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"These Are The Last Days" States Evangelist Cole

by Wilbur Ball

On August 3, 1963, those attending the LaGrange Church were privileged to see and hear Mr. Raymond Cole, Evangelist, just recently returned from Europe and the Middle-East. Now he is in New York City to take charge of the eastern area of the United States.

Mr. Cole traveled sixteen countries, and concluded that America is still far ahead of the others as far as the "standard of living" is concerned. Many of the peoples of the world are still eager to come to the United States, the home of the affluent society. However, England is now enjoying more prosperity than at any time since World War II. Mr. Cole also made it plain that we do not enjoy the wealth and possession of the United States because of our own genius, but because God promised it to Abraham. Deut. 8:18 states that "God gives power to get wealth."

While in Egypt, Mr. Cole noted that Mr. Nasser is looked to as a "Great Leader," almost as a god. Yet the scriptures refer to him as "base."

Being acquainted with a country's history is very interesting, and very profitable as well, but to know the future is God-given. The Ever living One reveals this through prophecy. One such country about which this may be said is Jordan, Chief of Ammon. That country will remain until the end because it is prophesied to hide God's people.

There are four major powers which exist today. The United States and the West, the United States of Europe, The Communist Orb, and the fourth is the

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Pastor Blackwell's 7th Year

by Winifred Keogh-Dwyer

In the seventh month on the 28th day of 1963 in the seventh grove of Miller's Meadow, forest preserve, a feast reminiscent of pre-McCormick days was attended by more than 344 (some say 400) people to rejoice and to thank God for Mr. Blackwell's service.

Pastor Dean Blackwell, ordained Pastor

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FIRST FRUITS OF GRAND RAPIDS CHURCH—Nine persons rose up out of watery graves June 30 to become begotten sons and daughters in God's Church at Grand Rapids. They are, left to right: Mr. Norman Walker, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Frank Schwehofer, Mrs. Schwehofer, Mrs. Virginia Waters, Mr. Charles Corder, and Mrs. Betty Kraft. Mr. Robert



Warner and Mrs. Bobbie Walker, shown above, complete the group.



Rejoicing with the angels in heaven are eight who came to complete repentance and were baptized into God's Church at Grand Rapids, Mich., on July 20. They are: Miss Cleone Walker, Miss Beulah Walker, Miss Alvera Walker, Mrs. Anna Viergiver, Mrs. Johanna Liebging, Mrs. Lois Hamilton, Mrs. Wierenga, and Mr. Harvey Wierenga.



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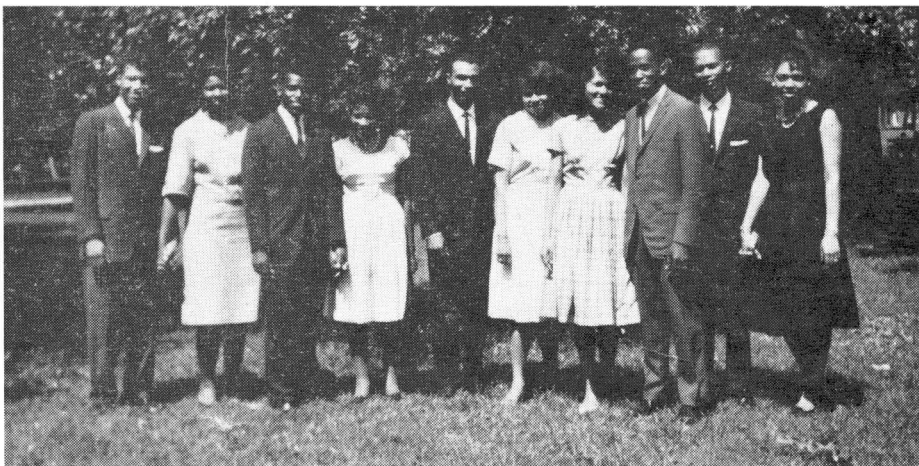
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FIVE MARRIAGES PLANNED



"House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the Eternal."—Prov. 19:14.

God is continually bestowing blessings upon the Colored Congregation. The most recent blessings are brides for five young men. The five young ladies recently came to Chicago to live, all of them within the last fifteen months. Only two of the men were baptized here in the Chicago Church.

MR. ELBERT ALAS is a former member of the Church in Los Angeles, California, where he was baptized in November of 1962. He accompanied Mr. Jackson on the first half of the baptizing tour last summer and moved to Chicago last October, at the request of Mr. Jackson. He was privileged again to accompany Mr. Jackson this summer on the tour. His bride-to-be, MISS PAT CUNNINGHAM, also came to Chicago last October from St. Louis, Mo., where she had been attending the Church there. She is very fond of sewing.

MR. EUGENE DUMAS was baptized in October of 1957 at the Feast of Tabernacles. He came to Chicago in January of 1962 after graduating from Alabama A & M College. He had the privilege of accompanying Mr. Jackson on the second part of the tour last summer. While on this tour, he met MISS VIVIAN IVEY, who had been baptized the previous year in Washington, D.C. She moved to Chicago last January.

Mr. Atlas and Mr. Dumas have planned an exciting double wedding for the evening of Sunday, September 1st.

MR. GEORGE BAILEY is one of the long time members of the Chicago Church. He was baptized in February, 1959. He has proven himself to be a man of patience. His bride-to-be, MISS MARJORIE ROBINSON, came to Chicago last January from Pittsburgh, Pa., where

she was baptized in April, 1962. It did not take long for these two to attract the attention of each other. They plan to get married in the early Fall.

CHARLES NORTH has been attending the Church since 1961 and was baptized in 1963. Charles first met MISS SYLVIA HOOKS at the Feast of Tabernacles last year. She moved to Chicago the following November from San Diego, California, where she was baptized. She is the sister of Mr. Jonny Lee Hooks, the Colored Deacon in the San Diego Church.

HAROLD BRUTON was baptized in Florida by a baptizing team. He came to Chicago to attend Coyne Electrical School. He was happy to learn that there was a Church here. MISS THELMA DUMAS came to Chicago in May of 1962, at the request of her brother, Mr. Eugene Dumas, and was baptized last March. After becoming so very fond of Thelma, Harold asked her a vital and important question; her answer was yes. The date has been set for December of this year.

Mrs. Harold Jackson, who is an outstanding seamstress has assumed the responsibility of making the gowns for the brides.

Mr. Clarence Wadley, a jeweler, receives the credit for saving the grooms-to-be a tremendous amount of money on the rings.

Milwaukee News Briefs

The Milwaukee Church recently had a pleasant surprise as one of its pioneer members returned after extensive training at Ambassador College and service in the field. Mr. Robert Steep, presently working under Mr. Hal Baird, gave an inspiring sermonette before many old friends, and to his joy, new faces.

Hoodlums Attack Chicago Doctor

Dear Editor:

While strolling one evening I was attacked by five hoodlums. As I passed the gang on the sidewalk, one of them yelled "Who are you?" They all began striking me and throwing dirt. Being near the street corner I walked rapidly and as I stepped out to cross the street the attack ceased. They made no attempt to follow me across. I did not report the incident. As I looked back I noticed three of them were about four years old, the other two about five. I hope I do not encounter this group about ten years hence.

Dr. Duke Galloway

New Baptizing Team

Mr. Durell Brown of the New York Church accompanied Mr. Harold Jackson on the second leg of his baptizing tour. Lay members please note!

Special At Bible Study

Movies Every Wednesday. Films of the Television Series of the World Tomorrow are shown before Bible Study each week in Chicago.

Last Days

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(UAR) United Arab Republic, which is not generally considered to be a major power. However, Mr. Cole pointed out that this area of the world will soon become prominent, and eventually will be the focal point of all history.

After relating several other experiences, Mr. Cole posed the question—Are these the **last days** in which we are living? If they are—How do we know that they are? Can we discern the signs of the times? Let us look at the proofs.

1. **Chronology**—The Bible shows that God has allotted **man** 6000 years to go his own way—apart from God. Prophecy throughout the Old and New Testaments indicates that time will culminate in 10 to 15 years, and possibly less, considering that time will be cut short in righteousness Matt. 24:22. Also Usher's, chronology which is accepted and respected by most religious leaders today, indicates that this is the **last generation**. A generation is considered to be 35 to 40 years.

2. **Empires**—Given in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7—Showing that there are only four world-ruling powers. We are in the toes of the "Great Image," the last stage of the Roman Empire. The next Government to rule the world will be the "Kingdom of God!"

3. **Young men taking over the Government**—Isa. 3:4. I will give children (should be translated, young men) to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. Also read Isa. 3:5-6. An example of what happens when young men rule is shown in I Kings 12:8-16.

4. **Wars and rumors of wars**—Matt. 24:6. Also read Matt. 24:3. Read any newspaper headlines!

5. **Women in Politics**—Isa. 3:12. Scan the list of U.S. senators and representatives. Also the numerous amount of women in leading positions in industries.

6. **Weather**—Lev. 26:19

New records in extreme weather conditions are being set weekly in the United States, as well as the rest of the world.

7. **Health**—Deut. 28:22 America has a record number of hospitals, and they are filled to capacity. Over 50% of all hospitalized patients are mental cases.

8. **World Travel**—At the time of the end many shall run to and fro.

9. **Knowledge is increased**—Dan. 12:4—both scientific and general knowledge. Also spiritual knowledge given to God's Church.

10. **Lovers of Pleasures**—II Tim. 3:4. Money spent for boats this year exceeded

all others.

11. **Language barrier broken.**

12. **Attitude**—II Tim. 3:1-2.

13. **Resurgence of Religious Activity**—Matt. 24:4-5. Over 400 sects, cults, and denominations in the United States alone. Building of new churches a major part of the recent building boom.

14. **Cultism**—II Tim. 3:5.

15. **Work of God**—Matt. 24:14 "Gospel of the Kingdom" preached. There is only one church preaching "The Kingdom of God On Earth." That is the **Church of God!**

This is now a world-wide Work! This is the "Midnight Cry"—in Matt. 25.

Only the Church of God has the **Key of David** which is the understanding of where Israel is today—Rev. 3:7. God has set the open door of radio before His Church today—Rev. 3:8. We are the only generation to have been allowed to understand the future. Most of the Bible was written for the understanding of the **last generation** HERE! NOW! To us only—to have a near complete understanding.

Mr. Cole concluded by saying, "During this time we are to herald the Kingdom of God because it will be set up in our time. It is the **SOLE HOPE OF MANKIND**."

Mr. McCrady and Son Here

by Barbara Ellis

After a one-year absence, during which he took courses at Ambassador College, ministered to Churches in California, and led baptizing tours, Mr. Frank McCrady returned to this area. Arriving late Thursday evening, August 15, Mr. McCrady accompanied by Mr. Hal Baird and his son, Frank, went directly to the Willow Brook where a group had gathered to celebrate his return, the return of the S.E.P. campers, and the departure of the students for Ambassador College.



Left to Right: Mr. Hal Baird, Frank McCrady, Jr., Mr. Frank McCrady.

To the many couples who left the dance floor to greet Mr. McCrady, it seemed as if the hand-shaking would never end. But by the time the band resumed playing, Mr. McCrady and Mr. Baird took a few twirls on the floor, even though they had just made the drive in from St. Louis.

Mr. McCrady will take charge of the South Bend and Grand Rapids churches.

NEW CLUB FORMED

by Fred Mancewicz

A new Spokesman Club, fourth in the Chicago area, is beginning August 29th. It will meet on Thursday evening, Mr. Dean Blackwell announced.

The members are to be mainly men who have not previously belonged to a Spokesman Club. They will be spearheaded by a group of seasoned Spokesmen taken out of the other three clubs.

The new president of the Thursday night group is Mr. Dick Alexander; vice-president is Mr. Alan Gregor; secretary is Mr. Robert Einersen; treasurer is Bill Butler; and Sergeant-at-Arms is Mr. Marvin Gardner.

Other new officers filling vacancies left in the Saturday night group are vice-president George Gibbs and Sergeant-at-Arms Ken Ellis.

Now there are four sections for the white brethren besides the two for the colored brethren, and this is a good opportunity for men in the area to apply. For quite a while there were few or no openings available and many men had to be put on the waiting list. Are you taking advantage of your opportunity?

Anniversary Banquet Held

by Dick Alexander

The Combined Spokesman Club members and wives held an anniversary dinner meeting on the evening of Thursday, August 22nd at the Willow Brook in Willow Springs. The meeting started at 7 p.m. in the Vintage Room. This meeting was held in honor of the anniversary of the beginning of the Spokesman Club here in the Chicago Area in 1959.

The Spokesman Club has done much for the growth and development of men in God's Church, as exemplified by the roster of officers of the first Spokesman Club. President was Mr. Frank McCrady; vice-president was Mr. Raymond Roenspies; Secretary was Mr. Vernon Johnson; Treasurer was Mr. Arthur Mokarow; and Sergeant-at-Arms was Mr. Fred Mancewicz.

The menu consisted of a selection of roast beef, red snapper, or young tom turkey, and tossed salad, baked potato, fresh green beans almadene, rolls and butter, coffee, and ice-cream, wine served with the meal. The cost per person was \$4.00 which included the dinner, tax, tip, and dancing afterwards in Willow Brook's beautiful ballroom to the strains of Jimmy Dorsey's famous band.

LAODICEAN JONES



Mr. Jones goes golfing,
Whenever he can go;
Of course he doesn't visit folks,
He's just too short on dough.

He never has the time to spare,
To go to Bible study;
But finds the time to swing the clubs,
With his old worldly buddies.

The only drive he seems to have,
Is on the local links;
In church he hooks and slices,
And his attitude sure stinks.

He never volunteers to help;
For Mr. Jones that's par.
He's double bogeyed every chance,
They've given him thus far.

Now on the greens he really shines;
He'll drop a tricky putt.
He's putted around in church so long,
He's dug a nasty rut.

He's in the rough, and that's for sure,
But he can chip it clear;
If he'll mix a little know-how,
With the proper kind of fear.

My Last Day at Camp

by Susan Kaminski

It was Monday (August 5th) and everyone was in a big rush!

We had physical fitness tests from 6:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Then we had breakfast at 9:30. Then we went to watch field day events in riflery and archery.

From 12 until 3:00 we had free time to get ready for the big evening ahead of us. At 4:00 we had our banquet. The decorated dining hall was very pretty and the food was delicious. We had cornish hens, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, peas, candied apples, jello, apple pie and milk.

Then at 6:00 we loaded the buses to go dancing at the Rose Garden Ballroom in Tyler. The hall was beautiful. It had colored lights, and in the middle of the dance floor, there was a pool with a fountain of running water. There was also a balcony and a beautiful garden of roses in which to walk.

The dance lasted from 7:00 until 12:30. We got back to booth city at 1:30. Practically everyone stayed up all night or at least half of the night packing, and saying good-bye to those who were leaving the next morning.

To me, this was the nicest and most exciting day of camp. And, I think it will be well-remembered always by each and every camper.

7th Year (Cont'd)

tor on January 22, 1955, was sent to Chicago in July of 1956 to become personal minister to fifty members of God's Church. In the fall of 1957, Mr. Blackwell returned to Pasadena for post-graduate work, and during his absence Mr. Wayne Cole Pastored the area. In 1958, Mr. Blackwell returned to resume the task of ministering to the Chicago Church and to the members who lived along the 850-mile circuit he would travel from St. Louis to Chicago to Milwaukee.

Sokol Hall on 23rd street and Kedzie housed the first fifty members of God's Church in the Chicago area. Among these fifty were six of the original fifteen members who have remained in the Chicago Church: Mr. and Mrs. John Kreidich, our senior Deacon and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schlitt, Deacon and Deaconess; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank La-Tour. God has planted these among today's 850 Chicago brethren. The whole Mid-West area numbered 1800 last Pass-over feast. Represented at the Miller's Meadow picnic were: Milwaukee, South Bend, Bloomington, LaGrange & Chicago.

Happy contentment permeated the scene as the huge family of God served

themselves from a table laden with food. Many sat on the soft green grass to eat and to reminisce. The young people played volley ball and badminton. Children four to fourteen entered sack races and foot races. Our older men played horse-shoes and drank cold beer, and out across the field 3 intense games of softball were played; Mr. Mancewicz umpired the 'Married Ladies vs. Single Girls'. Married Ladies 13, Girls 10.

No one thought of going home till oncoming darkness would not permit them to stay. When Mr. Blackwell was presented with a gift certificate for a Color Polaroid Land Camera from the Mid-West area Churches in appreciation of his seven years of service, he was heard to say, "I hope seven more years" to which we prayerfully say "Amen."

Milwaukee Church News

New additions to the M.C.C.R. (Milwaukee Church Cry Room) are: Miss Krista Lee Larsson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larsson, born June, 1963; Miss Renate Eva Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoffman, born July 30, 1963; Miss Julia Elizabeth Meeker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Meeker Jr. born July 5, 1963.

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