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NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED IN SPOKESMAN CLUB

David Robinson

At the regular weekly club meeting on Sunday, February 11, the new officers who were appointed by the Overall Co-ordinator were installed. This was done in the presence of our wives who were guests for the evening. It is the policy of the Spokesman Clubs everywhere, according to the manual, to change the officers about every six months. This is done so that, where possible, different men will gain the experience of serving in different capacities.

The new officers are: President, Mr. David Robinson; Vice-President, Mr. Robert Flores; Secretary, Mr. Donald
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Ministers who attended the 1962 Conference.

Two More Churches To Be Started

Courtesy of The Portfolio

There is good news for the brethren in Alabama. Two new churches will soon be established there to allow them instruction and fellowship every Sabbath.

Both Mr. Gerald Waterhouse and Mr. Carn Catherwood are now making the necessary preparations — renting halls, finding a home, etc. — in the areas of Birmingham and Montgomery. The Southeast has been an area not served by local churches long enough. We can look forward to two good-sized congregations there, now that the way has been opened.

Let's thank God for making this possible and pray for Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Catherwood's safety and success in their new responsibility.

Conference Closes With Vital Decisions For Future of God's Work

Courtesy of The Portfolio

God's ministers returned to their pastorates last week filled with renewed zeal and purpose as the most important meetings on earth came to a close.

Vitally important decisions affecting the whole future course of God's final work on this earth were reached! Future plans for expansion, the establishment of new Churches, future big-space advertisements in magazines of the largest circulation, foreign broadcasting plans, the overall organization of God's Church and two colleges — these were just a few of the momentous topics discussed . . .

Preparation of New Song Books Planned For '62

Courtesy of The Portfolio

Another big step in the right direction was accomplished in the recent ministerial conferences to begin immediate preparation of new song books for the Radio Church of God.

Mr. Dwight Armstrong has a large number of songs already written which will be incorporated into the newer, enlarged hymnals. A host of the real
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Jesus Christ was certainly **guiding** and **controlling** these meetings! Every minister once again felt the spirit of real **TOGETHERNESS**, of **UNITY** and **SINGLENES** of purpose that pervaded each session! Let's all continue to pray that the long-range and everlasting results of these conferences will keep bearing fruit in the months and years to come!



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EDITORIAL

By Roger Foster

In the October 1961 issue of *The GOOD NEWS* there appeared an article, written to ALL the members of God's Church, entitled, "HELP THE POOR." The article pointed out that the Bible gives us a **direct command** to help needy brethren who, due to unemployment or some other unavoidable circumstance, are suffering financial hardship (Deut. 15:7-10). It was suggested that, if you did not personally know a needy family that you could help, you could help anonymously by contributing to a special **POOR FUND**.

Your time would be well spent if you would re-read that article. So far, there has been practically no response to it from the members of the Corpus Christi and San Antonio Churches. Each of us, to be sure, was very enthusiastic back in October, about having a **special fund** to help needy individuals or families during times of financial crises. However, we have left it up to someone else to make the actual contributions to bring such fund into existence.

What is needed to make such a fund a really practical means of helping our brethren — those who are truly deserving of help — is not to pray that some two or three wealthy members will contribute enough that the rest of us will not have to contribute anything. What is needed are **small, REGULAR contributions FROM MANY MEMBERS**. This way, no one needs to feel obligated to

contribute more than he is financially able to contribute. The poor fund does not have to become a large fund immediately. But, just because you don't know of any famishing family in the Church right now, don't forget the admonition of the book of Proverbs: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise; which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."

Sermon Review

Bill Seelig

The first sermon Mr. Foster brought after he returned from the ministerial conference in Pasadena, was about the growth of the Work, future plans, and how prophecy is being fulfilled in the Church at this very time. He stressed that right now we are probably the biggest buyer of radio time in the world, with some 20 million watts of power under contract.

January 26, Mr. Foster brought us a sermon entitled, "What is the Holy Spirit?" Man does not naturally have the mind of God, but a mind that is contrary to God and His laws. God's Spirit is a spirit of love power and a **sound mind** (II Tim. 1-7). We are to have the mind of Christ if we are to share His glory with Him.

Before we can have the Holy Spirit we must obey God, repent of our past sins, and then be baptized. We know we have God's Spirit if we bear good fruit.

Feb. 10, 1962, Mr. Foster gave us in sequence the major prophetic events to happen from now till Christ returns. He gave us proof that this is the end time.

He gave us a step by step plan of God to punish all nations for their sins. It behooves each one of us to really think about all the things going on around us today and realize that the time is short and when the very end comes, if we are not ready, we will be left behind!

IT'S UP TO US!

Bill Seelig

Mr. Foster has just returned from the yearly ministerial conference at Pasadena. What he had to tell us is very vital at this time.

One of the things he reported was that 30% of those **baptized** members without a local church or minister appears to be spiritually dead, 30% appear to be lukewarm and the rest seem to be growing. This should make all of us sit up and take notice. The responsibility we have in the Church goes much further than to our local congregation — it extends to all the members of God's Church. What is that responsibility?

Christ himself said that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. How true this is! When we see our own brothers and sisters in the Church fall by the wayside, it ought to make our hearts grieve.

There is only one thing we can do. But that one thing could determine whether enough ministers are ordained to take care of the ever increasing numbers of "scattered" brethren. Says Jesus in Matt. 9:38, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." **THIS IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY. IT'S UP TO US TO CARRY IT.**

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR PAPER

By Donald Winn

How many times would you have liked to have written an article for the church newspaper, but you didn't know just what to write about? Perhaps you have also thought, Why, I can't write an interesting article."

There are some basic rules you can follow that will help you write a good interesting article, if you will follow them.

Here are some things, if diligently applied, can help you to write: A person should write articles that will be of interest to the churches as a whole. Women can write about cooking, pointers on sewing, how to do housework more efficiently and favorite

recipes. Men can write articles on Spokesman Club news if they are in the Spokesman Club. We need articles on "Changing Times". Be alert to church news that you can write about and hand in. Go to past editions of the paper to get ideas on different types of articles.

Here are some mistakes one should watch for when writing articles: Be sure you have the **correct information**. Check your capitalization, spelling and punctuation as carefully as possible.

Remember, the Church paper is **your** paper and we need **your** articles, so let's put our talents to use and write!

CHURCH NEWS

We rejoice that God has added another member to His Church. Mr. Walter Konze of Corpus Christi was baptized by Mr. Roger Foster February 4, 1962. A very warm welcome to you, Mr. Konze.

Mrs. Stedworth Smith and her three children have begun attending Sabbath services in the Corpus Christi Church. Mrs. Smith attended the Corpus Christi Church a few times about four years ago, before her husband was transferred to Jacksonville, Florida. They now live in Kingsville, where Mr. Smith is a member of the U. S. Navy. We hope to see them attending with us very often.

It is good to have the Marvin Deutsch family back with us also. They moved to Ohio a few years ago, but now they have returned to Corpus Christi where Mr. Deutsch is employed at the Army O & R Center at the Naval Air Station.

Want to Shrink That Cleaning Bill?

Mrs. L. M. Kirkpatrick

Ladies, have you tried the new dry-cleaning machines that are being installed in the automatic laundries in many of our cities? The service offers you a real economy and convenience. You can clean approximately 8 lbs of clothes for two dollars. You will be surprised to find that very little pressing is needed. That is the service you pay the most for when you send your clothes to the cleaners.

There is usually an attendant on duty who will show you how the machine operates. However, they are quite simple with full directions on the machines. The procedure takes about forty-five minutes. Your clothes come out wrinkle free and odorless. A little pressing under a pressing cloth and they are ready to wear.

This same service performed by professionals would cost approximately eight dollars. So, ladies, here is a real opportunity to shrink that cleaning bill!

Correction

The Recipe for cheese crumble in the last issue was incomplete. One cup of whole wheat flour should have been included with the other ingredients.

Ordination

During the Ministerial Conference, on January 15, Mr. Leslie McCullough was ordained to the rank of Preaching Elder. Mr. McCullough, who graduated from Ambassador in 1961, has been acting pastor of the Temple City Church since school started last fall.

NEW SONG BOOKS

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"old favorites" will be included, with words changed where necessary to make each really speak the **truth!**

The new books will be published with the cooperation of the Ambassador College Music Department, with professional arrangers Mr. Wilbur Berg and Mr. Anthony Buzzard lending their talents. It is presently anticipated the newer, finer, thicker books of about ONE HUNDRED SONGS will be ready in time for the Feast of Tabernacles for 1962!

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

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Winn; Treasurer, Mr. Michael Jennings; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Tom Hardeman.

We certainly enjoyed having the wives as guests when the new officers were installed. They added color and enthusiasm to the club meeting. This was the first ladies night we had had in several months.

Another very important thing that happened to the club during the past month was the receiving of our new Spokesman Club Manual from Pasadena. The Manual is prefaced by an inspiring letter from Mr. Herbert Armstrong, and the remaining pages, 37 in all, are loaded with inspiration, instruction, and the rules of the club.



Wives were present when Spokesman Club installed new officers.

Personal Glimpses

Most of us are acquainted with Mr. Adolph Romike, Jr., deacon in the Corpus Christi Church, and his wife, Charlsie Arlene, but let's all get to know them even better.

Mr. Romike was born August 31, 1926 in Robstown, Texas, where he attended high school. He entered the U. S. Navy in January, 1945 and spent 1½ years in the service. Mr. Romike attended Commercial Trades in Chicago, Illinois, where he studied air-conditioning. His occupation at present is in Air-Conditioning Sales and Service.



Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Romike and family.

Mrs. Romike is a native of Carrollton, Georgia. She attended Rome High School and Business College in Rome, Georgia. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Anderson, live in Fresno, California, where Mr. Anderson is a deacon in the Fresno Church.

The Feast of Tabernacles in 1955 provided the ideal meeting place for Mr. and Mrs. Romike. They were married in 1957 in Fresno, California and presently reside at 1237 York in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Romikes have the distinction of having the only twins in the Corpus Christi Church. They are Daniel and David, aged 18 months. They also have a lively little three-year old, Adolph III.

As has happened in many cases, an "accidental" turn of the radio dial was the turning point in the life of Mr. Romike. Mr. Armstrong was speaking on Germany, which interested Mr. Romike, and he began listening to the broadcast. Mr. Romike was baptized in 1954 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. Burk McNair officiated at the ordination of Mr. Romike as a deacon at the Feast of Unleavened Bread in 1958.

Mrs. Romike heard Mr. Armstrong on a broadcast from Eugene, Oregon. She was baptized in 1956 in Fresno, California.

Co-Worker Department Needs Your Help to Serve You Better

As most of you know, we are now recording all tithes, offerings, and donations received by God's Church automatically through IBM machines. These machines are extremely versatile and can save the Work untold man-hours of labor, but there are certain things a machine cannot do!

A machine can only do what the human mind tells it to. Beyond that, it is limited, and many times our human minds are not sure what to tell these machines. Many members in God's Church send in tithes and offerings with hardly enough information for us to know who they are. In times past, the Work has been small enough that someone in the organization might know that Mrs. John Jones was the same person as Mary Jones.

The Work is big now and this is no longer true! *We can never be sure*; and unless we are sure what to inform the machine, it is impossible to match and know that we are posting the donation to the correct member's record card.

Our biggest problem is not so much the similarity of names as it is people who use a full name one time, and initials the next; women who use their husband's name one time and their given name another, or use his initials one time and hers the next. In some cases an apartment number is given part of the time and a house number the remainder. In other cases it is the route without the box number part of the time and the box without the route at other times. Then there is the person who likes to use a "nickname" once in a while. And there are those who use a Post Office Box number part of the time and a street address at other times.

We could save endless hours manually looking in the files if our tithing members would be consistent. You members can help us very greatly by remembering our plight and always send your tithes and offering in the envelopes that we send you, with your name and address stamped on the back

as we have it recorded in the files, or using your full name (including your middle initial if you normally use it for everything else), your complete house number and street address, your city, zone and state.

If you use a route or a box number, always give us the complete information—*exactly the same each time!* You can also help by giving us both your old and new address together each time you move.

Another BIG PROBLEM: At this time of the year, many write in and tell us of tithes or offerings given back in April or June, etc., which they would now like to have recorded in the name of Ambassador College rather than the Church.

This seems like a simple little request. But it is impossible to go back and change all of our records once they have been printed. Therefore, we had to institute the policy of requesting each amount received be clearly marked, at the time we receive it, when it is to be considered Ambassador College—otherwise, we must record it as Radio Church of God. Once it has been machine recorded it is too late to go back and change it.

At this time of year another problem arises and that is, members will send in amounts as late as February or March asking that it be counted for income-tax deductions for the previous year.

We cannot open the records for these late donations once the books have been balanced and closed. Therefore, all amounts that are to be recorded for a given year must be in our office no later than January 2, of the following year. Therefore, please get your tithes and offerings in early if you want to claim income-tax deductions for any given year.

May we express our thanks and appreciation, in advance, for your warm co-operation and assistance in this vital matter!

Co-Worker Dept.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

In last month's Children's Column our knowledge of Bible personalities was tested by a Matching Quiz. Here are the answers:

1. F, 2. H, 3. I, 4. J, 5. B, 6. K, 7. A, 8. G, 9. D, 10. E

This month we have another interesting puzzle. Unscramble the following names of men and women of the Bible. In order to make this puzzle even more interesting and challenging, the names have not only been scrambled, but also have been divided after they were scrambled. Put the two parts together, unscramble them and write the correctly spelled names in the blanks.

1. njem + bina =
2. zbalt hiee =
3. natoj + hna =
4. hro + ka =
5. spoe + jh =
6. usa + joh =
7. shr + eet =

The following sentences have been taken from chapter 6 of the Bible Story. Read them carefully and fill in the missing word or words.

1. If we trace Manasseh's ancestry back to Abraham and Noah, we would find him descended from Noah's son.....and his grandson.....
2. Abram's home when a boy was in of the.....
3. When Abram moved to the land God had promised, he took his wifeand his nephew.....
4. After a long journey, they finally came to.....the land God had promised.
5. Because of a great famine in Canaan, Abram went on to.....
6. After they moved back to Canaan, Abram showed his unselfishness by letting..... chose first which land their cattle would use.
7. God changed Abram's name towhich means.....
8. God also promised Abraham a son. The son's name was.....
9. Lot's greedy choice brought him trouble. Because of the wickedness of the people God destroyed the city of.....