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More GROWTH in the Church of God

*Another local Elder has been ordained! A new local church has
begun on the other side of the earth!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

“PRAY ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest” (Mat. 9:38).

Have YOU been praying that God would provide more ministers and elders for His Church? The need was *never greater!*

After reporting in an accompanying article the ordinations of Mr. Harold Jackson and Mr. Frank McCrady as local elders, it is a real privilege and blessing to be able to tell you brethren at the same time of *another* ordination. God is beginning to raise up more local elders in the various local congregations—and many more are *very much needed*.

New Local Elder in Portland

God's church in Portland, Oregon, is one of our largest and fastest growing. The attendance there is about 220 persons each Sabbath. Yet it has not had a resident minister for some time.

Mr. David Antion, Ambassador College graduate and Associate Pastor of the Portland church, reports that this church has great potential for growth if there were a full-time pastor and more local elders to help in visiting prospective members. Although Mr. Basil Wolverson has served as a local elder in this church for years, his time is now very largely taken up doing the writing and art work

for “The Bible Story” appearing serially in “The PLAIN TRUTH.”

And now, at last, Mr. Raymond Cole, Pastor of all three churches in Oregon and supervisor over all the ministers in the field, has been able to send us this happy announcement: “On January 30, 1960, Mr. Les McColm was ordained as a local elder of the Portland Church of God. This service proved to be far more than expected. Not only did it add much needed help, but was a very great spark of encouragement and enthusiasm for the entire membership of the Portland church. Many tears of joy were wept by those who love and respect highly the wisdom, judgment and willingness of Mr. McColm. In all, let us not forget to mention the admirable assistance rendered by Mrs. McColm in these endeavors. She is a warm, affable, loving and hospitable member—inspiring both men and women alike.”

Let us *rejoice*, brethren, that God has provided this much-needed help in Portland. And let us PRAY for Mr. McColm, Mr. Jackson, Mr. McCrady and all of the new elders and ministers in God's Church that God will give them the extra wisdom, understanding, love and spiritual *power* that they need in this high office.

Mr. Raymond Cole also reports that on Sabbath, February 6, he ordained Mr.

Arne Larsen as a deacon of the Eugene Church of God. Mr. Larsen has been in the Eugene church for seven or eight years, and has been an inspiring example of spiritual growth and service to everyone. God speed, Mr. Larsen, in your new charge in God's service!

May God grant that the example set by these men and others will inspire *more* of you brethren to GROW in real spiritual understanding, maturity and dedication so that more elders and deacons may be ordained in many of our local churches. They are *very much needed!*

New Church in Sydney, Australia

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, minister in charge of God's work in Australia, reports that the first full-fledged church services there were held in Sydney on the Sabbath, January 30. There were exactly 30 people in attendance—19 adults and 11 children. This is more than we had in the London church for some time in its beginning stages, and Mr. Waterhouse is very encouraged by this start in Australia and looks for tremendous growth in the future.

So now the Philadelphia era of God's Church has a local congregation *on the other side of the earth!* Let us give God THANKS and PRAISE for working through the few of us to accomplish such a *great*

work around this earth! And let us PRAY for this new church in Sydney—and for Mr. Waterhouse and for Mr. Frank Longuskie in their efforts in God's service in the Australian continent.

For any of you who may know Mr. Waterhouse or Mr. Longuskie personally, we would like to encourage you to write them a friendly letter at Box 345, P.O., North Sydney, Australia. Let them know that you are thinking about them and praying for them! Australia is a long way from home.

However, Mr. Waterhouse reports that he has been kept extremely busy in the work of God there and that he is much encouraged by the progress so far. Mr. Charles Hefner has arrived there safely and is thrilled with the opportunity to serve in the Australian office and in "dubbing" the transcription tapes for the Australian broadcast.

God has certainly blessed these three men—and His work—in Australia with a very fine office location. Our offices in Australia are located in the "MLC" Building overlooking famous old Sydney Bridge and Sydney Bay. The Radio Church of God offices are located on the sixth floor and our men have a beautiful panoramic view of Sydney Bay. We have three offices and a small reception room—including an executive office for Mr. Waterhouse, a large mailing office for mailing out the magazines and other literature, and a transcription room where Mr. Hefner will transcribe our broadcasts from one tape onto several other tapes to send them to the Australian stations. (This, incidentally, is saving us thousands of dollars!)

The accompanying photos will give you an idea of how God has blessed His work from its inception in Australia and has opened up these fine offices for our use. The work of God is starting later in that continent than in other areas of Israel, but it is starting with a "bang," so to speak!

Now that we're on an entire chain of Australian stations six nights a week, the mail is pouring in in increasing amounts. And—as you brethren should know—we're also in the Australian edition of the "Reader's Digest." The first issue containing our printed message was just recently out on the newsstands there, and from early reports our Sydney office has probably received several hundred requests for literature already as a result of this first "ad" or printed message in "Reader's Digest!" In his reports to us, Mr. Waterhouse is already talking of needing additional help for God's work and office in Australia!

We should THANK GOD that He has blessed and empowered His work in such a marvelous way in its beginning stages

on the Australian continent! Only through His power are so few of us able to accomplish such a globe-girdling mission! This is not just "pretty talk" but a FACT, brethren.

There is probably no other activity on earth where so few people with so little money are able to accomplish so much. Although not usually thought of in the miraculous category, this is a real MIRACLE, nevertheless, when you really understand and comprehend the magnitude of what God Almighty, the great Ruler of the universe, is doing through the few of us—His humble servants on earth!

News From the Local Churches

Mr. Jon Hill, pastor of the churches in Gladewater and Minden while Mr. Ken Swisher is in Pasadena for the Ambassador College Graduate School Session, reports that these churches are coming along fine—and that they were encouraged by an unusual procedure during our recent ministerial conference in January. During the conference, some of our deacons—as an emergency measure—were called on to bring the messages in these two churches.

Mr. Roy Hammer gave a message dealing with the growth of the work and news from the headquarters' church where he had recently been visiting. Mr. Buck Hammer devoted a full message in both Minden and Gladewater on the topic: "Rejoice in God's Sabbath!" Mr. Wid Boyce, another deacon in the Gladewater church, gave a sermonette in both Minden and Gladewater on the topic: "What Clothes Will You Wear in the Kingdom of God?" using an analogy of the physical to explain the spiritual.

All of these messages, it is reported, were very well received by the brethren. And it was encouraging to them to realize that many dedicated men are coming along in God's Church who may be called on to speak and serve at various occasions in the future.

A wonderful recent healing was also reported by Mr. Jon Hill: "Mrs. Niel Palmer of Cullen, La., was healed miraculously of the Asian flu complicated with a serious side effect which had brought her near death. I arrived Friday midnight to anoint her. She improved a little, then got worse. Her husband called early Saturday evening saying it looked very bad and wanted to know what to do. I advised him to pray for God to strengthen him and then to read aloud some of the Psalms to her . . . immediately she fell asleep and WOKE UP WELL THE NEXT MORNING. He called me about 9:00 A.M. to tell me. This strengthened him and me—perhaps it will others."

Let us be THANKFUL, brethren, for these blessings and healings God continues to grant us—even though He does often try our faith in many of these instances. Instead of letting these trials overcome us, let us rejoice in what God is doing—and look forward in faith for what we know He will do for us according to His many blessed promises.

Mr. Wayne Cole reports the happy news of another ordination of a deacon—this time in God's church in Pittsburgh, Pa. On the Sabbath, January 30, 1960, Mr. Kenneth Iiams was ordained as the first deacon of God's church in Pittsburgh. Mr. Cole reports that he has known Mr. Iiams since June of 1956 when he was attending the church in Portland, Oregon, before moving east. He has long been a zealous and faithful member of God's church—and now his ordination into the office of deacon will give Mr. Iiams even greater responsibility in the direct service of Christ.

Healings and Blessings in the New York Church

From New York City—America's "Babylon the Great!"—Mr. Carlton Smith reports: "The people in the New York church are still showing a great deal of enthusiasm, and many have expressed to me with much joy and happiness how much they have profited from learning and applying God's truth in their lives. Many have been beset with emotional problems as a result of being brought up in this great metropolis, and have been amazed (and thankful) as to how God has been able to straighten out their messed-up lives, how He has freed them from fears, worries and tensions, and replaced them with joy and peace of mind.

"There has been one outstanding healing here recently. Mrs. Lora Bruner, an elderly woman in her eighties, had been suffering from a severe case of arthritis for the past eight years. She had been taking medicines for her condition, but had not been made better. Instead she grew worse year by year until the drugs had no effect in killing the pain. On the 8th of January, I went to her home in Peekskill, New York, and anointed her.

She had requested me to come and had already thrown away her medicines when I arrived. And prior to that time she said she could not sit through the Sabbath services without almost unbearable pain and misery. For the past two sabbaths she has sat through the two hours without any pain. *God has certainly healed her!* She is one of our very zealous, humble members who attends services every Sabbath—and did even while she was ridden with pain."

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Can we really *feel* a surge of gratitude and thanksgiving in our hearts and minds when we read of such wonderful blessings for our brothers and sisters in Christ? We should draw even closer, brethren, as one "body" so that—as God's begotten children—we may *share with each other* our trials, and our hopes and dreams and blessings as well.

Houston Church Picnic

Mr. Richard Prince and Mr. Cecil Battles, our minister and associate minister respectively in the churches in Dallas and Houston, report the following about a wonderful get-together recently held by the Houston church: "Houston, having suffered from drought in the not too distant past has had to settle down to an expected drenching every day—rain, rain and more rain. But this almost overpowering deterrent to a good old fashioned outdoor church social was not to stop the Houston Church of God from bringing to pass its anxiously planned picnic for Sunday, January 31.

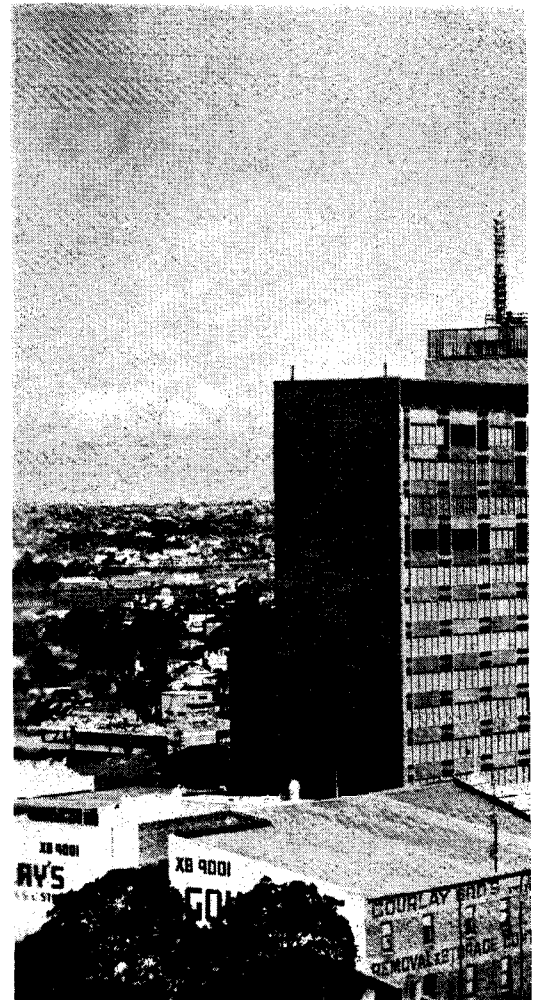
"Two weeks in advance, the Spokesman Club was exhorted to pray to God that He would reward us with plenty of sunshine—and several dozen partially

red faces surely proved that God does care!

"About 10:30 that morning a steady flow of picnic goers had begun to populate the back pasture of Mr. Treybig's country acre. On the scene was Mr. Carouthers bending over a giant wrought iron pot, the type made a century ago for making soap and sorghum, watching a delectable brew of chili bubble while discharging an aroma that would tickle anyone's nose. Off a few paces was a volley ball court set up on the grass. There could be heard the sound of steel against steel as two pegs were being driven into the ground for horseshoes. At another spot in the volley ball court, one could see strange little holes about ten feet apart—several of these little courts were for Texas style, 'washer-pitching.'

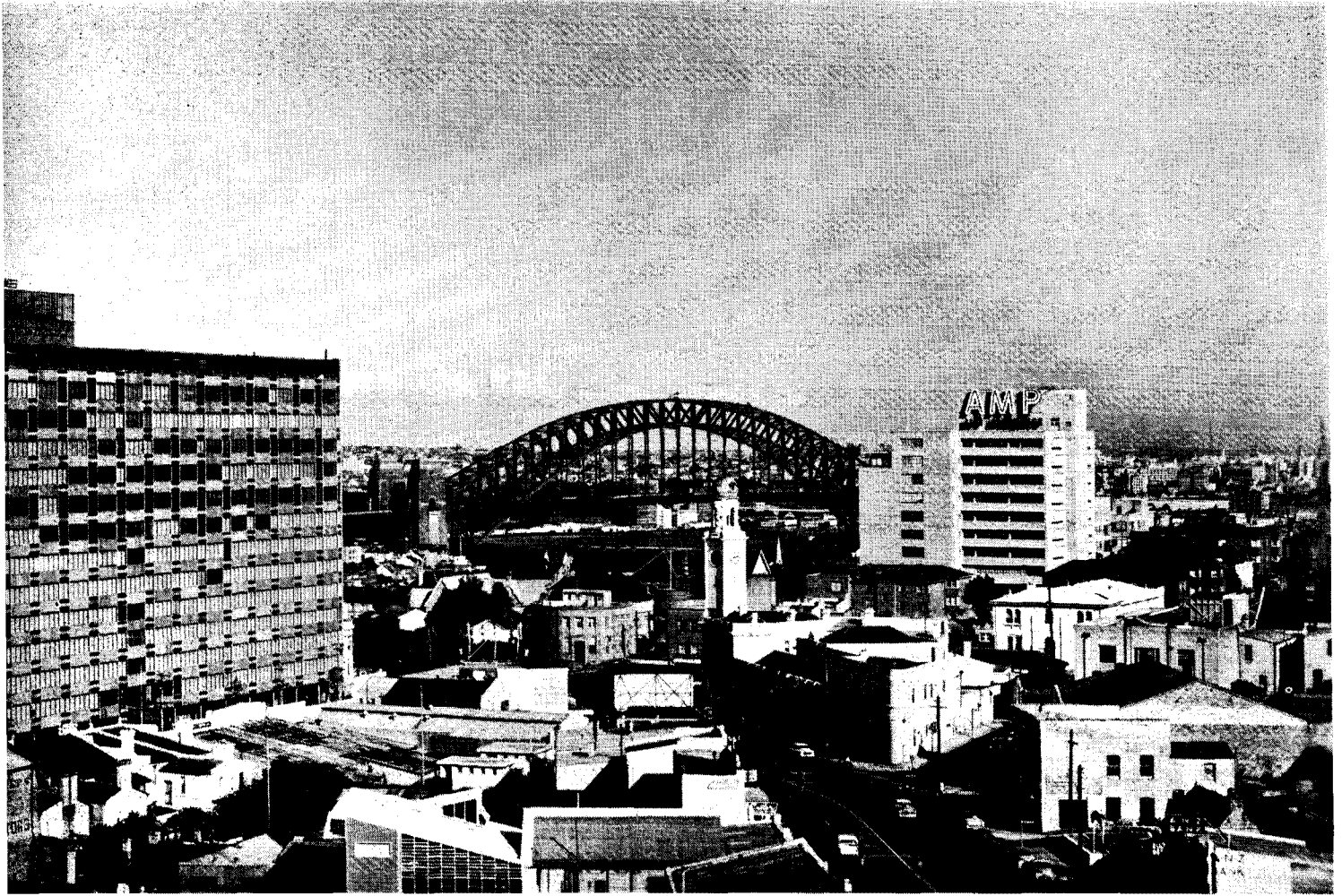
"Soon the hustle and bustle of people was activating the scene. Horseshoes clanged, two inch washers jingled and frequent shouts came from the volley ball court. Joy and happiness permeated the air about this special group of people—these were *God's children* at play.

"With great ease and plenty for all, the big pots satisfied the hunger of fam-



Mr. Longuskie in the spacious general mailing room soon to bustle with activity. While he is kept very busy with correspondence, and mailing out shipments of literature arriving from the United States, much of the office machinery has yet to arrive in Australia.





The ultra-modern "MLC" building, left, with famous old Sydney bridge in the background. Directly across the street from the building in which our new offices are located, and in the right center of the picture, is the small branch bank. Facing it, though not visible, is the North Sydney Post Office. The Radio Church of God offices in the "MLC" building look out over the sweeping expanse of beautiful Sydney Bay, and are located on the opposite side of the building.

ily after family. Eating was a delight this day for with each bite came a fellowship long to be remembered. Love and unity was strong and each enjoyed one another's conversation and presence. Seated on the grass, everyone was able to relax and just fellowship one with another and learn more about the bond between those jointly striving to enter into the kingdom of God.

"After about an hour or so of pleasant relaxation, sounds of all sorts of happy people announced that it was time to return to action. Several were challenged to a game of horseshoes, washers began to jingle once again and that afternoon saw lively action in a number of mixed volley ball games. Some having had enough activity chose monopoly. Everyone took part in the games of the day—husbands, wives and children all played together.

"As the afternoon drew toward evening the inevitable parting began to take

place. But all left with gratitude in their hearts for the Spokesman Club's effort in sponsoring the day which was a *joyous SUCCESS!* Thirty-nine adults and twenty-seven children went home with satisfaction in their hearts—oh, yes, and some with *another day's* supply of chili!

"The picnic was over, and in came the clouds and that night and the next day came the rains again."

May God grant many more of these happy occasions to His children in Christian fellowship, love and joyous recreation!

Work in Britain Grows

Mr. Raymond McNair, minister in charge of God's churches in Britain, reports that the work there is growing in every way. The new church in Bristol, England, is growing slowly but steadily and now has about 23 in attendance each Sabbath. There have been about 65 in regular attendance at the London church

recently, and there is a good deal of interest in the mid-week Bible Study there with about 33 in regular attendance.

These churches are growing spiritually as well as numerically, and the brethren are very enthusiastic about the messages we are now putting in the British edition of the "Reader's Digest" magazine. It is having a *terrific* effect, and about *ten thousand* people have already written in requesting literature as a result of this new "door" that God has opened for the preaching of His message!

As a result of the increased work in the office, *more help* has been needed in our London office. Mr. McNair has recently hired three more of our British members to work in the office and *directly serve* in the work of God in this capacity.

Also, we are definitely planning *three* separate evangelistic campaigns in England starting in June! This will increase the interest in our work all over Eng-



Mr. Waterhouse (seated), with Mr. Frank Longuskie in the new executive office. The spacious windows overlook Sydney bay and residential districts.

land, will build up and stabilize churches in the three areas, and will give us an opportunity to become personally acquainted with more prospective students for our British branch of Ambassador College.

The first campaign will be held in Bristol, England, followed by a campaign in Birmingham, and concluding with a final campaign in Manchester. Each campaign will last for approximately five weeks—*five nights a week*.

According to present plans, the campaign "team" will consist of your author, Roderick C. Meredith, as principal speaker—with Mr. Ernest Martin as song leader and chief counselor, and Miss Ruth Myrick, pianist and soloist. Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Martin will also be attending regularly and will aid greatly in counseling with the new people—especially, of course, the ladies!

Preliminary plans and hall arrangements are already being made for these campaigns. So we request your *earnest* and *prevailing* PRAYERS, brethren, that

all the plans and their execution in these campaigns will be a *success* and will be to God's honor and glory! No campaign has ever succeeded without the intense *prayers* of God's people behind it! *May we have yours?*

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rea Fly to London

Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Benjamin Rea are flying to London on Friday, February 19. They will probably still be in London when you brethren read this article.

They are making this important trip in order to talk to prospective instructors for the British branch of Ambassador College. Also, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rea will be making many preliminary plans for the entire organization of the college there, for the curriculum, the classroom facilities and many other things that have to be decided—and *wisely decided*—in the beginning stages of any new institution.

As many of you know, Mr. Benjamin

Rea has been selected to head the staff of Ambassador College, United Kingdom, Ltd. He will be the Dean of our British college—called "Principal" in England. Also, he will be carrying on many of the executive responsibilities normally associated with the President of an American college—although, of course, Mr. Armstrong will retain the title of President and make the overall decisions.

Mr. Rea is working toward his Ph.D. degree which he should receive from a university in Saltillo, Mexico, this summer. This will lend further prestige to his very important office in the college and work in Britain. Be sure to PRAY that God will *direct* and *inspire* Mr. Rea in this tremendously important office he is to assume in God's work and college in Britain!

You brethren will be interested to learn that six students from Ambassador College here in Pasadena are being sent over to help lay the "foundation" and set the atmosphere for the college

to begin next fall in London. Barring later changes, the students slated to attend Ambassador College, U.K., Ltd., are Carn Catherwood, Guy Engelbart, Gerhard Marx, and Robin Jones—himself originally from Britain. The two girls going over will be Miss Ruth Myrick and Miss Karen Kunkel.

Gerhard Marx is being sent to take care of the rapidly increasing quantity of German mail received in response to the German broadcast over Radio Luxembourg. Letters are being received from West and East Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Poland and Yugoslavia, and France, Belgium and Luxembourg—wherever the German language is understood.

These students are all thrilled with this unusual opportunity for education and travel abroad. And we know they will appreciate *your prayers* for their safety and that God will help them set the right spiritual atmosphere and make the most of this *opportunity* and *responsibility* in His college in Britain.

So be sure to PRAY for God's work and college in Great Britain! Pray that the right instructors and students may be selected for the college. Pray for the campaigns beginning next June. And pray for God's divine *protection* and *guidance* for Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rea in this most important trip they are now taking to further the work of the Almighty Creator in the British Isles and Europe.

And pray for each other, brethren, and give God great THANKS for the challenging opportunities and blessings that He continually sets before us as His human instruments and potential Sons!

CORRECTION: Please notice the misprint in the January 1960 issue, page 10, column 1, line 17 from bottom. The sentence should have read: "Of course, God does NOT expect . . ." Paul explained this in II Thessalonians 3:10.

Ministerial Conference

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of growing racial strife and animosity. Therefore, Mr. Jackson very much *needs* the prayers of every one of you for his protection and constant guidance by Almighty God!

Let us be thankful that God has raised up this first Negro brother to be an elder in His church—and pray that in His time our Father will provide many more such servants for our Negro brethren here and throughout the world.



The World Tomorrow now goes to Europe in the German language! God has opened the doors of Radio Luxembourg to us!

God has also given the German Department these four students at Ambassador to assist in proclaiming His Truth to the German people. From left to right are Robert E. Neitsch, from British Columbia, Canada. After attending Vancouver University for three years where he majored in German, he came to Ambassador College. He is now helping translate, teach German and answer German correspondence. Donna L. Fink is the German Department's efficient and devoted secretary. Besides applying herself in the language, she was aided by coming from a German community in Delmont, South Dakota. Erhard Klammer, born in Prussia, has been given a heavy responsibility of broadcasting a 15-minute program each Sunday morning on Radio Luxembourg. He is also teaching German. Gerhard O. Marx is another Ambassador student born in Germany. Besides aiding in teaching German, he fulfills other jobs under the direction of Mr. Herman L. Hoeh, who heads the entire German Department. This is wonderful news! Gott sei Dank!

Mr. Frank McCrady was also a most zealous and able member and help in his local congregation, the St. Louis Church of God. He helped the ministers there in visiting and solving problems so much that they asked him—even without his ordination—to move to Chicago, find another job, and help out with the even greater problems in that mushrooming area! This he was most willing and glad to do. On his own time, and largely at his own expense, he helped in visiting many people in the Chicago area. And he constantly grew in grace and knowledge and Christian stature.

And so, about the same time of Mr. Jackson's ordination, he too, was ordained—in this case, in the Chicago church—as a local elder in the Church

of God.

Let us thank God also for Mr. McCrady and his ministry—and continue to pray that God will add *even more* laborers to go forth in His abundant harvest!

Sadness and Trials

It is not always possible in this column—nor necessary—to give an extensive report of births, deaths, marriages, and other such events transpiring among the families of members in God's church. But we feel in the case of the ministers—because of their office—and in the case of backbone members or outstanding leaders in churches, we will try to do this whenever possible.

One such recent event which has sad-