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## Pentecost Plans

by Ken Ellis

The largest and most modern convention hall in Chicago will again be used as a meeting place for God's people in



this area! McCormick Place at 22nd Street and Lake Shore Drive will be the site of the 1963 Pentecost Holy Day. There will be three days of meetings, ALL at the hall, June 1st (Sabbath), June 2nd (Sunday), and June 3rd (Pentecost Monday).

Services will start at 10 AM and 2:30 PM with time between for lunch at the McCormick Place Cafeteria.

Mr. Roderick C. Meredith is expected to be here as guest speaker. Mr. Meredith, an Evangelist in the Church of God, has many duties at Pasadena Headquarters. He is the second vice-president of Ambassador College, Senior Editor of the **Plain Truth** and the **Good News**, and professor of speech and associate professor of Theology. Mr. Meredith was able to be here with us during the Pass-over season of 1962. As many will remember from that visit and from hearing him at the Feast of Tabernacles, he is a powerful and inspiring speaker. We are certainly looking forward to seeing and hearing him again.

There will be no meeting Friday evening preceding the days mentioned, but another social evening is planned for Saturday night. This additional fun will be held at the Logan Square Masonic Temple, 2451 No. Kedzie Ave, from 8 PM on. The colored brethren will have their social at the Wabash Y.M.C.A. at the same time.

## MR. ARMSTRONG ORDAINS TWO DURING BRIEF STOPOVER!

by Ken Westby

Monday, April 22 was going to be an eventful day! Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong were stopping in Chicago for a brief 3 hour layover between trains enroute to New York and then to England via ship! Gathered at the station to meet them were Mr. Blackwell and most of the ministers and their wives in the northern Mid-West area.

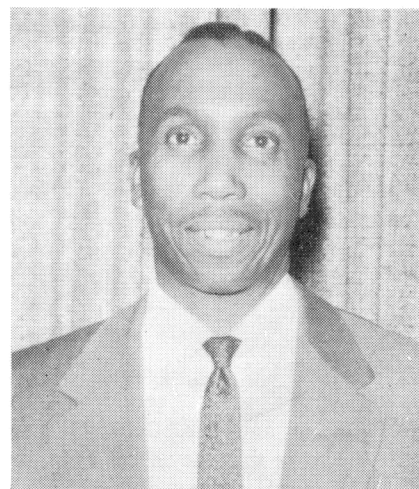
The sleek Santa Fe Streamliner pulled into Dearborn station right on time. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong stepped down from their car and vigorously greeted everyone present.

Mr. Armstrong then walked back to Mr. Harold Jackson and asked, "Where is your wife?" Mr. Jackson said Mrs. Jackson wasn't feeling too well and was home resting. "Well," Mr. Armstrong continued, "she would probably want to be present when we ordain you to the rank of **Preaching Elder!**" Completely shocked, Mr. Jackson caught his breath, paused, and said, "Yes Sir she would! I will phone her immediately!" Mr. Armstrong had dropped one 'bombshell,' but another was yet to come!

We quickly drove over to the Palmer House where a suite had been reserved. Mrs. Jackson arrived shortly looking as surprised as her husband!

Mr. Armstrong then took us thru the new prospectus of the colleges and worldwide work page by page! This is the book Mr. Armstrong uses to present the World Tomorrow broadcast to radio station managers. The ultra-attractive prospectus was jam-packed with beautifully rich color prints of the radio studios, Squaw Valley, our spacious grounds in Texas, and shots of the college campus there in Bricket Wood. The pictures were skilfully arranged among facts and comments explaining the radio broadcast and the work. The whole presentation was breathtaking—the next best thing to an

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Mr. Harold Jackson



Mr. John Bald



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## Editorial

# "FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING..."

Between 1500 and 1800 of God's people in the North Midwest district deeply enjoyed the recent Feast of Unleavened Bread. Exciting, thought-provoking and moving sermons were heard by those who did attend. Bible studies scintillated with newly-revealed facts about Satan's great "Simon Magus Conspiracy"; All this was fine and we can be thankful to God for it.

BUT . . . Shocking as it was to Mr. Dean Blackwell and the rest of the ministers in this district, there was a **number** of supposedly converted and baptized members of God's Church **who did not bother to attend** the Holy Day and nightly services or the daily Bible studies. Almost 50% of the members in the **immediate** La Grange and Chicago Churches were **at times absent!** Many of the wives who lived within easy access to the Bible studies didn't take time to make advanced arrangements so they could attend these vital studies and get notes for their husbands who couldn't attend due to work.

Brethren, **why** was this? This should **not** have been! Those of you—and there were many of you—who **allowed** Satan and your own human nature **to convince** you that attendance of **every** service possible during the Feast was not necessary missed out on instruction God himself intended for you! Instruction for which God will hold you accountable.

Too many of us, brethren, still think of God as being stern, hard—a God who wants to make Christian living difficult. Too many of us look on God's annual Holy Days as a burden. We are **afraid** that God's Festivals may cost us our jobs, cause family dissension, cost us too much money, in **convenience**—even a loss of a few hours of needed **sleep**. So we give in. We reason that it would be all right to stay home, **to miss** this one service or Bible study. We **NEGLECT God's appointed assembly!**

Read what Paul stated as a dire warning to the Christians of Palestine in Hebrews 10:25 "Not **forsaking** the assembling of ourselves together, **as the manner of SOME is . . .!**" This means many of you!

Out of love and deep concern, Mr. Blackwell and the other ministers in this district want those of you who through **laziness, indifference, apathy, and neglect** and who **failed** to attend **every** meeting humanly possible, to **awaken** out of your **Laodicean STUPOR**. Begin to show some **zeal, desire** and **burning ambition** to attain to God's high calling!!

The **Feast of Pentecost** is just around the corner. Begin to make preparations now for the coming Pentecost season to attend ALL the services. Let's show God we can **repent** of this **sin** and **OVERCOME**.

Allen Manteufel

## Ordains Two (Cont'd)

actual tour! Together with Mr. Armstrong's very convincing commentary, I can't imagine how any radio station could refuse the **World Tomorrow** program!

More surprises! Mr. Armstrong then unveiled the new college shield prepared for Ambassador, U. K. It is a 4 foot circular bronze and gold finished, hand hammered copper shield picturing a realistic looking 3-dimensional view of a majestic lion with a young child and lamb at its side—a picture out of the World Tomorrow!

Then the second bombshell dropped! Mr. Armstrong announced that Mr. John Bald was also to be ordained to a full **Preaching Elder!** Because of the solid growth and dedicated service of both Mr. Jackson and Mr. Bald, God had made it known that they should be given offices of even greater service and authority.

Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Blackwell, and the other ministers then layed on hands and ordained Mr. Jackson and Mr. Bald as Preaching Elders! There was joy among all as we witnessed this momentous event. Congratulations Mr. Jackson and Mr. Bald.

Mrs. Armstrong reminded her husband the train was leaving in just a matter of minutes. It was another "shirt tail shoot" as we hurried, bags in hand, to make the train. We did, with 5 minutes to spare! It was "Good-By" again after a brief—but very eventful stop over. Let's hope they will be able to stop even longer on their way back this summer.

## YOU'RE OUT!!

by Andrea Beyersdorfer

Those were the most feared and yet most hoped for words by the women at 55th and Western the last three Sundays.

The women's softball season was opened with a slow start on Sunday, April 21. Mrs. Hitch's "Lightningettes" beat Mrs. Gibbs' "Triggerettes" 6 to 4 after five innings of play. There were stiff and sore muscles that week.

By the second week the women began to get warmed up. Many were playing for the first time since their high school days! Mrs. Gibbs' team took the lead in the beginning of the game with four home runs. Mrs. Hitch's team made a valiant rally to tie the game 15 to 15, but they lost the game 19 to 17. There were a few complaints of sunburned noses, but no major catastrophes.

The third week found the women in fine form. The game went without mishap until Mrs. Schlitt got in the way of a line drive to the shortstop. The final

score was the "Lightningettes" 6; the "Triggerettes" 16.

The pitchers on Mrs. Hitch's team were :Bonnie Jo Landes, Mrs. Epley and Mrs. Hitch. Mrs. Gibbs' pitchers were: Mrs. Gibbs, Candy Olson, Carol Landes, and Andrea Beyersdorfer.

## Church Begins With 131 In Grand Rapids

This is the first Church of God in the state of Michigan, with plans under way for one to follow in Detroit.

In Minneapolis, Minnesota there is now a monthly Bible Study with 100 to 150 in attendance, with the possibility of a Church starting soon. The pastor is expected to be Mr. John Bald, preaching elder, who now pastors the church at Bloomington, Illinois.

May these new churches be nourished by God's greatest blessings, as well as by the prayers of all those who appreciate the growth of God's Work and of His plan for all humanity.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. Frank Byers stricken with severe arthritis and immobilized for six months, he now has returned to services at the South Bend church.

In fine spirits, Mr. Byers jokes about his former weak ankles which were considerably "strengthened" by the disease.

Mrs. Giermann was moved by church men and women. She is now taking a rest before going to Texas.

After a three-months' bout with rheumatic fever during which he lost 22 pounds, Mr. Richard Wolfe has returned to Sabbath services at the South Bend church.

Noteworthy during the illness was the recommendation of the insurance company M.D. that he consume 40 aspirins per day as treatment. "If your ears begin to ring, better reduce the dose," the doctor added cautiously. Mr. Wolfe, a "cautious" man himself, reduced the dose to zero.

Friends suggested a suitable aspirin substitute.

Congratulations to the Mungersons' on the arrival of their new baby girl.

Comments about the dance at Willow-Brook are—We ought to do it more often. We will—more are scheduled.

Have you seen Mr. Filippello buzzing along in his new Volkswagon. He likes it too!

Since Miss Dayton moved, Daisy Recky and Margaret Silver are now sharing the same apartment. Some single men are needed to break this up.

Question for the single men—How many of our eligible damsels have you dated this past month? Let's get a move on, men—these women are waiting on you—yes. you!!!

Dr. Stig Erlander of Peoria, Illinois recently returned from a business trip to California. While there he visited Ambassador College, in Pasadena, California.

Mr. Allen Manteufel, a preaching elder in the Chicago Church, came to Bloomington on the Sabbath April 20, 1963. After delivering a very sobering

sermon, he evaluated the Spokesman Club on Saturday evening. We were all very happy to have Mr. Manteufel visit the Bloomington Church.

In the near future Bloomington will have a Bible study every other Tuesday night. We are looking for a suitable hall now.

All of the brethren from the Bloomington Church wish to thank our brethren in the Chicago area for the hospitality shown us during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Their homes were opened to many, and many acts of kindness were shown the Bloomington brethren.

Following the Eugene LaSocha swoop which netted him a bride, pretty Emma Dayton on April 13, Chicago moved fast.

Mr. E. A. "Pete" Peterson, in Viking-like forays, warmed all roads leading to South Bend until he had captured the heart of comely Carol Volkema.

And so at another of God's Feast Seasons, Pentecost, a marriage will take place.

## These Are Your Brethren — Do You Know Them?



## Man on the Street

"Hello, Sir, will you tell us your name?"

"Laodicean Jones, buddy-boy, what's yours?"

"Uh. Well, I am interviewing people for the Chicago Midwest Edition of the Church of God News. The question we're asking is: What are some of the things You'd most like to see in the next edition?"

"Well, it's about time somebody asked me. I was just tellin' my wife the other day what's wrong wit' 'dat scandle sheet. Here's what I like to see.

1. My name
2. A list of tricks to evade income tax
3. My wife's name
4. Picture of my Championship Wednesday night bowling team.
5. My kiddies' names
6. A chance for some of us guys to give **our** interpretation of the Bible.
7. At least two pages of comic strips—in color.
8. A notice about charlie and me breaking 100 at the Country Club last Sunday.
9. A least one page of sports (Just look at 'dem Sox go!)
10. A biographical sketch of da guy most likely to be the next deacon (and be sure to spell my name right).

You know—Ann Slanders and—"sir, don't you like anything we have in the paper now?"

"Naw, except for that whatziz—name—Jones guy that is always doin' the wrong thing. Dat's rich. Haw!"

## Records Broken

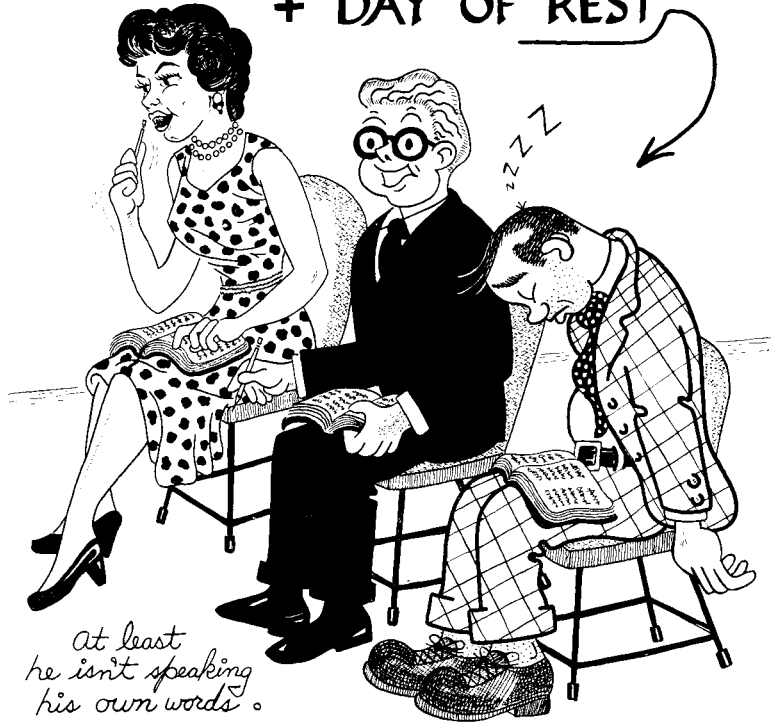
Those fast growing Indianapolis and Cincinnati Churches have done it again! This past Sabbath, May 18, Indianapolis had a record 330 in attendance! Cincinnati, which was just raised up a few months ago with 190, had an amazing 310.

The southern Indiana and Ohio areas are being blanketed by the broadcast and the response is tremendous! Twenty to thirty letters requesting baptism or counseling are being received each week! Mr. Dean Blackwell has been sending down help from Chicago to give Mr. Catherwood a hand in visiting.

God certainly is calling "much people" in that area. Both Spokesman Clubs are at their limit and another needs to be raised up soon. The havest is plentiful, but the qualified laborers are too few.

# LAODICEAN JONES

## SABBATH = HOLY CONVOCATION + DAY OF REST



*At least  
he isn't speaking  
his own words.*

## Baptized

by Victor Johnson

Repentance (GENUINE sorrow for sin) and abundant JOY were **both** unrestrained at baptismal services April 9 at Elkhart, Indiana. Approximately 50 were on hand to welcome another of God's perfect number (7) into the body of Christ.

Those baptized were: Mr. Marion Branch, Mr. Philip Carper, Mr. Glen Salyer, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Miller, Mrs. Esther Rasmusen, and Mrs. Walter Savage.

Mr. Lester McColm, minister, officiated.

## The Longest Day

An account of the Normandy invasion. Three hours and five minutes of very interesting fact, mixed with dramatization to hold interest.

It provokes this thought: had God not **intervened**, the Allies would have been slaughtered that day. The movie makes this very clear.

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