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Eight Ordained



Local Elder
Mr. Roland Van Slooten

God's work in the Midwest is moving forward! The quickening pace and growth requires more helpers—more truly dedicated men. This need is being met through ordinations of qualified men.

Mr. Bill McDowell, the Chicago District Superintendent, pointed out in a recent Chicago Church service that there were 25 new ordinations in God's work and of this number 14 were not Ambassador College trained. The meaning of this is clear to the diligent.

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Evansville Gets Both Barrels!!

Two BIG SURPRISES awaited the brethren in the Evansville church as they arrived for Sabbath services October 23rd. Half of the church returned from the Feast of Tabernacles at Jekyll Island, Georgia while the other half returned from Big Sandy, Texas. With the

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1965 FEAST OF TABERNACLES AT BIG SANDY TEXAS

"Largest single meeting since days of the Apostles."

Can you imagine 12,000 people under one tent? If you attended the Big Sandy feast, YOU SAW IT FOR YOURSELF! These people came from all over the central part of the United States—responding to God's call to holy convocation. For many, it was their FIRST FEAST; they learned BY DOING that God MEANS WHAT HE SAYS about pouring out blessings to the obedient.

Primarily, the blessing is spiritual—becoming more like our Example, Jesus Christ in word, deed, thought, and action. However, a balanced personality requires physical activities. This year, for the first time, a full scale basketball tournament was played. Softball and volleyball games helped fill the activity schedule in addition to a chorale concert, a fun show, and a picnic for the "eligible" member of God's church.





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letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a small offering for the
 best Church newspaper I ever did read.

Lee E. Cornwell
 Zeigler, Illinois



GRAND RAPIDS WEDDING!

Two baptized members of the Grand Rapids church became "one" September 25 as Mr. Bion Baker and Miss Alvera Walker were united in marriage by Minister Frank McCrady (right). After a camping honeymoon in Texas (during the Feast!) the Bakers now reside at Greenville, Michigan.

Editorial

Can YOU help with the Church of God News?

by Mr. Bill McDowell

How often have you had the urge to "help out" in some way in God's church? Most of us have had at least a **small** desire to really DO something for others—especially since God has called us!

BUT, most of us feel hopelessly **inadequate** and never even try. We feel like our meager efforts will only make matters worse rather than helping.

As for **writing** and being some kind of "reporter"—perish the thought!! we'll leave that kind of thing to those "experienced" ones who are more educated, who have more natural ability and have **done** more! If this is what you've been thinking, **you're the one we're looking for!**

Don't you know the **CHURCH of GOD NEWS** is for the amateurs? If we all were so professional, we would be writing for the big papers. We would have articles appearing regularly in the GOOD NEWS or the PLAIN TRUTH. We are not looking for professional writers for the church paper. We are looking for **writers**—simply people who are willing to take the effort to jot down something of interest that has happened in his church area and send it in!

You don't have to have all the professional skills. Even if you feel you can't write **at all**, you **can still** jot down some of the things you know about that may be newsworthy and give it to your local minister or the person he has appointed to take care of the news in his area.

For those of you who feel you can't think of anything to jot down, you can still help out. You may realize that it costs MONEY to produce the church paper. EVERYONE can help out here!

In the past, the Spokesman Clubs have shared the sole responsibility of paying for the paper. NOW, we're going to give everyone the opportunity to help share this obligation.

Beginning with this issue, each local church which receives copies of the Chicago district **CHURCH OF GOD NEWS** will also receive a **bill** for that church's allotted portion of the total cost. This will give each local church the opportunity to **DONATE** toward the support of the paper.

Each copy of the paper generally costs approximately 10¢. Keep this in mind when you receive **your** copy. We know some will not be able to donate, but there are also **others** who can donate **more**.

Remember, you **CAN** help with the church paper. Write if you possibly can—**donate** as you are able. Help out with The **CHURCH OF GOD NEWS!**

100 Years Old

Do you know Mr. Robert Erwin Samuels? He was born in **1865**.

That's right — **ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO!** Mr. Samuels is one of the oldest members of the Philadelphia Era Church.

Mr. Samuels was born to slaves in Russell County, Alabama. His two older brothers were slaves. If you remember

your history, you'll know that Mr. Samuels was born the same year that slavery was abolished.

Mr. Samuels came to Indiana in 1917. In 1956, he started listening to "The World Tomorrow" broadcast.

Baptized two years ago, Mr. Samuels has good sight and hearing and is quite agile.

Eight Ordained

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Perhaps you have not realized how many ordinations have occurred—just in **this area**. Here in capsule form are the eight men with new responsibilities and opportunities:

NAME **CHURCH**

To Local Elder

Harold Krueger Milwaukee
 Don Prunkard Minneapolis
 Roland Van Slooten ... Grand Rapids

To Deacon

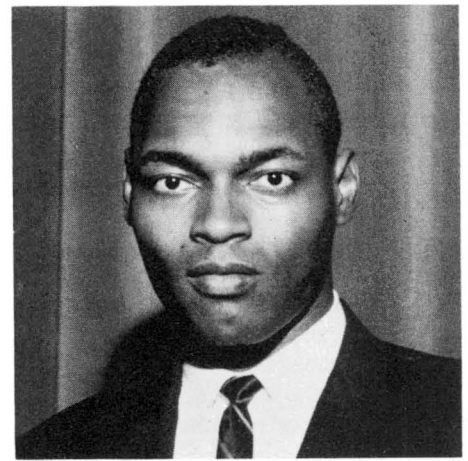
Russel Brown Minneapolis
 Scott Erickson Duluth
 Jack Buckley Grand Rapids
 Don Kayser Indianapolis
 Maurcie Welch South Chicago

During the 1963 Feast of Trumpets the Minneapolis church held its first service with 178 attending. Last Feast of Trumpets (only two years later) 746 at-

tentive brethren witnessed the ordination of its two new deacons (see list above). At that service, Mr. Don Prunkard gave the first sermon explaining the hope of the resurrection. He was followed by Mr. Sherwin McMichael who showed how long God has warned His people by blowing of Trumpets of the Great Day of the Lord soon to come. **This work is only beginning!**

Mr. Roland Van Slooten was ordained at services conducted by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong during the Feast of Tabernacles at Big Sandy, Texas. Baptized in June 1953, Mr. Van Slooten was ordained a deacon in December 1960. His home is near Holland, Michigan.

Milwaukee gains a local elder with the ordination of Mr. Harold Krueger, brother-in-law of Mr. Raymond Roenspies local elder in the Chicago Church.



The South Side Church is blessed to have another deacon to render services. Mr. Maurice Welch was ordained by Mr. Bill McDowell and Mr. Harold Jackson on the 2nd of October.

Mr. Welch and his wife, Delores have three sons—Stephan, Gary, and Eric.

Baptized over four years ago, Mr. Welch is the sixth Negro to be ordained deacon in the Chicago area.

Knowledge Knots

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is the story of one man's trip to the fall feast. Notice how he used his time and kept his activities varied. This is an example of the writing that amateurs can do for the district paper (see the editorial this issue). His experiences have been shared with all of our readers. May we hear from YOU?

FEAST plus HONEYMOON

by David Kroll (Milwaukee Church)

Unlike most individuals who made the trip to Big Sandy, Texas, for the Feast of Tabernacles, my wife and I did a good deal of traveling before arriving at Big Sandy. Having only recently come into God's Church and having then been married even more recently, we took this opportunity of attending God's festival to also take a honeymoon down in the country of Mexico.

We left Milwaukee early on September 24, and arrived in Memphis that evening to spend the first Sabbath of our trip with Mr. and Mrs. Carl McNair and the people of the Memphis Church. Next stop was Oklahoma City, where we spent the Feast of Trumpets. From Oklahoma City, we headed for San Antonio, Texas, where we saw the Alamo and a number of missions and forts which played an important part in some of the early history of our country. Leaving San Antonio, we drove straight through to Monterrey, Mexico.

Having spent a day and two nights in Monterrey, we headed for Mexico City, some six hundred miles farther south. We found Mexico City to be the New York of Mexico. With its bustling population of nearly seven million and its gleaming skyscrapers of late model architecture, it surely ruined the image I had thus far gained of Mexico as being just a bit backward and underdeveloped—at least by most American standards.

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See page 4 for answers

① WHY WAS ABRAM'S NAME CHANGED TO ABRAHAM?

② WHICH EVANGELISTS ATTENDED THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES AT BIG SANDY THIS YEAR?

③ HOW MANY ATTENDED EACH OF THE FEAST OF TABERNACLE LOCATIONS IN THE U.S.?

④ HOW MANY CHILDREN DID LEAH HAVE?

⑤ WHAT IS THE MAIN SUBJECT OF THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES?

While in Mexico City, we saw a bull fight and the Mexican Folklore Ballet, which was one of the most beautiful stage productions I have ever seen. We toured the ruins of the Aztec pyramids, wandered through a typical Mexican open market, went on a gondola ride through the Floating Gardens while being serenaded by the Mariachos, and ate dinner in a cave.

One experience that will stand out in our minds is our trip to the Shrine of Guadalupe, a famous Catholic basilica and center of worship in Mexico. Although we knew that 98 per cent of Mexico is Roman Catholic, we had no idea how obsessed these people were with their religion until we visited this shrine. Aside from the usual kneeling before various statues that one expects to see at such a shrine, we also saw numerous men and women, some with babies on their back, crawling on bare knees for a block to two blocks in order to fulfill a promise to the Women of Guadalupe for some favor she supposedly did for them. About this time I bowed my head and silently thanked God for bringing me out of this deceived and confused world and for the soon return of Jesus Christ.

While in Mexico City, we spent one day driving down to Taxco and back, which is about one-hundred miles south of Mexico City. Taxco is a quaint Mexican village, where buildings have to be built to ancient specifications and life is still lived as it has been for hundreds of years. This town is characterized by narrow cobblestone streets and a great variety of small shops, all engaged in selling silver jewelry. Taxco is known as the silver capital of the world, being surrounded by many silver mines.

We arrived at Big Sandy on October 10 and set up our tent on the campsite reserved for us. We were much surprised and impressed with the size and development of the college campus at Big Sandy, and we certainly do count it a blessing



IWO JIMA RE-ENACTED??

What may appear to be the planting of a national emblem on some foreign shore is in reality Grand Rapids Spokesman Club members in action! This scene captured the erecting of a new basketball backboard at the Glen Keeley camping area near Gobles, Michigan.

to have been able to attend our first Feast of Tabernacles and gain the tremendous reward and satisfaction from seeing and hearing so many of the top men in God's Church.

Answers to Knowledge Knots

1. Genesis 17:5 contains the answer: "Neither shall thy name any more be called ABRAM, but thy name shall be ABRAHAM; for a father of many nations have I made thee."
2. God's people in Big Sandy had the privilege of hearing four of the twelve evangelists in God's church. They were Messers Garner Ted Armstrong, Charles Hunting, Norman Smith and Dr. Herman Hoeh—all in addition to our Pastor General, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.
3. According to figures released at the Feast, there were 12,312 at Big Sandy, 8,000 at Squaw Valley, 7,500 at Jekyll Island.
4. SEVEN! Did you forget to count Dinah?? See Genesis 30:20,21.
5. The basic reason for the inclusion of this book in the holy scriptures is found in two of its verses. One verse (Ecc. 1:2) is at the beginning; the

other (Ecc. 12:8) is near the end. This whole book expounds and explains the subject of VANITY. Vanity is anything that hinders, prevents, restricts, or denies development of God's character or nature in human beings.

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blessings of both Feasts still in mind plus the joy of seeing one another again, the brethren were confronted by a tall distinguished visitor—God's Evangelist Mr. Norman Smith. Then, with the arrival of Mr. Bob Steep another surprise awaited us . . . Mr. Bill McDowell, Superintendent of the Chicago District!

We were treated to TWO split sermons by Mr. Smith and Mr. McDowell. Mr. Smith presented a concise digest of the sermons given at Big Sandy, Texas. Mr. McDowell gave us an enlightening sermon on the fruits of God's Holy Spirit.

Both Mr. Smith and Mr. McDowell remained for the Spokesman Club where Mr. Smith acted as overall Evaluator.

Yes, it was a double barrel blessing for which we are truly thankful.

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