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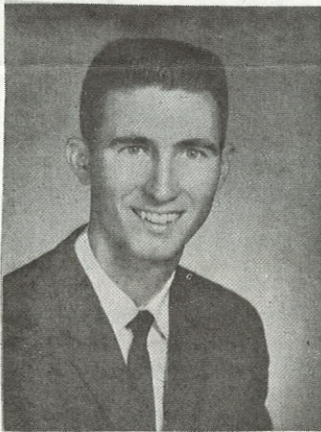
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MR. RONALD KELLY HERE FOR SPRING FESTIVAL



Mr. Ronald Kelly

The Passover season is roaring towards us! To help tie the churches together and to keep our eyes looking towards Headquarters, a minister is sent from Pasadena each year for these services.

Mr. Jon Hill was scheduled to come to Pittsburgh, but due to a change in plans, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kelly and family are here instead.

Mr. Kelly is the former Pastor of the Sacramento and Oakland, California Churches. Prior to this he was Senior Class President of Ambassador College, assisted at the Springfield, Mo. evangelistic campaign and has been on two nation wide baptizing tours.

Mr. Kelly is married to the former Norva Lee Pyle. They have been very fruitful and now have two young girls.

Presently Mr. Kelly is administrative assistant to Garner Ted Armstrong. He serves on the executive team at Headquarters that makes many of the decisions affecting the whole Work of God.

Recently Mr. Kelly had the opportunity of touring Europe with Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and visiting many of the foreign offices.

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HARRISBURG BIBLE STUDY

God's Work in this area took another thrilling leap forward when a Bible Study was begun in Harrisburg, Pa. on Mar. 1, 1964!

This first meeting was conducted by Mr. Bill McDowell and was held in the Harrisburger Hotel--right across the street from the Capitol Building.

This was the first meeting of the Church of God ever held in the Capital City! The people of that area demonstrated their hunger and thirst for God's Truth by turning out in far greater numbers than was anticipated. A total of 98 adults and 44 children were present and Mr. Cole had rented a hall for only 100! Some came from as far away as 80 miles to hear God's Word taught and expounded! (Ct. on p.4)

AKRON BIBLE STUDY

by Mrs. C. E. Delamater and Mrs. Russ Leimbach

A tremendous blessing and opportunity was presented to the Akron Church of God on Tuesday night, March 3, when a regular, weekly Bible Study was established!

The Akron brethren responded enthusiastically by turning out 192 strong!

This first meeting was conducted by Messrs. Bill McDowell and Robert Hoops. Those present demonstrated their eagerness and zeal by submitting many interesting questions such as: "Did God give His Holy Spirit to the people of the O.T.?" and "Will there be oceans during the Millennium?"

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LETTER FROM ENGLAND

The next time we go to our mailboxes and nonchalantly remove the unwrapped Plain Truth, or take our pick of two or three stations over which we can hear 'The World Tomorrow', it might be well to remember this excerpt of a letter from Robert E. Fahey, Ambassador College, England:

"They are having some trouble in the print shop. As you know, we mail the German Plain Truth from Dusseldorf. Many are sent to East Germany. The Communists are very touchy about the mail going in, so we have to make our Plain Truth look like a regular letter. Mr. Schnee sends them in plain envelopes, letter size, all stamped by hand, making the letter appear as any other letter. However, it is a bit thick. Because of the suspicious thickness, only about 1 in 3 get thru. So now we are trying to print a few hundred on India Bible paper to make the letter appear less obvious. But, we can't get the thin paper to go thru the presses.

We all feel a desperate need for a broadcast to open up here. The first class ever to complete 4 full years at Bricket Wood will graduate this year. This will be the first real fruits

How Far Would You Go?

The Bible tells us one way to increase our faith is to do more than required. Two men of the Pittsburgh Church give impetus to this principle by going beyond the call of duty.



Messrs. Boyer and Robinson

These men are Mr. John Boyer and Mr. Norbert Robinson who travel close to 150 miles in their desire to serve God thru His ordained Spokesman Club. The blessing is dual as they stay for the Bible Study and one even sings in the chorale.

We hope the example of these two men will be an inspiration to others to be more diligent in serving God.

Wheeling Brethern Clean Hall For Bible Study



Pictured above are some of the happy people who performed a much-needed task--cleaning of the American Legion Hall in Wheeling--site of the Bible Study.

These people spent many hours scrubbing walls and ceilings, waxing the floor and cleaning chairs to make this hall presentable.

produced by this college. All previous graduates have attended in Pasadena. Now would be a great time to let Ephraim hear the warning. We had a student fast today for just that purpose. God has given us again the simple BCM Ambassador address, now all we need is a radio time. The BBC does not accept religious broadcasts, so (we) are out in the cold. That's Britain's only station on radio--fantastic, but true. Help us pray for something some way to open up--and SOON!"

World News Watch--

Wild Beasts

Have you heard much recently about wild animals causing great concern and trouble for a whole nation?

Only a very severe freezing spell in early winter saved England from a disaster caused by the Coypu rat.



THE COYPU RAT

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The Coypu is a giant South American water rat. When fully grown it reaches a length of two feet, not including the tail! This rat was brought into England to be bred for its pelts. A few escaped from breeding farms and multiplied by the thousands. The Coypu is active both day and night and lives in river banks, drains, and sewers. It has no known natural enemies except man.

Dogs and poison were unsuccessfully used in an attempt to control the spread of the rats, but they continued to multiply by the thousands and had infested large areas of England until the freezing weather came and killed huge numbers of them. Some of them have no doubt lived and when the warm weather returns they will multiply once again to plague England even to the extent of killing children. (Lev. 26:22)

FRUITFUL MINISTERS

In order to announce a birth in this month's issue we must go out of the church area--but not out of the state. Our fruitful ministers came through again as Mr. and Mrs. Guy Engelbart of Philadelphia announce the birth of a son, Karl Leon, on Feb. 22, 1964.

AKRON'S CHILDREN -- 1964



These bright, beaming faces are of the Akron children. They radiate the happiness and joy that comes from proper childrearing.

Unusual Meeting For Club

How would you like to broadcast over a microphone? Could you describe something over the air without visual aids? The men of both Pittsburgh Spokesman Clubs got their opportunity in a unique impromptu night held Mar. 9.

The speakers were sent behind a screen and were asked by Toastmaster Oran Telford to describe a subject audibly over a microphone hooked up to a public address system. This proved quite a task as vocal varieties and inflections were necessary.



Fred Gates describes a mad dog.

After an evaluation by Mr. McDowell, each man was given the opportunity to give the same description over and great improvement was noted in most cases.

We (AKRON) Went Skating

by Mrs. C. E. Delamater

On Monday night, Feb. 24th, the Akron Spokesman Club sponsored a roller skating party for the entire church at the Rt. 8 Roller-drome, north of Cuyahoga Falls.

Although most of the 130 brethren present went round and round, many were going up and down! For some of us, it had been as much as 18 years since we had last gone around in circles. (on skates, that is!)

Every now and then we would pass a brave newcomer trying to put his best foot forward to master those eight wheels under his two feet! Some held the rails, some held other people, some-----sat it out!



Mr. Dunham takes a back seat.

Most of us were beginners or "beginners again", but we weren't without those more accomplished skaters, who were able to get to the end of their circle backwards!

Though there were a vast assortment of bumps and bruises, we all had lots of fun! But---- that isn't the end!

Those who were able to go back to the hall in Akron were treated to a bowl or two of delicious chili (thanks to Mrs. Judy) and refreshing beverages, cheese, round and square crackers, long pretzel sticks, crispy potato chips and curly pop corn!!

The entire evening was truly a delight!



Tired skaters - wholesome fellowship - chili and beverage.

SWING YOUR PARTNER--

PITTSBURGH STYLE

THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE-- 12 sets or 96 people square dancing at one time. The people of the Pittsburgh Church did it and had the time of their lives doing it in one of the liveliest social get togethers held in a good while.



Everybody join in the fun!

It took a little improvising and perseverance, but with the combination of the spacious Perry Theater, the taped music of Morris Hahn and the fluent calling of Ken Iiams, almost four



"Choose your partners, folks!"

hours was spent in square dancing. The children even got into the

act having their own special area and instructors. Many of the young ones are even looking forward to the next square dance.

This event was flavored by a delicious chili dinner served with all the trimmings as 275 people eagerly devoured the meal.

The enthusiasm and favorable comments make us feel certain that the Pittsburgh Church will have more square dances in the future - especially since we now know how to dance.

KELLY

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The brethren in this area are enthusiastic about the arrival of the Kellys. Let's make sure to give them a warm welcome and help them to feel at home during their stay.

HARRISBURG

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Harrisburg Bible Study

The meeting was marked by lively interest and genuine enthusiasm--everyone being thankful for this added opportunity to learn and understand more of God's Word.

AKRON

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All of the Akron brethren are rejoicing over the realization of this long awaited opportunity for spiritual growth.

WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. Joseph Gardner and Miss Sylvia Keener have recently announced their intentions to wed. This was no big surprise to the Pittsburgh Church, because, as you can see, they seem to be



pretty much inseparable. They are formulating plans to become man and wife later on this year. We extend our hearty best wishes.

JONES FAMILY MOVES

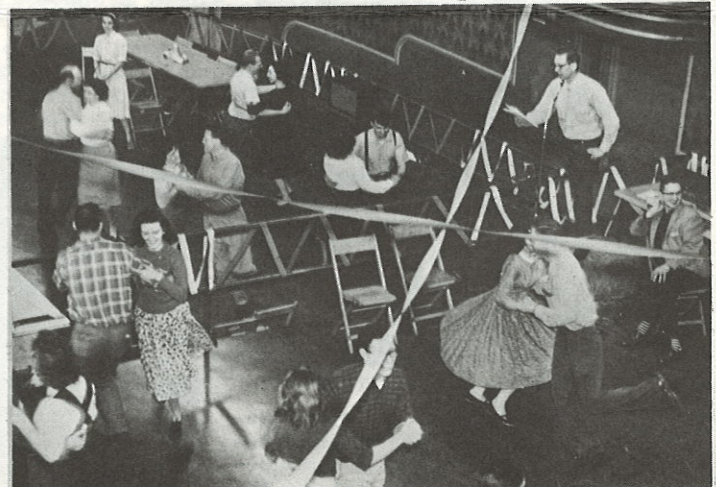
The Pittsburgh Church is losing two of its most faithful members and one of its largest families all at once. Mr. Jerald Jones, who has been out of work for some time, has located a job as a truck driver in the Grand Rapids area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones attended the very first Sabbath service held in Pittsburgh in June 1958. They are parents of six boys and one girl. Mr. Jones is also a past vice-president of the Monday Night Spokesman Club.

One unique feature of this new job, Mr. Jones could get fired for working on the Sabbath. You see, his employer is a member of God's Church!



Enjoying fellowship God's way,



Fast-moving action as Ken Iiams calls.