Chorale. The performance was very successful and quite well received by the local area people attending. Now a revised and improved version is to be presented especially for the entertainment and enjoyment of the scattered brethren who will be in the area to celebrate Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread. The present plans are to hold the concert the afternoon of Sunday, March 29th. The exact time and place will be given during the announcements at the services that week-end.

The fine choice of music provided an enjoyable and cultural experience for everyone who attended the first performance. It is quite evident that the chorale is continuing to improve under the able direction of Mr. Charles Halliar. The coming performance should be great. Don't miss this one



CLARENCE BASS, ELBERT ATLAS TO ATTEND AMBASSADOR COLLEGE

Jesus Christ, the head of the true Church of God, has inspired His ministers at headquarters to ask that Mr. Clarence Bass and Mr. Elbert Atlas be sent to Ambassador College. They will begin further studying and training to help them to be better prepared to serve their people. This Act of God is evidence that He has more work ahead to be done among the Negro people.

These two men and their wives will make the third Negro couple to attend the College. Mr. Harold Jackson, now a Preaching Elder in God's Church, and the associate pastor of the Chicago Colored Church, and his wife, were the first Negroes to attend the College. The fruits of one semester spent there has shown greatly in Mr. Jackson's work as he ministers to his people.

TEA HELD FOR MRS. BLACKWELL

Mrs. Dean Blackwell was honored at a tea held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Tkach on Sunday, December 29th. Approximately 80 ladies attended the Open House, showing their respect and appreciation for the wife of the Superintendent over this area.

Highlighting the afternoon was the presentation of a gift of money from the Churches, which was a surprise for Mrs. Blackwell.

Mrs. Tkach and Mrs. Joseph Schlitt, deaconesses, and the wives of the Chicago and LaGrange deacons prepared the refreshments.



Mr. and Mrs. Dean C. Blackwell. Mr. Blackwell was ordained an Evangelist in God's Church on January 8, 1964.

The 23rd Channel

The T.V. set is my shepherd. My spiritual growth shall want.

It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for His name's sake, because it requireth all my spare time. It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian, because it presenteth so many good shows that I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world, and keepeth me from the study of God's word. It leadeth me in the paths of failing to attend the evening worship services, and doing nothing in the Kingdom of God.

Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep on viewing my T.V. as long as it will work, for it is my closest companion. Its sound and its picture, they comfort me.

It presenteth entertainment before me, and keepeth me from doing important things with my family. It fills my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the word of God.

Surely, no good thing will come of my life, because my T.V. offereth me no good time to do the will of God; thus I will dwell in the place of the Devil and his angels forever. (The Ghost Writer)

LADDICAN JONES



Example of Prayer

Adam & Eve & That Apple

How many apples did Adam and Eve eat? Some say Eve 8 and Adam 2- a total of 10 only. Now we figure the thing out differently. Eve 8 and Adam 8 also—total 16.

And yet the above figures are entirely wrong. If Eve 8 and Adam 82, certainly the total would be 90. Scientific men, however, reason something like this: Eve 81 and Adam 82—total 163.

Wrong again; what could be clearer than, if Eve 81 and Adam 812, the total was 893.

If Eve 81 1st and Adam 812, would not the total be 1,623.

The following is another solution: Eve 814 Adam, Adam 8124 Eve — total 8,938.

Still another calculation is as follows: If Eve 814 Adam, Adam 81242 oblige Eve—total 82056. We think this, however, not a sufficient quantity. For though we admit that Eve 814 Adam, Adam if he 8081242 keep Eve company—total 8,082,056.

All wrong. Eve, when she 81812 many, and probably she felt sorry for it, but her companion, in order to relieve her grief, 812. Therefore, when Adam 81814242fy Eve's depressed spirit. Hence both ate 81,896,864 apples.

German Broadcast Now Beamed Into The Heartland Of Assyria!

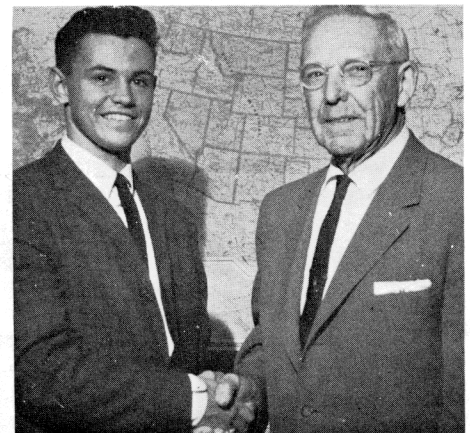
For the first time since Jonah preached repentance to the ancient Assyrians, they are again receiving warning!

Die Welt von Morgen is growing in influence and listener interest. From a mere 21 letter response to that first challenging 15 minutes on the first Sunday in 1961, we are now receiving about 90 letters per program. We have heard from every European country with the exception of Bulgaria, Portugal, and Spain.

"Thank you for your interesting broadcast even if it does come from London . . . Your broadcast comes from London; I didn't know you people were interested in us!" the Germans write in response to the broadcast. Some have claimed they could listen to our theme song, "Daughter of Zion" by Handel, all day long.



The smiling and industrious German staff —From left: Robert Neitsch, Ruth Neitsch, Mr. Werner Jebens, Bill Eastburn, and Donna Fink.



A handshake joins 99 years — 19 on the left and 80 on the right. Mr. Charles Cary is the youngest club member and Mr. Henry Riem the oldest.

Thank You

THE LADIES CLUB of Chicago wish to thank Miss Emma Dayton and Mrs. Alma Jean Thomas for the secretarial work they are performing.

Emma Dayton is a native of Illinois, born on a farm near Gridley, attended High School in El Paso, and has for many years lived in the "Windy City," Chicago.

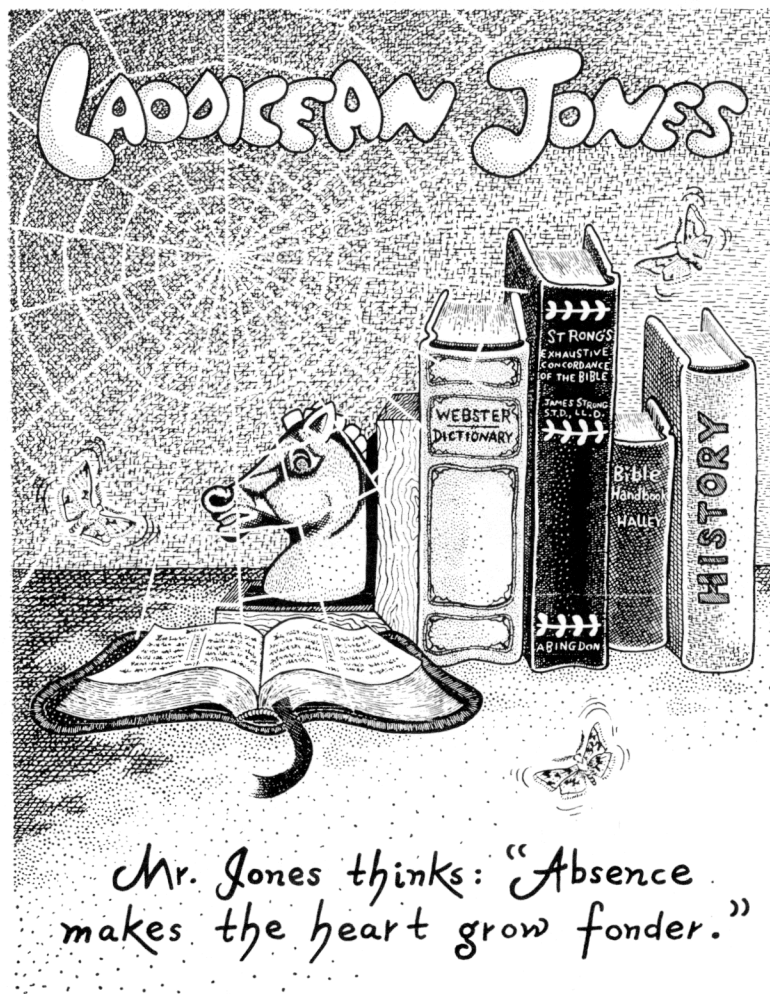


She has attended Church three years and three months. Her special skills are personnel management, shorthand and typing, and a fervent desire to serve God!

Mrs. Alma Jean Thomas, originally a Chicagoan, lived five years in California. During the fifth year she attended the Pasadena Church, then returned to Chicago, now attends the Chicago Church. Mrs. Thomas is a constant help for she is expert in shorthand, typing and is an accomplished stenotypist.



GOD does provide capable workers. Winifred Keogh-Dwyer



EPIC OF ENTHUSIASM

ZAP — WOW — ZOWIE — BAM!



These words are overworked adverbs to describe action on a currently popular TV show but not so in describing the life of **JULIAN OAKLEY**. He is known as Casey among intimate friends and business associates.

As a boy of 15, Mr. Oakley had to go to work to help support the family because of the death of his father. Only finishing school through the sixth grade, his lack of education was made up by the tremendous energy, drive and enthusiasm with which he tackled every job.

Starting as a messenger for stock and investment brokers and bankers on La-Salle Street, he soon came to the attention of some important people. He took on jobs in the insurance and advertising fields. Some executives in the food business took personal interest in

him and advised him how to add dignity and poise to his inborn drive and enthusiasm. As a wholesale and retail food salesman, he sold things from Jello to hops and barley malt for brewing beer. Since 1951 he has held a sales position with the Skinner Food Brokerage Firm.

Mr. Oakley was among the early members of the Chicago Church. He first attended the old Kedzie Avenue Church in 1956 and was baptized in 1957 by Mr. Raymond McNair. As one of the original spokesman club members, he served as a light to the younger men and really "sparked-up" a meeting.

He also was one of the original 16 choir members organized by Miss Bresson in 1959. Though absent for a time because of a serious heart condition, he still is a faithful member of the choir and sings regularly when they perform.

Mrs. Oakley, through their 31 years of marriage, has been a faithful and devoted wife. Many of us know her personally and enjoy her company at the various church social activities. Mr. Oakley is retiring this year and plans



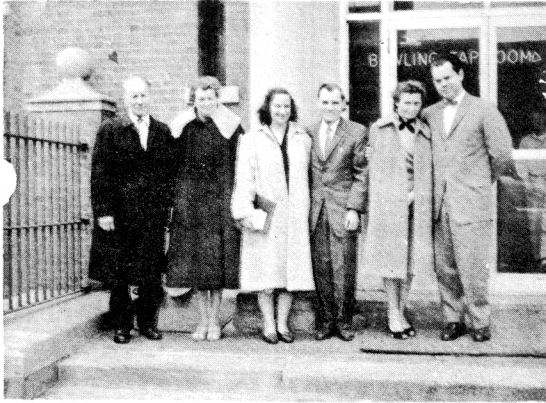
MINISTERIAL ASSISTANT

Mr. Nelson Hass, a member of the senior class at Ambassador College, Pasadena, has been assisting Minister Frank McCrady in the Grand Rapids-South Bend area since January 13.

A native of California and 29 years of age, Mr. Hass spent three years in the Army, then 2½ years at Cabrillo Junior College before entering Ambassador. He is engaged to be married in June to Miss Linnea VanLanduyt, a sophomore at Ambassador College, Pasadena.

to make a new home in San Jose, California.

Whatever will unfold for the Oakleys in the immediate future we only wish them Godspeed. We know this, that through his years with us, the Chicago Church has been the beneficiary for his presence here. Keep on pushing and driving Casey. You'll be missed!



CHICAGO CHURCH BORN!

Every member of God's Church in Chicago has no doubt wondered how our particular part of the country came to be blessed with a branch of the only true church in this world. Did it start in Chicago? Exactly where? Who were the original members? Who was the minister? When did this great blessing occur?

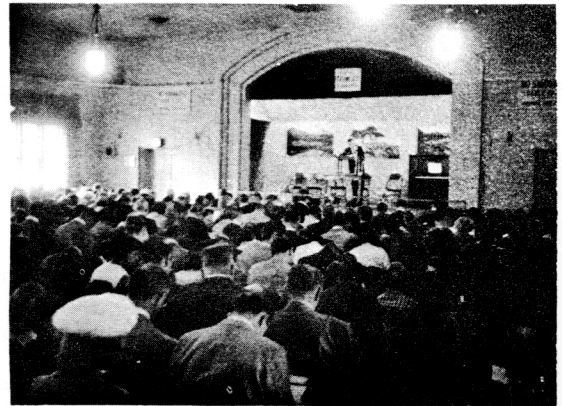
The Chicago Radio Church of God was born on a Friday evening in 1955 when the original 15 members met at the Masonic Temple, 64th and Green streets, here in Chicago. Mr. Raymond McNair (now an Evangelist in charge of the work in England) was the minister who spanked the baby church into life that wonderful March 11th.

The "original 15" were: Mr. Alfonso Armin, still attending; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Armin, who have moved to Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. A. Bland, who now live in Texas; Mr. and Mrs. John Kreidich, deacon and wife in the Chicago Church;

Mr. and Mrs. Frank La Toure, attending regularly; Mr. and Mrs. Manina, who have left God's church; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schlitt, deacon and deaconess of the Chicago Church; Mr. Shoemaker, who also left God's Church; and the young lady who became Mrs. Raymond McNair less than a year and a half after the inception of the Chicago Church.

From that small beginning, the child has grown to a healthy body of approximately 500 Sabbath-attending members and about 300 more who attend during the Holydays. Truly this area has been greatly blessed!

Let's be inspired by the progress and growth shown in this record and be grateful for this opportunity to be the firstfruits at Christ's coming. Let's truly strive to be members of the Philadelphia church pictured in Revelation.





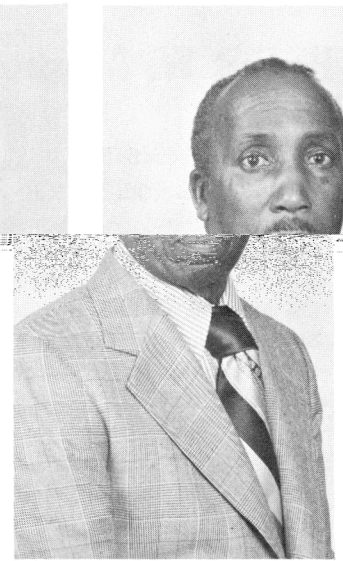
Joe Tkach



Mr. Raymond McNair



Mr. Dean Blackwell



Mr. Harold Jackson



Mr.

four evangelists pictured above are those who spent many productive ministerial years serving the brethren of the Chicago area.

Joe Tkach, formerly a deacon in Chicago; Mr. Raymond McNair, started the first Chicago church meetings; Mr. Dean Blackwell, who developed the area after the foundation had been laid; and Mr. Harold Jackson, the first Negro deacon, elder evangelist;

besides these men, a host of other ministers, assistants, deacons, deaconesses and prominent church members once served in the Chicago "home." We hope to see a good many of them on April 5.

HOW MANY OF THESE DO YOU REMEMBER?

MINISTER / DEACONS / MEMBERS

WHO HAVE SERVED OR HAVE HAD THEIR ROOTS IN THE CHICAGO CHURCH AREA

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| & Mrs. Phillip Anderson | Mr. & Mrs. Guy Engelbart | Mr. Gene Hogberg | Mr. Ronald Reedy |
| & Mrs. Elbert Atlas | Mr. & Mrs. Roy Erickson | Mr. & Mrs. Wener Jebens | Mr. & Mrs. Jim Reyer |
| Hal Baird, Jr. | Mr. & Mrs. Martin Filipello | Dr. & Mrs. William Kessler | Mr. & Mrs. Roland Sampson |
| & Mrs. John Bald | Mr. Dan Fricke | Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Knochel | Mr. & Mrs. Gene Scarborough |
| & Mrs. Dale Barclay | Mr. & Mrs. Preston Fritz | Mrs. Sondra Manteufel | Mr. & Mrs. Joe Schlitt |
| Stan Bass | Mr. & Mrs. John Garms | Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Marrs | Mr. Dale Schurter |
| Bill Butler | Dr. & Mrs. Dwight Haas | Mr. Les McColm | Mr. Richard Sedlacek |
| Gene Carter | Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hampton | Mr. Frank McCrady, Jr. | Mr. Roland Van Sloten |
| & Mrs. Carn Catherwood | Mr. & Mrs. Maceo Hampton | Mr. & Mrs. George Meeker | Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Smith |
| & Mrs. Gene Dawson | Mr. Vernon Hargrove | Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Perkins | Mr. & Mrs. Don Waterhouse |
| Randy Dick | Mr. & Mrs. Selmer Hegevoid | Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Phillips | |
| & Mrs. Dennis Diehl | Mrs. Kit Henderson | Mr. Richard Pinelli | |

SCHEDULE

- 6:00 p.m. Reception and Cocktails
(Wine may be purchased at dinner tables)
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- 8:30 p.m. Slide Show (historical account narrated by Mr. Dean Blackwell)
- 8:35 p.m. Comments by attending ministers
- 9:30 p.m. Dancing
- 10:30 p.m. Slide Show (candid shots) During Band Break
- 11:00-12:30 p.m. Dancing

Menu

- MIXED GREEN SALAD
- FILET MIGNON
with
- OVEN BROWNED POTATO BROILED TOMATO
- SAUTEED PEAPODS with WATERCHESTNUTS
- UNLEAVENED BREAD
- SAVARIN OF ICE CREAM WITH BING CHERRIES
- MARINATED IN KIRSCH
- COFFEE TEA

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Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong In Chicago

by **Wilbur Ball**

On Monday, April 20th, at 1:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong alighted from the platform of the Super Chief, a crack train on the Santa Fe line. On hand to meet him at the Dearborn Street Station were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Blackwell, along with several of the other ministers and their wives.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were passing through on their way to New York City, the jumping-off point on their trip to England. They were able to stay in Chicago until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. During this time, at the church property—Palos Park (Mr. Blackwell's home) 27 ministers and their wives from the mid-west area met to receive news from, and to talk with Mr. Armstrong. He, Mr. Armstrong, spent much of the time discussing new spiritual truths, the coming of the Kingdom of God, and the new developments in England. Also, the



Here is how the Gary Armory looked for the Feast meal on the Night To Be Much Remembered.

growth of the work around the world was tabulated.

Mr. Armstrong will return to Chicago sometime in August on his way back to Pasadena. All of us are hoping it will be on a Sabbath. Then we will be able to avail ourselves of the opportunity to see and to hear him in person.

A happy announcement in which we all may rejoice is that while Mr. Armstrong was in New York he ordained two new Preaching Elders. Mr. Gary Antion, and Mr. Guy Englebart. This is certain to result in new churches being started in that area.

Remember the old Chicago Church of God News???

Recently the original newspaper staff & others were called together once again to pick out some of the highlights from days gone by. A foretaste of their efforts are reproduced here.

We hope this issue will also be a cherished souvenir of this gala celebration and the fine fellowship afforded in these beautiful and memorable surroundings. Why not bring your address book as a notebook to fill with friends old and new?

Roots will be more deeply etched and grounded by memories relived. Fun, enthusiasm, and rich meat will be shared by those who attend.

LAODICEAN JONES

the days of Unleavened Bread

