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Left to right — Messrs. Reedy, Katzer, Marshall, Haglie, Scott and Salyer.

New Spokesman Club in Des Moines

By Mr. Larry O'Connor

Thursday, December 2, saw the first meeting of the Des Moines Spokesman club called to order by Mr. Ronald Reedy.

Mr. Reedy explained the purpose and procedures of the club and then the new officers were ready to perform their duties.

The officers are:

Mr. Robert Marshall — President
Mr. Ferris Scott — Vice-President
Mr. Glenn Salyer — Secretary
Mr. Dean Haglie — Treasurer
Mr. Marvin Katzer — Sergeant-at-Arms

We have been looking forward to this meeting for some time and hope to see much growth in the coming months.

1966 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS!

Why do we have these minister's conferences? When did they begin? Why do we have them annually? What has been the fruit of these conferences? Did God's church previously hold such conclaves?

Here are the answers you need to know about these important questions.

When Did These Meetings Begin?

God's ministers first started convening in these annual meetings in January 1955. God's mark of approval was everywhere manifested in this first conference. There were exactly twelve ministers present in that first conference which was held after exactly 21 (3 x 7) years of the Philadelphian era of God's church. On the Sabbath during that conference, several ordinations took place which filled the offices in God's

church for the first time in 750 years. This occurred on January 22, when Sister Annie M. Mann became the first Deaconess in the modern era of God's church; the first Pastors were also ordained. They were Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, Mr. Norman A. Smith, Mr. Wayne C. Cole, and Mr. Dean C. Blackwell. Since this time, the Sabbath during the ministerial conference has always

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Mr. Armstrong guides tour through New Dining Hall



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Time Payment Plan

By Dr. H. J. Rodgers

Years ago the average young American began his career with nothing but his wife and good intentions. Usually he started working for his father or some other man. Through diligence he was soon able to go into business for himself. Even so, he generally had to borrow money for a part of his working capital. Repayment was made in installments. This made possible his success. By thrift he was able to rear and educate his children and do his bit toward making America great.

This was as it should be, but alas, this practice changed. Soon this average American accumulated a sizeable fortune. With this affluence his children were not content with ways of the past. They wanted more and better things, not only necessities but luxuries. These were bought on installments. Many things were bought without need — ten dollars down and ten dollars weekly for the rest of their lives. Stores quickly adopted the plan. Little did the buyer realize he was paying interest, plus additional for bad debts, plus original cost. Often in the end the cost of time payments was

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Editorial

“WHO AM I . . . ?”

When David was about to marry King Saul's daughter he said “*Who am I*, that I should be son-in-law to the king?” (I Sam. 18:18) David retained this attitude of “who am I” throughout his life — always astounded and amazed at the wonderful opportunities God had afforded him.

Yet how many of us become weak spiritually because we sit around and wallow in the disease of self-pity, thinking we lack the opportunities to forge ahead?

We just haven't stopped to think! We haven't taken the time to get out of the saddle and really think of the blessings and opportunities God has given us. We should be saying, “*Who am I* to be living in the greatest nation in the world? *Who am I* to be in God's only true church, when billions on this earth have no inkling of these precious truths? *Who am I* to be given the opportunity to

serve God's own people? *Who am I* to become a begotten son of God! *Who am I* to be given the opportunity, in the near future, to be a literal God, helping Christ to rule the earth!!!”

Happiness comes from being thankful for what we have — from an “attitude of gratitude.” Regardless of the blessings and opportunities given to people, their human nature is never satisfied.

Witness the United States today! Unparalleled wealth, but has it brought happiness. Just the contrary, it has multiplied our greed and misery. Our people have forgotten the meaning of thanksgiving.

When you see the wretched people in

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Deacon in Des Moines

The Des Moines congregation witnessed their first ordination service on December 18. Mr. Ronald Reedy, pastor of the Omaha and Des Moines churches, ordained Mr. Ferris Scott.

Mr. Scott's zeal and spirit of service had been recognized and respected by all of us.

Congratulations to Mr. Scott and we pray that God will use him in even greater capacities in the future.



Mrs. Arlo Gieselman.

New Deaconess in Kansas City

On Sabbath, December 25, the Kansas City area was blessed with the ordination of another deaconess.

Mr. Clark, on his last Sabbath in Kansas City, ordained Mrs. Arlo Gieselman.

Mrs. Gieselman has been a great help in this area and now she can be even more effectively used to serve God's people.



Mr. Ferris Scott

St. Louis Spotlight

A Grand Night for Singing

By Jim Malone

It isn't often that we in a local church area have the unusual opportunity of seeing and hearing a first-rate chorale concert. However, on December 19, 1965, those of us in the St. Louis and surrounding area were afforded this tremendous privilege when the St. Louis Chorale presented its *first* concert, "A Grand Night for Singing."

The concert, which was held in the modern Hazelwood Community Center,



Encore! Encore!



An appreciative audience.

was attended by approximately 500 people.

The program was excellently handled by the chorale director, Mr. Roger Malone, an Elder in God's Church. For their first concert Mr. Malone selected some of the best known *show tunes* from some of the most successful Broadway musicals, such as SOUND OF MUSIC, OKLAHOMA, and SOUTH PACIFIC. These were balanced out with beautiful well known songs like "Serenade" from the Student Prince, "You'll Never Walk Alone" by the great song writing team of Rodgers and Hammerstein, and the stirring "Onward Ye Peoples" by the classic composer, Jean Sibelius. The program ended with the very moving and powerful "Battle Hymn of the Republic" done as only an *inspired* chorus

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A Party on Wheels

Over 100 people whirled round and round the Playmore Skating Rink Monday night, December 28.

The St. Louis Church had exclusive rights to the rink which is located in Alton, Illinois. This made the skating party even more enjoyable.

Many fell. Even Mr. Hal Baird (sorry, no picture).

Skating can be a test of a person's determination. One little girl fell continuously but kept getting up and trying



Steady, now!

again. Result: before the night was over she was greatly improved.

We need the same determination in our spiritual lives and the result will be the same.

How quickly two and one-half hours pass when God's people get together.

One remark, which was typical, "Why don't we do this a lot more often?"

Well, why don't we?

Smith-Dennis Wedding

What is more beautiful than a marriage performed by one of God's ministers?

Such was the case with the former Mrs. Patricia Dennis, of St. Louis, and Mr. Donald Smith, from South Haven, Michigan. Each have two children by previous marriages.

The marriage was performed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roesler. Then the small group went out for dinner and dancing.

Mrs. Dennis did many soprano solos for the St. Louis Chorale and church. Her loss will be deeply felt. Best wishes "Don" and "Pat"!



Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith

Kansas City Dances

The annual Kansas City semiformal dance was held on Saturday, December 18, at the Party House.

As in the past, we had several guests from Springfield in attendance and they helped to make this one of our most successful social occasions.

In addition to an excellent combo that provided a variety of dance music, we had our usual talent show. Mr. Pat Giunta emceed this extravaganza, giving us a variety of performers to make this one of the best talent shows we have had.

It was certainly an enjoyable evening and the ladies enhanced the party with their beautiful ensembles.

Everyone agreed that this year's semiformal was the best in every way.



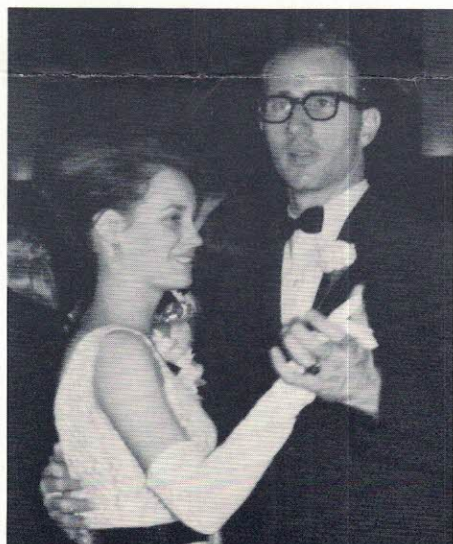
A hot combo!



Another Crosby?



Having a Ball!



"A waltzing Matilda."



A song from the "old country."



Dancing

Ladies Night in Kansas City

On Monday evening, December 6, the "B" Club entertained the ladies. There were many guests from both the "A" and "C" Clubs.

The setting was Meierhoff's Restaurant, with all the "Old German" color and music.

This was not a regular meeting, but the program included a 30-minute table topics session. Even some of the ladies were given a chance to express their opinions!

In addition, we had some excellent musical talent led by Mr. Pat Giunta.

Afterward, dancing was the order of the evening and everyone had a most enjoyable time.



Dancing at Meierhoff's.



This is the way I look at it!



Over the net!



The "Music Man."

Springfield Family Day

Over one hundred Springfield Church of God youngsters and "young-at-heart" turned out to enjoy a family day at the Springfield Boys' Club on Sunday, January 2.

An exciting variety of activities was offered, including volley ball, basketball, and ping-pong. We even had our choice of two kinds of "pool"! Swimming . . . and billiards!

Friendly competition, wholesome recreation, fun and laughter, are among the greatest blessings God has given to us, and we are learning, through these family recreation programs, to do all things with our might, as He commands.

Thomas-West Marriage

A double ring ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. Rowlen Tucker on January 9 for Mr. Arthur Thomas and Miss Ruby West.

Mr. Carl Ullman gave the bride away as Mr. Richard Trowbridge acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. Davis were guests at an otherwise private wedding.

Miss West is formerly from the Wichita church while Mr. Thomas is from the Joplin area. They will reside in Columbus, Kansas.



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas

DEATH

A serious accident claimed the life of Mr. Glen Stokes on January 6. He is survived by his wife, Loretta, and five children, all of the home. Your prayers are needed on behalf of the family.

Mountain Memoirs

Denver Youth

Have Big Night

In Spring a young man's fancy turns to love! Well, it isn't Spring but in the Denver Church the young people's fancies seem to have turned to love — love for a get-together. This is what happened one Saturday night after the Sabbath. Several young people, about 20, responded to Mr. McNair's invitation to meet at the Fish and Game Building for an evening of fun.

Though a lot of time was devoted to "getting acquainted" and warming up to the activities, they did find time to learn some basic dance steps from Mr. Billingsley and do some square dancing. There were refreshments consisting of apple cider and cookies and talk of "when can we do it again?" Ideas of ice skating, tobogganing, bowling and hay rides were discussed for future get-togethers.

Several interested parents were present and were looking forward to their turns at chaperoning the group. The general feeling was that this is going to be a good thing for the young people, creating for them interest in the right ways to have fun.

It would seem the following months will hold interest, fun and fellowship for Denver's young people.



Who let them in?

Fun and Games for Pueblo Brethren

The most enjoyable social that ever occurred in Pueblo, Colorado, was experienced December 26 by the Pueblo Spokesman Club, many of the Pueblo Church brethren and some visitors from afar.

The Spokesman Club sponsored a delightful spaghetti and meat ball dinner prepared and served by the members. The dinner was topped off with desserts, coffee, punch, a very entertaining fun show, and later a dance.

Mr. Alton Billingsley emceed the fun show and dance. The fun show included a variety of songs, dances, piano solos and "jokesters." Most of it was hilarious, a really *funny* fun show.

A game of musical chairs was offered for the more energetic fun lovers and the spry ones endured for quite awhile escaping with no bruises or broken bones.

Then followed a lively session of dancing including fox trots, waltzes, the schottische, polkas and square dancing.

No one will forget very soon the fun-packed afternoon and evening. Thanks to the Pueblo Spokesman Club.

BAPTISMS

Mrs. G. L. Whitcomb, Denver, Colorado

Mr. Roy D. Hodkinson, Golden, Colorado

Northwoods Inn Hosts Denver Club

The Northwoods Inn in Littleton, Colorado, is one of those very nice restaurants we all would enjoy frequently but seldom are so privileged. It was this beautiful setting which added so much to the formal dinner meeting of the Denver Spokesman Club, December 14. There were about 56 people attending which included the ladies and several other guests.

Rib eye steak, hot soup, crisp tossed green salad, relishes and ice cream served in the rugged Northwoods style was the fare of the evening. All the food was delicious but most comments were about the carefully and individually prepared, tender rib eye steaks.

An evening of interest was begun by a short, snappy business session. In the table topics there were testimonials regarding the benefits of the club. Mr. Salazar, toastmaster, introduced five speakers with such interesting subjects as a parallel in history, giving of yourself and the handling of onions.

After the helpful evaluations, "our elder brother in Christ" Mr. McNair encouraged the club by relating examples of how Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong constantly works on personal speech training.

After an enjoyable and beneficial evening such as this, can we doubt that God really meant it when He said He wants us to have life and to have it more abundantly?



Mr. Billingsley — M. C.

Kansas Korner

Wichita-Oklahoma City Spokesmen Meet

Sunday afternoon, December 19, found the Wichita Sunday Evening and Oklahoma City Spokesman Clubs meeting for the third time in three years. It was even suggested that we make it an annual event — and the members seem very enthusiastic to keep it going.

Location for this special event was the attractive Quo Vadis Motel at Ponca City, Oklahoma. To add to the enjoyment of this meeting, the wives and lady friends of the members were invited, and a delicious buffet style lunch was served.

Mr. John Hall of the Oklahoma City



A combined meeting is interesting.

Square Dancing at Minisa Park

On December 18 a delight-filled square dance was held at Minisa Park. Mr. Georges' father donated his services as caller. He was a real rambler as his instructions roused everyone to mosey out to the gleaming wax floor, shake a leg and dance "pretty." Gents and their "gals" swung each other and burned up the floor to such fast-tempoed tunes as "The Virginia Reel," "Texas Star Ninpens" and "The Polka."

When a needed pause, a breather came, some crunchy cookies, goodies and sweets, quite tasty, quite delicious, were provided for us. Then with another while of dance, it was time to spin out at 10:30 p. m. for yet another happy social of God's children.

RECENT WICHITA BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones, a boy, Daniel Jeffery, November 27, 1965, weight 6 pounds.



Left to right — Messrs. Adams,
Murphy and Swan.

Club had a stimulating topics session and Mr. Carl Fowler of the Wichita Club toasted the speakers. Mr. Bob Murphy walked away with the first most effective speaker trophy and Mr. W. R. Adams with the second most effective speaker trophy.

Mr. Mike Swan garnered the Most Helpful Evaluator Cup to round out the speaking session awards.

Mr. Foster and Mr. Prince shared the over-all evaluation and gave all the members valuable and helpful admonition for their growth as Spokesman.

It was again a joy to meet with old friends and we look forward to making it four years in a row.



Swing your partners!



Everybody is "Square"!

Singing Continued

of over *forty* mixed voices can do it.

The women were gorgeously gowned in full length formals of varying pastel shades, and the men were all in white dinner jackets and black bowties. An atmosphere of *refinement* and *culture* was definitely exuded by the tasteful gowning and dressing of the chorale and was enhanced by the splendid outgoing attitude they displayed during the performance.

It can truly be said that this evening was "A Most Magnificent Night for Singing!"

Conference Continued

been a special day of all-day services. The chief ministers in from the field are enabled to preach Friday night, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon. We all feast together at noon on the college tennis courts, and usually either ordinations take place on this Sabbath, or are announced to the people if they took place during the conference meetings. This has become a special Sabbath in the year for the headquarters church, as well as for the field ministers who are attending the conclave. For this reason it has come to be known as the ministerial Sabbath, or ministerial conference Sabbath. This Sabbath has witnessed many of the great occasions in the modern history of God's church.

Examples from the Past

History amply demonstrates that the Waldensians held annual ministerial conferences at their college in the Vaudios valleys in northern Italy. Also the "Sabbatarians," in early America, held annual ministers conferences at their headquarters in Rhode Island and Pennsylvania. They had followed the example of the Milliard church in London.

Why Have These Conferences?

Why did Mr. Armstrong begin to call the ministers in for these annual conferences? Could they not have been held at the Feast of the Tabernacles instead? Truly God had the vision to see the need for these conferences, and to see that they could not be held at the Feast time. Just as we need to be reminded *annually* of the several steps of God's plan, even so the ministers need to be reminded,



High "C"

guided, and rejuvenated *annually* at these meetings. These are also anniversaries for many of us of our ordination day and beginning in the ministry. At the Feast of Tabernacles we could never have the annual minister's meetings. The minister's mind is on the festival and its meaning, and upon his sheep attending the feast, as well as divorce problems and situations to be handled during the festival. Only at a separate time of the year can our minds be directed toward the over-all work of God, field problems, and personal ministerial rejuvenation. We would literally not be keeping the spirit of the Feast of Tabernacles, picturing the coming millennium, if it were combined with the ministerial meetings.

God's annual minister's conference was held this year from January 4 through the 12th. The ministers assembled from around the world at God's headquarters to deliberate on many vital subjects. Many considerations in these days of accelerated expansion in growth of God's work were made in this endtime, worldwide commission given to God's people. Personal problems in the field were discussed. Dangers even in the ministry were covered by God's headquarters ministers to keep all of us shepherds in the fold. Plans in the foreign work, television, and expansion of the work in the U. S. and Britain were highlights.

For information about the ordinations and the men ordained and detailed reports of the conference, be sure to read the coming issue of the Good News!

Plan Continued

double the original cost.

This installment debt is now astronomical, and the foolhardy practice is wrecking society, with the Government leading the way. What was once a profitable venture, is now a disaster which will guarantee our downfall.

The principle of time payments *per se* is good. God uses it. As a reward for obedience God gives man eternal life, but not in a lump sum. He gives a down payment, the "earnest of the Spirit." The final payment is made when Jesus returns. Interest on the unpaid balance is continued obedience. A huge bonus is given for meritorious service. The better the service, the larger the bonus.

The time payment plan comes from God. But as usual, man perverted God's plan and does the way that seems best to him. This has always proved wrong. Man's reward for such is disaster and failure, and death.

Will man ever learn!!

Editorial Continued

the world, do you ask yourself, "*who am I* to escape the wretched lives they are living?"

Moses was the meekest man in all the land, and God chose him for a great job. What was his attitude? Moses said, "*Who am I* that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" (Ex. 3:11)

Yes, God chooses his leaders from the ranks of those who have the "*who am I*" attitude. Not from those who feel qualified to do a much greater job than they now have. In fact God has already chosen you and me to become the greatest leaders this world has ever known. Are you *daily* in an attitude of "*who am I . . . ?*"

When his lawyer told one divorce-seeking husband of the cooling-off period, the reconciliation efforts and the child-custody investigations that are part of a Wisconsin divorce, the would-be divorcé sighed, "Forget it. I can't stay mad that long."